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UNILORIN restates commitment to excellent students' welfare

The management of the University of Ilorin has restated its commitment to prioritising the welfare of its students, saying they are the main reason for the existence of the institution.

This assurance was given during a meeting between the management and a delegation of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), Kwara State Axis, following concerns generated by a viral social media report over the recent review of accommodation fees in privately owned hostels on the University campus.

A statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, disclosed that the visit of the NANS Kwara Axis officials, led by its Chairman.

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Use AI to boost research, not replace rigour, Egbewole tells AWAU

By Muizdeen Adewole



■ Prof. Egbewole

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged scholars across West Africa to embrace Artificial Intelligence (AI) in order to enhance research productivity while protecting academic integrity, transparency and scholarly rigour.

Declaring the AWAU Monthly

Colloquium open last Saturday, (July 12, 2026) via Zoom, Prof. Egbewole said the timing was critical as universities navigate rapid technological change. He urged member institutions to leverage AI to accelerate research output, expand African language datasets, indigenous knowledge, oral histories and other local data that remain underexplored.

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Turn economic challenges to opportunities, Egbewole urges PG students

By Abubakar Abdulquadri and Muizdeen Adewole

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged postgraduate students of the University to embrace strategic entrepreneurship as a means of tackling unemployment and driving national development amid Nigeria's economic challenges.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge

penultimate Saturday (July 11, 2026), while declaring open the maiden Postgraduate Entrepreneurship Lecture organised by the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC) in collaboration with the Centre for Internationalisation and Strategic Partnership (CISP).

The virtual lecture, held via Google Meet, was themed "Strategic Entrepreneurship in Nigeria: Thriving Through Uncertainty, Constraints and Opportunities."

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■ Prof. Egbewole

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Comrade Yusuf Abdulquadir Eleburuke, aimed to obtain first-hand information from the University management and provide students, parents and the public with verified details on the issue.

The NANS delegation was received on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), by the Ag. Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, who commended the student body for adopting dialogue and official engagement rather than relying on speculation.

The statement quoted the Ag. Dean as saying that the hostels affected by the fee review are privately owned facilities located within the University premises.

Dr Akanmu explained that while the University does not own the hostels, it regulates their operations to ensure compliance with approved standards and safeguard students' interests.

Responding to concerns raised by NANS over the reported increase, the Dean disclosed that hostel accommodation charges are reviewed after every three academic sessions. He said the previous approved rates stood at ₦196,000 for two-person rooms, ₦180,000 for three-person rooms and ₦157,000 for four-person rooms.

Dr Akanmu revealed that hostel operators had initially proposed an

increase of nearly 100 per cent, but the proposal was rejected by the Vice-Chancellor and the University management, which entered into negotiations to prevent excessive financial pressure on students.

He further disclosed that after extensive discussions that considered prevailing economic realities, including inflation and rising maintenance costs, both parties agreed on a 30 per cent increase, bringing the approved accommodation fees to ₦255,000 for two-person rooms, ₦234,000 for three-person rooms and ₦204,000 for four-person rooms.

Dr. Akanmu added that the University also directed hostel operators to improve the quality of facilities by carrying out renovations and providing reliable alternative power sources, including solar energy systems, as part of the conditions for approving the revised fees.

He further clarified that certain charges payable during hostel allocation should not be mistaken for accommodation fees, explaining that the caution fee remains refundable where no damage is recorded, while the utility charge of ₦36,400 covers essential services provided throughout the academic session.

Following the meeting, NANS Kwara expressed satisfaction with the explanations provided by the University management, commending the Vice-

Chancellor, the Dean of Student Affairs and other officials for prioritising students' welfare during negotiations with hostel operators.

The association also praised the transparency and open-door policy of the University management, as well as the willingness of private hostel operators to embrace dialogue and reach a compromise in the interest of students.

NANS further encouraged private investors to partner the university in developing additional hostel facilities to increase accommodation capacity, improve service delivery and promote healthy competition that could make student housing more affordable.

The student body also urged bloggers, media organisations and public commentators to verify information with relevant authorities before publishing reports capable of causing unnecessary anxiety among students. It, however, acknowledged that the viral report helped stimulate constructive engagement and greater transparency on the issue.

NANS Kwara reaffirmed its commitment to protecting the interests of students through constructive dialogue, strategic engagement and evidence-based advocacy, pledging continued collaboration with institutional authorities and other stakeholders to advance students' welfare across the state.

UNILORIN innovation hub turning ideas to global solutions - Oloyede

By Isaac Lewu

The Ag. Manager of the University of Ilorin Innovation Hub, Dr Muhtahir Oluwaseyi Oloyede, has said that the facility is strategically positioned to transform innovative ideas from students and staff into globally competitive products.

Dr Oloyede disclosed that three student-led startups nurtured through the facility have secured a ₦50 million Students' Venture Capital Grant(S-VCG) by the Federal Ministry of Education to accelerate their innovations.

The Ag. Manager, who stated this in an interview with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, attributed the achievement to the commitment of the University to innovation under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN. He described the establishment of the Hub as a timely response to the demands of digital transformation, artificial intelligence and entrepreneurship.

The Manager explained that although the facility was officially inaugurated this year, considerable groundwork had been laid before his appointment to ensure it serves as a platform for developing commercially viable products from research and creative ideas.

According to him, the success story began with an Artificial Intelligence workshop jointly organised by the University of Ilorin and Tech Mindset Kenya, where participating students were grouped to develop innovative solutions, with the best-performing teams subsequently admitted into the University's Business and Academic Learning Innovation programme for mentorship and product development.

Dr Oloyede, who is also the immediate past Ag. Head of the Department of Information Technology, disclosed that three of the startups nurtured through the programme later emerged



■ Dr Oloyede

among the beneficiaries of the Federal Ministry of Education innovation initiative after being selected from about 30,000 participants nationwide. He described the feat as a strong indication of the growing reputation of the University in innovation and technology-driven enterprise.

The beneficiaries are representatives of different start-up groups.

One of them is Shehu Abdulrahman Magobon, a 600-Level student of Optometry and Vision Science, whose startup, Vecta, is developing an offline-first contactless payment infrastructure for campus transportation to eliminate cash transactions and improve efficiency for commuters and drivers.

Also recognised is Abdullahi Usman Babatunde, a 400-Level student of Information Technology, whose innovation, OmiChain, provides a decentralised marketplace connecting communities, drillers and donors to facilitate transparent and verifiable access to clean water infrastructure.

The third beneficiary, Elijah Adeniji, a 400-Level Biochemistry student, developing FaceTrust AI, a decentralised biometric digital identity platform that enables secure facial verification and

seamless identity authentication through encrypted technologies.

Dr Oloyede explained that the Innovation Hub remains open to both students and members of staff with creative ideas, assuring all that the management of the facility is putting structures in place, including a ticketing system, to guarantee orderly access to its resources while providing mentorship to transform ideas into market-ready products.

He revealed that the Hub is also expanding its partnerships through collaborations with innovation organisations and industry stakeholders, adding that discussions are already underway for a Memorandum of Understanding with InLine Innovation Hub to broaden opportunities for innovators.

Dr Oloyede, who had previously served as a Deputy Director of the Laboratory to Product Centre, further disclosed that the University had been selected for an intervention project that would provide modern facilities for Artificial Intelligence, gaming and virtual reality, noting that the development would significantly strengthen the Innovation Hub's capacity and enhance the University's visibility in the global innovation ecosystem.

He added that the Hub has commenced its monthly Innovation Series, designed to expose participants to emerging technologies and entrepreneurial opportunities, while plans have also been concluded for a summer boot camp that will train staff, students and young technology enthusiasts in contemporary digital skills.

Dr Oloyede expressed appreciation to the University Management for its unwavering support, saying that sustained investment in innovation would further position the University of Ilorin as a leading institution for research commercialisation and technology-driven solutions capable of addressing societal challenges at national and international levels.

Alamu delivers 304th Inaugural Lecture July 23rd

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Three hundred and third (303rd) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Prof. Akiti Glory Alamu, B. A. (Hons) Ekpoma; M. A. (Ibadan); Ph. D. (Ilorin)

Department: Religions,
Faculty: Arts,

Topic: "The Six Blind Men and the Nigerian Elephant"

Date: Thursday, 23rd July, 2026

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

Chairman: Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin

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■ Prof. Alamu

UNILORIN explores Indonesia agribusiness partnership

By Isaac Lewu

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), University of Ilorin, Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, has reaffirmed the commitment of the University to strengthening research, innovation and international collaboration.

Prof. Etudaiye said this last Wednesday (July 15, 2026) at an agribusiness investment and partnership programme, organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in collaboration with the Kwara State Government at the Kwara State Innovation Hub, Ilorin.

The don described the engagement as a valuable platform for fostering international partnerships capable of advancing research, innovation and sustainable agricultural development.

Prof. Etudaiye noted that the institution's drive for innovation aligns with its vision of producing practical solutions that address societal challenges while creating opportunities for wealth creation.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor explained that the University has continued to position itself as a leading innovation-driven institution through sustained investments in research, technology development and entrepreneurship, adding that collaborations with Indonesian institutions and investors would open new frontiers in agriculture, technology transfer, value addition and enterprise development for staff, students and the larger society.

Also speaking, the Manager of the University of Ilorin Innovation Hub, Dr Muhtahir O. Oloyede, described the forum as another demonstration of the growing role of the Hub as a meeting point for innovators, entrepreneurs, investors and policy makers. He explained that the Innovation Hub was established to nurture ideas, accelerate enterprise development and facilitate strategic collaborations that create value for society.

Dr Oloyede said the Hub remains committed to supporting start-ups, researchers and innovators through incubation, capacity building



and access to relevant networks capable of transforming ideas into commercially viable products and services. According to him, international engagements, such as the Indonesian Business Forum, further reinforce the University's resolve to build a globally competitive innovation ecosystem.

The Manager added that the interaction with Indonesian delegates presents fresh opportunities for knowledge exchange, technology transfer and investment, expressing confidence that the relationships initiated during the forum would translate into tangible benefits for the University community and Nigeria's innovation landscape.

In his remarks, the Managing Director of Unilorin Holdings Limited, Prof. Bashir Raji, who was represented by the Marketing Manager, Mr Akeem Salaudeen, said the mandate of the outfit is to commercialise the University's assets, research outputs and business opportunities through strategic partnerships capable of generating sustainable revenue for the institution.

Prof. Raji noted that collaboration with Indonesian investors and business organisations would expand investment opportunities in agriculture, manufacturing and other commercially viable sectors, while strengthening the contribution of the University to national economic development.

The Chairman of the Technical Team of Agrobis Commercial Farm, University of Ilorin, and former Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi Bolajoko Fawole, said the engagement between the Kwara State Government and the Indonesian delegation presents enormous opportunities for agricultural collaboration capable of transforming

commercial farming and agribusiness in the state and at the University.

Prof. Fawole explained that the commercial farm of the University stands to benefit immensely through technical partnerships, improved farming practices and investment.

The former Dean, who teaches at the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, added that strengthening collaboration with Indonesian partners would not only enhance the productivity of the University's commercial farm but it would also inspire students to embrace agriculture as a profitable business venture. He added that exposing students to agribusiness will change the perception of agriculture, encourage entrepreneurship, improve food security and demonstrate that modern agriculture remains one of the most viable pathways to sustainable wealth creation in Nigeria.

Among that attended the programme were the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, who was represented by his Special Assistant on Special Duties, Mallam Nasir Imam; the First Lady of Kwara State, Ambassador Olufolake AbdulRazaq, who was represented by Dr. Mariam Nnafatima Imam, Commissioner for Social Development; the Kwara State Commissioner for Health, Dr Amina Ahmed El- Imam; the Chief Executive Officer of the Triple Pillar Consulting Ltd, Ambassador Isiaka Abdulkadir Imam; the President of Kwara Chamber of Commerce Industry Mines and Agriculture (KWACCIMA), Eng. Abu Salami; and the Deputy Director, Indonesia Trade Promotion Centre, Lagos (ITPC), Mr Arif Indrakusnadi.

Use AI to boost research, not replace rigour, Egbewole tells AWAU

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Delivering the lead paper titled, "Methodology Transformation: Integrating AI into Research Workflows - without Surrendering Rigour", an Associate Professor of Computer Science at Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Dr Sakinat Oluwabukonla Folorunso, said AI has become integral to contemporary research and should be viewed as a capable research assistant rather than a replacement for human intellect and scholarly responsibility.

Dr Folorunso explained that AI has the capacity to support virtually every stage of the research process, including literature discovery, research design, data collection, qualitative and quantitative analysis, academic writing, grant proposal development and teaching. She, however, cautioned that while AI can automate labour-intensive tasks, it must never be entrusted with critical scholarly judgement.

The scholar maintained that researchers remain solely responsible for the accuracy, originality and integrity of

their work, warning that AI-generated outputs should always be subjected to rigorous verification. She noted that the increasing sophistication of AI systems does not eliminate their tendency to fabricate references, misrepresent facts or generate convincing but inaccurate information.

Dr Folorunso further called on universities to develop harmonised policies on AI disclosure, data protection, and postgraduate supervision. "Let us use AI to become more productive, but not at the expense of the rigour that defines credible scholarship. Our accountability and intellectual honesty must travel with us into this new workflow," she said.

To ensure responsible AI adoption, Dr. Folorunso introduced the "ADAPT Framework", a five-step guide encouraging researchers to "assess" the task, "delegate" appropriate responsibilities to AI "anchor" prompts in disciplinary expertise, "probe" every output through careful verification, and "take" ownership of every aspect of the final work.

She also identified major risks associated with indiscriminate AI use,

including fabricated citations, hidden algorithmic bias, data privacy concerns, erosion of critical thinking skills and the gradual loss of researchers' unique academic voices. She advised scholars never to upload confidential research data or identifiable participant information to public AI platforms without appropriate ethical clearance and institutional approval.

Dr Folorunso said although AI is transforming the methods of scholarship, it cannot replace the values that define quality research. "While technologies will continue to evolve, academic rigour, intellectual honesty, accountability and ethical responsibility must remain non-negotiable pillars of credible scholarship," she said.

Among the dignitaries who attended the event were the Vice Chancellor of Thomas Adewumi University, Prof. Francisca Oladipo; the University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; and the Acting Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Dr. Alex Akanmu, who moderated the session.

Turn economic challenges to opportunities, Egbewole urges PG students

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The Vice Chancellor, who was the Chief Host, said the rapidly evolving global economy demands graduates who are not only academically sound but also capable of identifying opportunities, creating value and building resilient enterprises.

According to him, "The University's commitment to entrepreneurship education aligns with our vision of producing globally competitive, solution-oriented and self-reliant graduates who can thrive despite challenging business environments."

Prof. Egbewole specifically commended the TEC, the CISP, and the Postgraduate School for initiating the lecture series. He expressed optimism that the programme would become a platform for intellectual engagement, innovation and enterprise development.

Earlier, the Director of TEC and host of the programme, Prof. U. A. Raheem, explained that the lecture was designed to bridge the gap between academic research and practical enterprise.

Prof. Raheem assured participants that the Centre would sustain the initiative through mentorship clinics, industry partnerships and funding linkages to help students transform

innovative ideas into viable businesses.

"Our goal is to ensure that postgraduate research does not end on library shelves but translates into businesses that create jobs, solve societal problems and contribute to national growth," he said.

Delivering the Keynote Address, Dr Juliet Osuji of North Carolina A&T State University, USA, challenged students to view Nigeria's socio-economic realities as opportunities for innovation rather than barriers to success.

Dr Osuji noted that despite the country's economic challenges, including inflation, policy uncertainty, exchange-rate volatility, high transportation costs, inadequate infrastructure and limited access to finance, Nigerian entrepreneurs have remained resilient and adaptable.

She said, "Successful entrepreneurs focus on solving problems instead of complaining about prevailing circumstances. Strategic entrepreneurship is about pursuing opportunities while building sustainable competitive advantage under conditions of uncertainty."

The scholar cited Point-of-Sale (POS) businesses, ride-hailing platforms, renewable energy solutions and digital logistics services as examples of ventures that emerged from gaps created by economic and infrastructural constraints.

Dr Osuji outlined five key

principles for entrepreneurial success: building strong networks, starting small while learning quickly, transforming constraints into opportunities, cultivating trust, and remaining adaptable to changing market conditions, government policies and technological advancements.

She further urged postgraduate students to acquire competencies in Artificial Intelligence, data analytics, digital marketing, communication and leadership, while building professional networks and safeguarding their reputation.

The entrepreneurship expert also called on universities to strengthen entrepreneurship education by providing practical skills, mentorship opportunities and stronger industry linkages.

"Rather than asking what is wrong with Nigeria, we must continually ask what opportunities each challenge presents," she said, stressing that innovation, resilience, trust and adaptability remain the foundations of sustainable entrepreneurial success.

The lecture attracted scholars and postgraduate students from different parts of the world. Among the dignitaries in attendance were the Director of the CISP, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, and Prof. Foluke Eunice Sola-Ojo of the Department of Animal Production, University of Ilorin.



UMC honours 65 elevated members

By Bashir Dawodu

The University of Ilorin Muslim Community (UMC) penultimate Sunday (July 12, 2026), honoured 65 of its members who were recently promoted to higher academic and administrative positions at the University.

The event, which brought together families, friends and colleagues of the honourees, was organised to celebrate their promotions and express gratitude to Almighty Allah for granting the beneficiaries the opportunity to attain new milestones in their careers.

The promoted members included academic staff elevated to the rank of Professor across various Faculties and Departments, as well as senior non-teaching staff promoted to positions such as Deputy Registrar, Deputy Bursar, Deputy Director, and Senior Chief Technologist.

Among the newly promoted professors are Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa (Library and Information Sciences), Adeniran Jamiu Adetayo (Chemical Engineering), Ahmed Yusuf Alapata (Geography and Environmental Management), Akanbi Abdurasaq Oladimeji (Science Education), Abdul-Jelil Gbemisola Animasawun (Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies), Shakirat Iyabo Bello (Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice), Nusirat Elelu (Public Health and Preventive Medicine), Ismail Mustapha Adua (Business Law), Iyiola Oluyinka Ajibola (Zoology), Abdulhakeem Abdullahi Kilishi (Economics), Adeola Tawakalitu Kola-Mustapha (Pharmaceutical and Industrial Pharmacy).

Other celebrated new Professors

are Fausat Lola Kolawole (Home Economics and Food Science), Lambe Kayode Mustapha (Mass Communication), Karim Ayodeji Oloyede (Telecommunication Science), Omokanye Habeeb Kayodele (Otorhinolaryngology), Raji Lukman Oladimeji (Veterinary Theriogenology and Production), Abdulkadir Thaofiq Sholagberu (Water Resources and Environmental Engineering), and AbdulRauf Lukman Adebisi (Public Law), among others.

Other beneficiaries included Deputy Registrars, Deputy Bursars, Deputy Directors, and Senior Chief Technologists who were recognised for their career advancement.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, congratulated the honourees and thanked the Almighty Allah for preserving their lives to witness the occasion.

He urged them to remain committed to diligence, integrity and excellence in the discharge of their responsibilities while praying for greater accomplishments in their careers.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Muslim Community, Prof. Mudathir Olalere Yusuf, described the promotions as a testament to hard work, perseverance and divine favour.

He said the honourees had become role models for younger academics and professionals, encouraging them to build enduring professional networks, promote excellence in service delivery and remain steadfast in their commitment to the Muslim Community.

The Guest Lecturer, Prof. AbdulRazzaq Abdul-Majeed Alaro, whose lecture, titled "Promotion, Trust and Honour: Rethinking Success Beyond the Title", was represented by Dr Kamoldeen Abiodun Ajijolakewu, who reminded the beneficiaries that promotion is both a privilege and a responsibility.

He urged the promoted staff to remain grateful to Almighty Allah, uphold the principles of Islam in their professional conduct, discharge their duties faithfully and avoid actions that could undermine the integrity of their positions.

In her goodwill message, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, congratulated the honourees, describing their promotions as rewards for integrity, dedication and hard work while noting that all achievements ultimately come by the will of Almighty Allah.

Also speaking, Prof. O.B. Oloyede, encouraged the beneficiaries to remain patient, continue making positive impacts in their respective fields and uphold good character.

Responding on behalf of the honourees, the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, thanked the University of Ilorin Muslim Community for organising the event.

He urged his fellow honourees to rededicate themselves to the service of Almighty Allah, remain guided by the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and continue to discharge their responsibilities with diligence and integrity.

Prof. Omopupa also expressed appreciation to the families, friends and colleagues who attended the event and prayed for Allah's continued blessings upon them.



UNILORIN shines at national engineering contest

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin has achieved a historic milestone in Engineering education by becoming the first Nigerian University to secure podium finishes in all award categories of the 2026 Committee of Deans of Engineering and Technology of Nigerian Universities (CODET) Students' Competition in a single edition.

The feat was recorded at the 34th Assembly of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) held in Abuja.

The University received national recognition in the Best Engineering Graduate, Single Project, and Group Project categories. The University also emerged First Runner-up in both the Single Project and Group Project categories.

The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye, disclosed this last Tuesday (July 14, 2026) in an internal memorandum to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

Prof. Olaoye said that the annual CODET competition is organised to promote excellence, innovation, creativity, scholarship and professional competence in Engineering education.

According to him, the competition also serves as a national platform for identifying, celebrating and rewarding outstanding Engineering graduates, innovative undergraduate Engineering projects and impactful academic research publications from Engineering Faculties, Schools and Colleges across Nigerian universities.

Prof. Olaoye explained that the competition seeks to promote academic and professional excellence among Engineering graduates, encourage students to apply theoretical knowledge and Engineering design principles to practical industrial and societal challenges, stimulate creativity, innovation, teamwork and entrepreneurship, showcase outstanding Engineering research, strengthen healthy competition among Engineering institutions, recognise exceptional



Engineering talents, promote effective oral, written and technical communication, and foster collaboration among universities, industry, Engineering regulatory agencies and professional bodies.

The Dean noted that the University mounted the podium in all three award categories—Best Engineering Graduate, Single Project and Group Project—making it the first university in Nigeria and in the history of the CODET competition to accomplish such a feat in a single edition.

He described the accomplishment as a testament to the sustained commitment of the University to producing highly skilled Engineering graduates, advancing research and innovation, and developing practical Engineering solutions to national and global challenges.

Prof. Olaoye added that the achievement further strengthens the reputation of the University of Ilorin as one of Nigeria's leading institutions for Engineering education and reflects the dedication of its management, academic staff and students to sustaining a culture of excellence.

The competition, which is designed to recognise exceptional Engineering graduates, featured 23 qualified nominees from Engineering faculties, schools and colleges across the country.

Representing the University of Ilorin, Miss Omolara Kayode Elizabeth of the Department of Civil Engineering, who emerged as the Faculty's Best Graduating Student for the 2024/2025 academic session, delivered an outstanding performance to place third overall, scoring 252 out of 300 marks among contestants from the 23 participating universities.

The University also distinguished

itself in the Engineering Students' Projects Competition, which was conducted in the Single (Individual) Project and Group Project categories to encourage students to develop Engineering solutions to contemporary industrial, environmental and societal challenges.

Projects were assessed using approved CODET evaluation criteria, including originality and innovation, relevance of the Engineering problem addressed, application of Engineering principles, technical quality of design, functionality and feasibility, potential societal and industrial impact, sustainability and scalability, quality of presentation, as well as contestants' ability to respond to questions from the panel of assessors.

Representing the North Central Zone in the Single Project Category, Abubakar Habeeb of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering presented "Design and Implementation of AgroSense AI: An End-to-End Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence Ecosystem for Low-Cost Precision Agriculture," a project that demonstrated the application of Artificial Intelligence and IoT technologies to affordable precision agriculture.

In the Group Project Category, Eniola Oladejo, Hikmah Olawore, Adio Boluwatife and Popoola Ayodeji of the Department of Biomedical Engineering presented their project titled "NOOSI."

The projects were coordinated and supervised by Dr S. O. Zakariyya of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering and Dr S. A. Yahaya of the Department of Biomedical Engineering.

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, at the Association of African Universities (AAU) Workshop on Positioning for Visibility in Nairobi, Kenya, where he represented the President of AAU



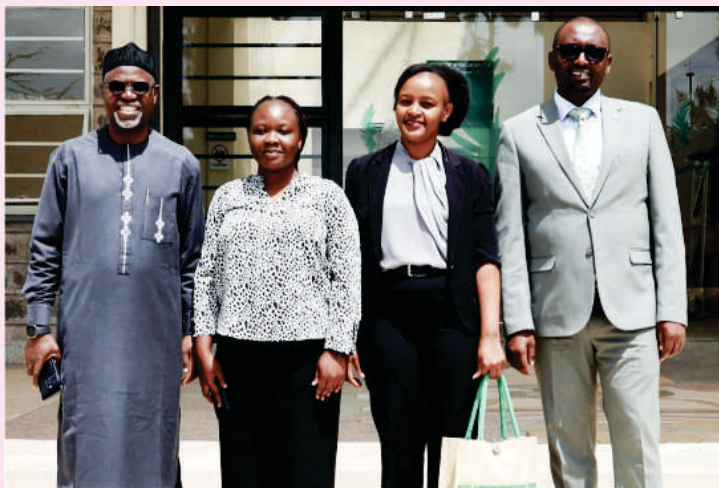
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2	SALIH, Muhammad Jamiu Alagolo	Arts / Linguistics and Nigerian Language	A Pragma-Semantic Study of Ambiguity in the Criminal Code Act Cap C38, Nigeria	Wednesday, 22 nd July, 2026. 10:00 a.m.	Postgraduate School Virtual Room.
3	MAYAKI, James	Physical Sciences / Statistics	Bayesian Regularised Logistic Regression Models with Exclusive Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator Priors for High-dimensional Data	Friday, 24 th July, 2026. 10:00 a.m.	Postgraduate School Borad Room.
4	MOHAMMED, Adamu Saba	Life Sciences / Microbiology	Molecular Epidemiology of Antibiotic Resistance Genes in Enterobacteriaceae and Patterns of Community Antibiotic use in Niger State, Nigeria	Thursday, 23 rd July, 2026. 10:00 a.m.	Faculty of Life Sciences Committee Room.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, was at the East African University Kitengela, Kajiado, Kenya, to discuss collaboration. With him in the pictures are the Vice Chancellor of the East African University, Dr Christopher Mutembei; the University Administrator, Miss Zipporah Mbugua, and the Head of SchoolTry in Kenya, Lucy Mongwe



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UNIMAID VC condoles Prof. Egbewole over Ambali's death

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Maiduguri, Prof. Mohammed Laminu Mele, has condoled with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on the passing of the University's ninth Vice Chancellor, the late Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON.

The condolence message was delivered penultimate Thursday (July 9, 2026) on behalf of the Chief Executive of the University of Maiduguri by the Dean of the University's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Yaqub Ahmed Geidam, during a condolence visit to the better by far University'.

The delegation was led to the Vice Chancellor's Office by the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), University of Ilorin, Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali, and the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saliu Akanni Ameen, and they were received by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, and the Deputy Registrar, Vice Chancellor's Office, Mrs. Azeezat Quadri Ibrahim.

In the condolence letter, Prof. Mele expressed sorrow over the demise of Prof. Ambali, describing him as a distinguished veterinarian, accomplished academic, administrator and visionary leader whose contributions to higher education and national development would remain



enduring.

He recalled that the late Prof. Ambali served the University of Maiduguri with distinction as Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine for two terms, Director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Vice Chancellor's Representative on the Board of the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, and Representative of Senate on Council, among several other important positions.

According to the University of Maiduguri Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ambali's remarkable contributions to education, research and institutional development left an indelible mark on the

University of Maiduguri and the broader academic community in Nigeria.

He further noted that the late former Vice Chancellor's zeal, hard work, dedication and unwavering commitment to service would be greatly missed, not only by his family and the University of Ilorin, but also by the University of Maiduguri and the entire veterinary profession in Nigeria.

He prayed that the Almighty Allah grant Prof. Egbewole, the University of Ilorin community, and the family of the late Prof. Ambali the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss, while praying that Allah admits the deceased into Al-Jannatul Firdaus.

Fadipe-Joseph elected AMU's VP

By Mustafa Abubakar

Professor at the Department of Mathematics, Olubunmi A. Fadipe-Joseph, has been elected Vice President of the African Mathematical Union (AMU).

Prof. Fadipe-Joseph, was elected at the 11th General Assembly of the Pan African Congress of Mathematicians (PACOM 2026) held in Côte d'Ivoire on June 28, 2026.

In his notification letter to the Registrar on behalf of Prof. Fadipe-Joseph, the Head of the Department of

Mathematics, Prof. A. S. Idowu, said that the election was a remarkable achievement not only for Prof. Fadipe-Joseph but also for the Department and the University as it underscores the institution's growing reputation for academic excellence and international recognition.

Before her election, Prof. Fadipe-Joseph served in several leadership positions, including Chair of the African Mathematical Union Commission for Women in Mathematics, Vice President of the Nigerian Mathematical Society and Nigeria's Ambassador to the International Mathematical Union Committee for Women in Mathematics.



■ Prof. Fadipe-Joseph

UNILORIN to host PSSN's International confab

By Abubakar Imam

All is set for the 10th international conference of the Professional Statisticians' Society of Nigeria (PSSN), which will be hosted by the University of Ilorin. The theme of the conference is "Statistical Intelligence for National Security and Good Governance in a Data-Driven Economy".

A statement signed by the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee of the Conference, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, a copy of which was made available to UNILORIN Bulletin, explained that the opening ceremony of the conference will hold next Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at the University Auditorium beginning at 9:00am.

Prof. Yahya, who is also the Director of the Advancement Centre, University of Ilorin, said that the Statistician General of the Federation, Prince Adeyemi Semiu Adeniran, and the Executive Secretary of the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE),



■ Prof. Egbewole

Kaduna, Prof. Idris Muhammad Bugaje, would be the Keynote Speakers at the event.

He added that the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, would be the Chief Host while Prof. Yahya, who is also



■ Prof. Yahya

the President of the PSSN, would serve as the Host.

Members of the University community and the general public are enjoined to attend the programme promptly.

Amuda-Yusuf elected Dean of Envir. Sciences

By Abubakar Imam

A Professor at the Department of Quantity Surveying, University of Ilorin, Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf, has emerged as the first elected Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences.

The election of Prof. Amuda-Yusuf took place last Wednesday (July 15, 2026) at the Boardroom of the Faculty.

The event, which attracted all the academic staff of the Faculty, was coordinated by a team from the University Registry led by a Senior Assistant Registrar, Mr Abdulkadir O. Kuranga, who served as the Returning Officer.

Having emerged as the only candidate nominated for the position and

in compliance with the relevant laws of the University, Mr Kuranga declared Prof. Amuda-Yusuf as duly elected.

In his acceptance speech, Prof. Amuda-Yusuf, who is also the first Professor from the Faculty, thanked his colleagues for the confidence they reposed in him.

The Dean-elect described the event as historic as it marked the first time that the Faculty would produce an elected Dean. He explained that all those who held the position in the past were not elected but appointed.

While calling for support, Prof. Amuda-Yusuf assured his colleagues and other staff members of the Faculty that he would run an open-door policy.



■ Prof. Amuda-Yusuf

Adeboye elected CoHS's Provost

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Head of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Ilorin, Prof. Muhammed A.N. Adeboye, has been elected the new Provost of the institution's College of Health Sciences.

Prof. Adeboye, who polled 76 votes, defeated his opponent, Prof. Adeboye of the Department of Surgery, who secured 74 votes, while two votes were

declared invalid.

The don, who will succeed Prof. B. S. Alabi, whose tenure comes to an end on July 31, 2026, has made significant contributions to medical education, child healthcare, and research.

Over the years, he has earned recognition for his commitment to academic excellence, mentorship, and the advancement of healthcare delivery. His research interests, particularly in child health and public health, have attracted national and international recognition.



■ Prof. Adeboye



Give your ideas adequate exposure-Saka

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of the Centre for Laboratory to Product (LABTOP), University of Ilorin, Prof. Mohammed Jimoh Saka, has urged staff members and students of the University to always ensure that their ideas and talents are given adequate exposure for the benefit of mankind.

Prof. Saka gave this advice last Thursday (July 16, 2026) while speaking at the presentation of certificates to some staff members of the University who secured patents and copy right at the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation). Eight certificates of patents and one copyright certificate were presented to the recipients at the event.

The Director explained that when ideas and concomitant products are given necessary exposure they would earn the owners immortality and wealth.

Prof. Saka, who teaches at the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health, thanked the authorities of the University for always encouraging innovations and their subsequent commercialisation.

He explained that the University has become more respected because of the number of its staff members who are

earning patents and copyrights.

He added that the number of the recipients has recorded significant increase over the years, particularly since the commencement of the Egbewole Administration, saying that the University has earned no fewer than 16 in the last three years.

In his remarks, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtair Adeiza Etudaiye, said that the number of patents and copyrights recorded by the University in recent times has shown that the University is working and not isolated.

Prof. Etudaiye also pointed out that the fact that the research breakthroughs recorded by the University is varied and important showed that the University is progressing.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, who teaches at the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, said that the certificates issued to the recipients are not just legal documents but also a significant attestation to their commitment to learning, research and human development.

He commended the academic staff of the University for not stopping at teaching, saying that their commitment to research is evident in the number of patents and copyrights earned by some of them.

In his remarks, Mr Taiye Odedeji,

who spoke on behalf of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), commended the magnitude and quality of the outputs of the University of Ilorin over the years.

He explained that innovation and intellectual property are cornerstones of sustainable human development as he urged other staff members of the University to emulate the recipients by ensuring that they keep innovating and creating new ideas and products.

Speaking on behalf of the recipients, the Head of the Department of Geophysics, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saminu Olatunji, thanked the authorities of the University for creating an enabling environment for them.

Prof. Olatunji, who earned two patents, explained that everyone is an innovator and that what separates him and his colleagues from others was the opportunity provided for them by the University to expose their ideas.

The event was attended by many dignitaries including the Director, Centre for Open and Distance Learning, who is also the Head of the Department of Chemistry, Prof. Modinah AbdulRaheem, and two Deputy Directors of LAPTOP, Dr A. A. Daibu and Dr Omolayo A. Omorinoye, among others.

UNILORIN POGSSAS to hold 2026 Award Night July 31

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Postgraduate Students' Association (POGSASS) of the University of Ilorin will on Friday, July 31, 2026, hold its 2026 Award Night.

The event, themed "Beyond the Thesis," is designed to celebrate excellence, leadership, and outstanding contributions of postgraduate students beyond their academic pursuits.

The ceremony would take place at the Conference Hall of Peace Hotel, Ilorin.

According to the organisers, the programme will begin with a red carpet reception at 7:00 p.m., while the main event will commence at 8:00 p.m.

The Award Night is expected to attract postgraduate students, members of the University community, alumni, and other distinguished guests for an evening of recognition, networking, and entertainment.

Activities lined up for the event

include award presentations, musical performances, dance, comedy, stage performances, and giveaways, all aimed at making the occasion memorable.

The organisers noted that the theme, "Beyond the Thesis," underscores the Association's commitment to recognising postgraduate students for their academic excellence as well as their leadership qualities, innovation, community service, and other meaningful contributions to the society.

UNILORIN don warns against raw milk consumption

By Abubakar Abdulquadri
and Bashir Dawodu

A lecturer at the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ilorin, Dr Mobolaji Musa, has advised women farmers in Nigeria to refrain from consuming cow's raw milk and other unpasteurised cattle products to reduce the risk of brucellosis transmission.

Dr Musa gave the advice in a research presentation, titled, "Assessment of Practices Enhancing the Prevalence of Brucellosis Among Rural Women Farmers in Kwara State", a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin* penultimate Thursday (July 9, 2026).

The researcher also cautioned against the indiscriminate disposal of aborted cattle fetuses and the home treatment of sick cattle, noting that these practices have been identified as major factors contributing to the spread of brucellosis among women livestock farmers.

According to her, brucellosis is regarded by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the World Health Organisation (WHO), and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) as one of the most widespread zoonotic diseases in the world.



■ Dr Musa

Dr Musa cited the findings of Regea, who observed that brucellosis remains a neglected zoonotic disease in many low-income countries, despite having been eradicated in several developed nations after years of sustained control efforts.

She explained that the disease remains widespread in many developing countries, resulting in significant economic losses to the livestock industry through reduced productivity, frequent abortions in pregnant animals, and other reproductive problems. In humans, brucellosis may lead to chronic illness if left untreated.

The researcher further stated that in

Nigeria, where livestock management is still largely traditional, bovine brucellosis remains endemic. She noted that studies have shown that about 60 percent of the human population in some livestock-producing communities exhibit serological evidence of *Brucella abortus* infection.

She added that the economic losses associated with brucellosis would amount to millions of naira annually if properly estimated, considering the high rate of abortions among pregnant cattle in affected farms.

Dr Musa also highlighted the enormous public health implications of the disease, stressing that protein undernutrition remains a major challenge in Nigeria and that the complete eradication of bovine brucellosis is currently difficult due to inadequate disease control measures.

She emphasised that effective control of the disease is achievable through practical measures that align with the country's existing social and healthcare systems. Such measures, she said, include maintaining proper hygiene on farms and in abattoirs, avoiding the consumption of raw milk, vaccinating cattle in settled herds, and protecting individuals who are at high risk of infection.

Unilorite becomes Oba @ 32

By Isaac Lewu

A 32 years old alumnus of the Department of Economics, University of Ilorin, Adewole Oluwatosin Adewale, has been installed as the Owa of Ayegbaju-Ekiti in Oye Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

The installation ceremony, held last Tuesday (July 14, 2026), featured the presentation of the Staff of Office and Instrument of Appointment to the Oba by the Ekiti State Governor, Mr Biodun Oyebanji, who was represented by the Deputy Governor, Chief Monisade Afuye.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, congratulated the new monarch on his installation, describing the development as a proud moment for the University and its global alumni community.

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said Oba Adewale's ascension to the throne further demonstrated the University's enduring commitment to



producing graduates equipped with sound character, leadership qualities and the capacity to make meaningful contributions to national development. He expressed confidence that the monarch would provide purposeful leadership and prayed for a

peaceful, successful and impactful reign.

The Vice Chancellor wished the new Oba a very long, peaceful and prosperous reign over his people.

Beekeeping offers lucrative business opportunities- UNILORIN don

By Bashir Dawodu

A lecturer in the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ilorin, Dr Kaothar Kayode Azeez, has described beekeeping as a highly lucrative but underexplored business opportunity in Nigeria, while advocating for greater awareness and investment in the sector.

Dr Azeez made the remarks last Tuesday, (July 14, 2026), while discussing findings from his research, titled "Analysis of the Information Needs of Beekeepers in Oyo State, Nigeria", in an interview with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

According to him, the low level of participation in beekeeping is largely due to inadequate awareness of its economic potential, despite the industry's capacity to create wealth, generate employment and contribute to national economic development.

Dr Azeez explained that beekeeping is a viable agricultural enterprise in Nigeria and other developing countries, with significant potential to boost the country's foreign exchange earnings through the export of bee products.

"The sector's potential for sustainable household economic development and poverty eradication can be harnessed to create employment opportunities for the large percentage of unemployed Nigerian youths," he said.

Dr Azeez noted that the benefits



■ Dr Azeez

of beekeeping extend beyond income generation to include environmental conservation, medicinal applications and social development. He added that honey production remains the primary focus of beekeeping in Nigeria, making the enterprise largely economically driven.

The researcher observed that commercial beekeeping remains largely untapped, as many Nigerians still rely on traditional farming methods.

He explained that it was high time the country stopped depending on imported honey to meet domestic demand.

According to him, Nigeria has the capacity to produce about 20 million litres

of honey annually but currently produces only an estimated two million litres each year.

He attributed the production gap to inadequate access to timely and reliable information on improved beekeeping practices, as well as insufficient government commitment and supportive policies.

Dr Azeez identified major challenges confronting apiculture in tropical countries as limited access to suitable markets, inappropriate processing technologies, inadequate technical knowledge and lack of capital and financial resources.

He also highlighted critical areas where beekeepers require additional training and information, including colony division, improved colony management practices, queen rearing, swarm catching, pest and disease control, apiary pen construction and apitherapy.

"Theft and vandalism, impractical information and inadequate finances remain the major bottlenecks to information accessibility and utilisation among beekeepers," he said.

Dr Azeez called for regular training programmes and improved dissemination of practical knowledge to strengthen the capacity of beekeepers.

He expressed confidence that equipping farmers with modern beekeeping skills would enhance productivity, increase incomes and promote sustainable livelihoods across the sector.

UNILORIN TV committed to cultural preservation - Ikibe

By Abubakar Imam

The Chairman of the UNILORIN Television Management Board, Prof. Solomon O. Ikibe, has assured stakeholders that the station would ensure the propagation and preservation of the cultural heritage of the people of Kwara State.

Prof. Ikibe gave this assurance last Tuesday (July 14, 2026) while speaking at a meeting of the Board held at the Conference Room of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin.

He said that the station would be remarkably different from other campus television stations in the realm of professionalism, coverage and service delivery.

The Chairman, who is also a former Head of the Department of the Performing and Film Arts, University of



■ Prof. Ikibe

Ilorin, said that in addition to enhancing teaching and learning, the station would also provide quality coverage to cultural celebrations.

He explained that no segment of Kwara State would be left uncovered by the

station as he explained that major cultural events like the Ilorin Emirate Durbar, the Shao Mass Weddings and the Pategi Ragetta fishing festival would be given adequate coverage for the benefit of viewers.

Prof. Ikibe added that no effort would be spared at ensuring that the viewership of the station increased significantly.

While saying that the Board is working strenuously to ensure that the station becomes the darling of all, Prof. Ikibe encouraged staff members and students of the University to own the station by always tuning to it.

The Board Chairman expressed the hope that the Board would continue to enjoy the support of the University Administration in its resolve to reposition the University to be the pride of all.

IEMF honours Aremu, commends ex-COE Provost's patriotic leadership

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

The Igbomina/Ekiti Muslim Forum (IEMF) has honoured the immediate past Provost of the College of Education, Oro, Prof. Mukaila Ayanda Aremu, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education, Islam, and community development, describing him as a patriotic leader whose integrity, visionary leadership, and selfless service have left an enduring legacy.

The reception, held at the IEMF Secretariat in Ilorin, penultimate Sunday (July 12, 2026), brought together Islamic scholars, community leaders, elders, former Presidents of the Forum, missionaries, academics, family members, and other distinguished guests in celebration of the successful completion of Prof. Aremu's five-year tenure as Provost.

In his opening remarks, the President of the Forum, Alhaji Nasir Ibrahim, who was represented by the Vice President, Mr Kunle Akogun, described the occasion as a celebration of excellence, purposeful leadership, and service to humanity.

He said the Forum considered it a duty to honour distinguished sons and daughters of Igbomina and Ekiti land who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to public service and the advancement of society.

According to him, the tenure of Prof. Aremu, who he described as a good ambassador of the Forum, was marked by accountability, transparency, innovation, and fear of Allah, qualities which translated into remarkable achievements at the College of Education, Oro.

The IEMF President urged younger professionals to emulate Prof. Aremu's dedication, humility, and commitment to excellence, while reaffirming the Forum's determination to continue recognising members who distinguish themselves in various fields of endeavour.

In their separate remarks, former presidents of the Forum, who attended the event, praised Prof. Aremu's visionary leadership and remarkable accomplishments during his tenure. They noted that the transformation witnessed at the College of Education, Oro, would remain a lasting legacy.

They also encouraged him to continue offering his expertise for the benefit of the community and the nation.

Responding, Prof. Aremu



expressed gratitude to Allah for granting him the grace to complete his tenure successfully.

He also expressed deep appreciation to the Igbomina/Ekiti Muslim Forum for organising the reception in his honour, describing the gesture as a reflection of genuine love, unity, and brotherhood within the Muslim Ummah.

Prof. Aremu particularly appreciated the Forum for its prayers, wise counsel, and unwavering support, saying that they contributed immensely to the successes recorded during his tenure.

Reflecting on his years in office, he described leadership as a trust from Allah and highlighted some of the major achievements recorded during his administration. These included the successful accreditation of academic programmes, improvement of infrastructure, upgrading of laboratories, introduction of campus-wide Wi-Fi, revival of the JAMB CBT Centre, rehabilitation of roads within the College, resuscitation of inaugural lectures after about 15 years, and installation of solar power facilities in strategic buildings and offices.

He stressed that the achievements were possible only through Allah's mercy and the support of stakeholders, adding that where he might have fallen short, he sought forgiveness from Allah and everyone concerned.

Prof. Aremu prayed for Allah's abundant blessings upon the Igbomina/Ekiti Muslim Forum, asking Him to continue to strengthen the organisation in unity, knowledge, prosperity, and service to Islam.

He also prayed for greater wisdom and success for the Acting Provost of the College of Education, Oro, urging members of the Forum to continue

supporting educational institutions. He noted that the progress of the College remains a collective responsibility of the community.

As part of the programme, the Forum distributed free copies of the Holy Qur'an, donated by muslim philanthropists, to representatives of Muslim communities and Islamic schools across Igbomina and Ekiti land, reaffirming its commitment to promoting Qur'anic education and strengthening Islamic scholarship.

Special prayers were also offered for Prof. Aremu, his family, the leadership of the College of Education, Oro, the Igbomina/Ekiti Muslim Forum, and the Muslim Ummah.

Participants prayed for lasting peace, unity, progress, and continued development across Igbomina and Ekiti communities.

Among the Dignitaries at the Reception are Alhaji Nasir Ibrahim, National President who joined online; Mr Kunle Akogun, Vice National President IEMF; Mr Mustafa Abubakar, the National General Secretary, IEMF; Rtd Justice Ibrahim Abdulraheem, Alh Salaudeen, Chief Imam Olanrewaju Mosque, Ilorin, Prof. Nasir AbdulSalam Chief Imam, University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Imam Ally Bello, Chief Imam Kwara State College of Education Central Mosque, Dr I. F. Ayanda, Barrister and Engr Mrs AbdulGaniy Abidoye, Alh Bashir Bakare, Engr Musay Lekan Buremoh, Alh Owokunle, Alh Abdulazeez Olawuyi, Engr Lawal, Hon Zubair, Dr Nuha Aremu, Alh Afolayan, Prof Moriam Aremu. Mr Bello Mohammed, Mr Ridwanullah Aremu, Muhammad Aremu, Mr Haruna, Mr Oloruntoba, among others.

Akogun assures CISSA of continued support

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has assured the Communication and Information Sciences Students' Association (CISSA) of his continued support for the Association's academic programmes and activities, with a view to enhancing the relevance and overall development of its members on campus.

Mr Akogun gave the assurance last (Monday, July 13, 2026) when the newly elected Public Relations Officers of the Association, Mr Fiki Kehinde Elisha and Miss Firdauz Ololade Mustapha, visited him in his office.

The Director commended the student leaders for accepting the responsibility of serving their Faculty and expressed his readiness to continue to support them.

The Director advised the student Leaders to organise meaningful programmes that would benefit their colleagues and further promote the good image of the University.

Mr Akogun noted that active participation in students' union activities provides opportunities for personal development and leadership training.

He, however, reminded the students that their primary responsibility is to acquire quality education and excel in their chosen fields within the stipulated period. He urged them to remain focused on their studies and not allow union activities to jeopardise their academic pursuits.

Also speaking, the General



Manager of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, Mr Idris Aloomaa, encouraged the student leaders to always represent the University with dignity and uphold its core values, reminding them of the institution's motto, 'Probitas Doctrina.'

He also cautioned the students against joining unregistered associations on campus to avoid violating the University's code of conduct.

The General Manager stressed that hard work and prayers remain the keys to academic success and excellence in life.

Mr Aloomaa also informed the students about the station's apprenticeship training programme for University students, assuring them that interested participants would receive quality training and be awarded certificates upon successful completion of the programme.

Responding, the Public Relations Officer, Mr Fiki Kehinde Elisha, said the

purpose of the visit was to sustain and further strengthen the existing relationship between the Communication and Information Sciences Students' Association (CISSA) and the University's media authorities.

He also outlined the Association's vision of promoting effective communication and expanding the visibility of activities within the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences.

At the end of the visit, both parties reaffirmed their commitment to fostering a productive relationship that would enhance information dissemination, strengthen collaboration, and project the achievements and activities of CISSA to the wider University community.

The Public Relations Officer was accompanied by the Association's Public Relations Officer II, Firdauz Ololade Mustapha.

Show what you have become, Onagun tasks Unilorites

By Abubakar Imam

As students of the University of Ilorin prepare to embark on sessional holiday following the impending conclusion of the Rain Semester examinations, the Sub-Dean of the Student Affairs Division, Dr Rasheed Onagun, has encouraged the students to find a way of impacting positively on their respective communities.

Dr Onagun gave this advice last Tuesday (July 14, 2026) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

The don, who teaches at the Department of History and International Studies, said that it is very important for the students to demonstrate to their families that the investment they are making on them is justified.

Dr Onagun urged the students not only to be of good behaviour at all times but also find a means of helping their parents and guardians in order to encourage them to do more.



■ Dr Onagun

The don added that the students should also use the holiday period to put into practice the theoretical and practical knowledge as well as good characters inculcated in them at the University.

He said that as undergraduates, the society expects more from them as those who

are coming behind them would surely imitate or emulate whatever they do.

"If they do well, more parents and guardians would be encouraged to enroll their children in universities and if they do otherwise, they would be unknowingly discouraging other parents", Dr Onagun noted.

On the graduating students, Dr Onagun congratulated them for achieving what he called "a significant milestone in their careers".

He appealed to the prospective graduands to always remember that they have become unofficial ambassadors of the University and must, therefore, be always upright.

He assured the students who would be returning to the campus of better service delivery on their return as he urged them to also find time to prepare for the next session by studying ahead and having functional interactions with their senior colleagues and professionals.

Al-Hikmah VC vows to replicate UNILORIN legacy

By Idris Alooma

One year after assuming office, Prof. Lateef Funsho Oladimeji, the 6th Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, says his journey and that of the institution are rooted in the foundation laid at the University of Ilorin.

"UNILORIN made me," he declared. A distinguished scholar in the field of Islamic Studies, he graduated with an outstanding record from UNILORIN, served in multiple leadership roles at Al-Hikmah, and is now vowing to replicate the UNILORIN legacy. He specifically appreciated the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his leadership and support, and praised him for the establishment of KU8+ and for serving as its Chairman. He noted that KU8+ has greatly enhanced research publications, development, and unity among all 14 universities in Kwara State. He also paid tribute to all past Vice-Chancellors of Al-Hikmah University for the enduring legacies that continue to shape the institution. "Taking leadership is one thing; carrying the responsibility successfully is only possible with Allah's help," he said, noting giant strides in academics, access, and community engagement.

An adage says, "a river that flows through a town should benefit the people of that town." In the last 12 months, Al-Hikmah has moved with renewed momentum. The university recorded 100 percent NUC accreditation for all 28 programmes assessed, achieved the highest student enrollment in its history, and rose from third to second position in Kwara State in the Times Higher Education ranking. "Alhamdulillah, we have continued to move Al-Hikmah University to a higher level," the VC said. "We have witnessed progress and, above all, we have enjoyed



■ Prof. Oladimeji

peace across the university."

A major highlight is the NUC licensing of the Centre for Open Distance Learning. Though it started before his tenure, it was concluded under his watch. With ODL, students worldwide can now earn Al-Hikmah degrees without being on campus. "Education is the passport to the future," Prof. Oladimeji noted, "and with this, that passport has gone digital." The university is also advancing plans for Al-Hikmah Radio Station. He praised the great contributions of *UNILORIN FM* Radio and its General Manager, Mr. Idris Alooma, for the support Al-Hikmah has enjoyed, and expressed his readiness to establish Al-Hikmah Radio Station to further amplify academic discourse and community engagement.

Other plans include strengthening the MBBS programme, which is now in clinical training, launching five new engineering programmes, achieving energy self-sufficiency, and developing a big farm for commercial agriculture.

No account of the progress would be complete without the founder, Chief AbdulRaheem Oladimeji, Jagunmolu of Igbomina Land, Arogundade of Lagos, and Baba Oba of Ofa. The VC praised him for his great and consistent support and assistance to the university. "A tree does not make a forest," the VC said. "The founder's vision is the soil on which we are growing."

That soil was prepared at UNILORIN, where Prof. Oladimeji earned his BA to PhD, served the Alumni Association, "The child who is well-fed at home will speak well of outside" Many of Al-Hikmah's pioneer leaders came from UNILORIN, and the NUC advised at inception in 2005 that Al-Hikmah should learn from the older institution and its successive leaders.

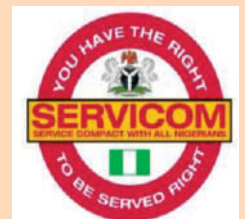
On diversity, Al-Hikmah is walking the talk. The Dean of a Faculty and the Provost of the College of Health Sciences are Christians. Christian students and staff operate freely under the University's values of decency and discipline. "Our philosophy is to welcome anyone—regardless of ethnic background or religion—provided they abide by our rules," he explained. "Islam teaches us to respect and live peacefully with others. Therefore, non-Muslims are free and comfortable here."

Guided by a "STRESS-FREE" framework — Strategic planning, Teamwork, Revenue drive, Expansion, Staff and Student Welfare, Security, Funding, Ranking, Entrepreneurship, and Evaluation — the administration has sponsored 68 lecturers for training, upgraded learning with alumni-funded smart boards, and grown postgraduate enrollment to over 2,732 students. Prof. Oladimeji is also pushing for national equity, appealing to the Federal Government to amend the TETFund Act and open NELFUND loans to private university students. "Parents in private universities also pay taxes. Why should their children be excluded?"

As he looks ahead, his message to students is direct: "Do not keep bad company. Do not be playful with your studies. See yourselves as travellers. Prepare to be leaders." From a fifty-naira meal ticket at UNILORIN to the VC's office at Al-Hikmah, his story reflects the proverb: "he who lays the foundation well will build a lasting house." One year in, that house is rising, one stress-free step at a time.

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Onireti tasks Arabic, Islamic scholars to embrace technology

By Idris Alooma

The Director of the Centre for Internationalisation and Strategic Partnership (CISP), University of Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, has called on Muslims to integrate modern technology into the study of Arabic and Islamic Studies in order to produce scholars who are both academically and technologically competent.

Prof. Onireti made the call in an interview penultimate Saturday (July 11, 2026).

The don urged Muslim youths to embrace modern technology and use it responsibly, noting that the opportunities in Islamic Studies and Arabic Language are vast today.

He explained that Arabic and Islamic Studies remain one of the most dynamic areas of knowledge in the world, noting, that because people are



■ Prof. Onireti

attached to tradition, they often resist change.

Prof. Onireti pointed that Arabic, being one of the great languages

of the world, must be taken to an enviable position it deserves in Nigeria. He added that our official language is English, so it is compulsory for all students. In Islam, the Almighty Allah does not send a prophet except with the tongue of his people. That is why we must combine the learning of English with Arabic to help it grow.

On the issue of curriculum, he faulted the inclusion of Mathematics as a compulsory subject for language students. He explained that Mathematics has nothing to do with the teaching of Arabic. So it should not be made compulsory for those studying Arabic Language and other Nigerian languages like Yoruba, Igbo, and Hausa.

Prof. Onireti also urged parents to inculcate the fear of Allah in their children as he appealed to wealthy Muslims to empower the less privileged with skills that will make them self-reliant, but will not take them away from Almighty Allah.

UNILORIN alumnus shines at IAEA global energy programme

By Mubarak Oladosu

A distinguished alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mr Oladeinde Olawoyin, has again brought honor to his alma mater on the global stage.

Mr Olawoyin, who is currently the Business, Energy, and Economy Editor at *Premium Times*, was selected as part of an elite cohort of leading global energy journalists for the prestigious 2026 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) programme held in June.

The intensive media initiative took place at the Vienna International Centre in Austria and includes tours of nuclear facilities in Slovakia and other parts of Europe.

The fully-sponsored programme assembled journalists from around the world to engage with global experts on the future of nuclear power, clean energy transitions, and international safety protocols.

During high-level media interactions in Vienna, Mr Olawoyin held his own on the international stage



through an exclusive engagement with the Director-General of the IAEA, Rafael Mariano Grossi, during which he pressed for critical updates regarding the technical progress and viability of Nigeria's national nuclear power project and democratisation of access to nuclear

energy.

The Director-General's engagement with Mr Olawoyin's inquiries, underscored the quality journalism training for which UNILORIN's communication graduates are renowned.

Groups hail Adeboye's emergence as CoHS's Provost-elect

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

The University of Ilorin Chapter of Omo Ibile Igbomina, the National Executive Council, and the Igbomina Professionals Association (IPA) have congratulated Prof. Muhammed A. N. Adeboye, Provost-elect of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, on his election, describing his emergence as a proud moment for the Igbomina nation.

In separate congratulatory messages made available to UNILORIN Bulletin last Friday (July 17, 2026), the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Chapter of Omo Ibile Igbomina, Prof. L. T. Ajibade, described Prof. Adeboye's election as a fitting reward for decades of dedication to scholarship, medical education, research, and quality healthcare delivery.

Prof. Ajibade noted that the keenly contested election, reflected the confidence and trust reposed in his competence, integrity, administrative experience, and leadership ability by members of the College of Health Sciences.

He expressed confidence that Prof. Adeboye would build on the solid foundation laid by the immediate past Provost, Prof. B. S. Alabi, while introducing innovative programmes that would further strengthen teaching, research, clinical practice, international collaborations, and community engagement.

He added that the UNILORIN Chapter would continue to celebrate distinguished Igbomina sons and daughters whose achievements project the values of excellence and integrity.

On his part, the National President of Egbe Omo Ibile Igbomina, Mr Bisi Fakayode, described the election of the Igbomina-born scholar as a well-deserved recognition of his outstanding academic accomplishments, exemplary leadership, and immense contributions to child healthcare and human capital development.

Mr Fakayode said Prof. Adeboye's emergence has brought



■ *Prof. Adeboye*



■ *Prof. Ajibade*



■ *Mr Fakayode*



■ *Mr Iranloye*

honour not only to his family but also to the entire Igbomina nation.

He noted that the achievement demonstrates the resilience, discipline, and intellectual capacity of Igbomina people, urging the Provost-elect to continue providing purposeful and inclusive leadership. He also encouraged Igbomina youths to emulate Prof. Adeboye's commitment to excellence, hard work, humility, and selfless service.

In another congratulatory message, the National President of the Igbomina Professionals Association (IPA), Mr Bode O. Iranloye, described Prof. Adeboye's emergence as a victory for merit, excellence, and visionary leadership.

Mr Iranloye stated that the election of an accomplished Igbomina academic to head one of the nation's foremost medical colleges reflects the

quality, competence, and growing influence of Igbomina professionals in academia and other sectors.

He urged the Provost-elect to leverage his vast academic and administrative experience to deepen research, promote innovation, strengthen institutional partnerships, and further elevate the College of Health Sciences to greater national and international prominence.

He also called on Igbomina professionals at home and in the diaspora to continue supporting educational advancement, mentoring younger generations, and contributing their expertise towards the sustainable development of Igbomina land.

The three organisations wished Prof. Adeboye a peaceful, productive, and highly successful tenure.

What I'll do differently, new SU President, Adam, outlines vision

By Mustafa Abubakar

The President-elect of the University of Ilorin Students' Union, Mr Mozeed Adam, has pledged to build a Students' Union that is people-driven, solution-oriented, and institutional in its impact while prioritising the welfare, academic success, and overall development of the students.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Tuesday (July 14, 2026), the President-elect expressed appreciation to students for the confidence reposed in him, describing his election as both an honour and a profound responsibility.

According to him, his vision is to build a Students' Union that every Unilorite can confidently identify with as a dependable voice and partner throughout their academic journey.

"My vision is to build a Students' Union that is truly people-driven, solution-oriented, and institutional in its impact—a MODEL Union that every Unilorite can confidently identify with as a dependable voice and partner in their academic journey," he said.

Adam explained that his administration would not merely react to students' concerns but would proactively create opportunities, strengthen welfare, promote innovation, and establish enduring systems capable of outliving the administration.

To achieve this, he said his administration would be guided by the POWER Agenda, a framework that prioritises improved student welfare, stronger academic advocacy, expanded empowerment and entrepreneurship opportunities, enhanced transportation and healthcare initiatives, sports development, digital innovation, and transparent governance.

He stressed that every policy and programme would be measured by one fundamental question: "How does this improve the lives and experiences of an average Unilorite?"



■ Mr Adam

On students' representation, the President-elect emphasised that effective leadership begins with listening.

He assured students that the administration would maintain open, accessible, and responsive communication channels through regular engagements with Faculty and Departmental leadership, digital feedback platforms, physical meetings, and periodic consultations with students. According to him, no student's concern would be considered too small to deserve attention.

Addressing welfare issues, Adam said that his administration would actively engage the University Management and relevant stakeholders to pursue practical solutions to challenges relating to transportation, water supply, healthcare, electricity, and other welfare concerns.

Academically, he pledged to strengthen advocacy on matters affecting students' learning experience while collaborating with relevant authorities to promote a more conducive academic environment.

The President-elect noted that representation is not only about solving problems but also about creating opportunities. Consequently, he pledged to expand empowerment programmes,

scholarship opportunities, mentorship initiatives, entrepreneurship support, and skills development platforms designed to prepare students for life beyond the classroom.

"Above all, every student will know that this administration listens, responds, and acts," he assured.

Expressing gratitude to students for their overwhelming support, the President-elect described his election as a collective victory for every Unilorite rather than for an individual or group.

"To every Unilorite, thank you for believing in this vision. Your confidence in our team is both an honour and a profound responsibility. This victory is not for an individual or a group—it belongs to all of us. We are one community united by our shared desire to make our University even better," he said.

He pledged to earn and sustain students' trust through transparency, accessibility, accountability, and consistent delivery. He also promised regular communication, periodic updates on the administration's activities and commitments, accountability for every decision, and openness to constructive criticism.

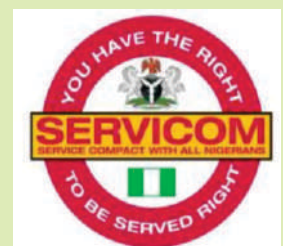
The President-elect further assured students that every Faculty, Department, level, and student constituency would be carried along in the administration's programmes and decision-making processes.

Reaffirming his commitment to inclusive governance, he called on all Unilorites to join him in building "a MODEL Union that is responsive, inclusive, innovative, and worthy of the pride associated with the University of Ilorin."

He added that the future envisioned for the University community could only be achieved through collective effort, urging students to work together with the incoming administration to make the vision a reality.

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30 individuals shortlisted for UNILORIN Awards

By Abubakar Imam

No fewer than 30 distinguished personalities, including the Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Plc, Engr Bayo Ojulari, have been shortlisted for honour by the University of Ilorin.

This was disclosed last Thursday (July 16, 2026) by the Chairman of the University's Distinguished Alumni Award Planning Committee, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, while speaking at a meeting of the Committee in his office.

Prof. Yahya reiterated the fact that the event is meant to honour and celebrate the hard work and patriotism of outstanding alumni and friends of the University, saying that the prospective



■ **Engr Ojulari**

honourees have been carefully selected from all walks of life.

While pointing out that the full list of the honourees would soon be released, Prof. Yahya assured the University that

only those who are truly deserving would make the list.

He added that the Committee is working round the clock to ensure that the programme, which is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026 turn out to be very successful.

Prof. Yahya, who teaches at the Department of Statistics, thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for always ensuring that the University attracts fraternity through the celebration of worthy alumni and friends.

He specifically thanked the Vice Chancellor for the huge confidence reposed in him and his colleagues on the Committee. He equally thanked Prof. Egbewole for providing the Committee consistent and necessary guidance.

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. E. A. Adigbole	Management Sciences / Accounting	Acting Head, Department of Accounting	1 st August, 2026
Dr. G. T. Oladipo	Management Sciences / Business Administration	Acting Head, Department of Business Administration	1 st August, 2026
Dr. K. A. Bello	Management Sciences / Marketing	Acting Head, Department of Marketing	1 st August, 2026
Dr. N. S. Aremu	Management Sciences / Employment Relations & Human Resources Management	Coordinator, Department of Employment Relations & Human Resources Management	1 st August, 2026

TETFund, Budget Office commend UNILORIN on transparency, compliance

(Contd. from back page)

Presenting the outcome of the verification, Mr Emmanuel expressed satisfaction with the University's compliance, stating that the institution recruited the exact number of staff approved for it and adhered strictly to all the prescribed guidelines governing the exercise.

He commended the University Management for its transparency, diligence and strict observance of due process, describing the successful implementation of the recruitment exercise as a demonstration of the

institution's commitment to accountability and compliance with extant government regulations.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, thanked both delegations for their visits and for the confidence they reposed in the University.

He expressed delight that the financial records of the University accurately corresponded with those of TETFund, describing the outcome as a reflection of the institution's commitment to accountability, transparency and due diligence.

On the issue of tax remittance, the Vice Chancellor said management is confident in the integrity of the University Bursar, saying he had no doubt that all taxes deducted from contractors had been duly remitted in accordance with the law.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to receive the delegations were the Registrar, who was represented by the Deputy Registrar, Directorate of Human Resources (Academic), Mr John Aiyedun Osieka; the Deputy Bursar, Mr Muhammad Akanbi; Deputy Bursar (Payroll), Mr Aransiola O.J.; a Principal Accountant at the Bursary Department, Mr Olorunyomi I.J. and Mr B. B. Lawal.



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- **PANEL DISCUSSION**
Leading Beyond Today:
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- Special Feature Guest



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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 9TH TO 16TH July 2026

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	20,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	206,160.00
Sundry Other Incomes	688,780.19
Income from Verification /Screening	190,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	29,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	35,300.00
Capitation NHIS	40,600.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	1,000.00
Administrative Charges Income	3,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	6,000.00
Electricity Charges from Shop, Kiosk	16,154,823.00
Others	56,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	146,238.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	130,438.75
Insurance Claims/ Others	798,191.37
CODL-Undergraduate Charges	476,280.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	547,200.00
Undergraduate Post UTME	1,712,000.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	101,000.00
Postgraduate School Charges	19,751,296.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	90,000.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	553,100.00
Ilorin Business Hostel Accommodation	20,200.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	75,600.00
Institute of Education School Charges	1,715,805.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	485,200.00
Institute of Education Application Form	177,200.00
Remedial Application Form	15,200.00
JUPEB School Charges	2,937,000.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦47,162,613.06
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Spectrum Engineering Ltd Construction and Furnishing of a Storey Block (CBNTETFUND)	39,339,683.28
Esupport Nig Ltd E-Ticketing Support Services	12,127,500.00
Triakaf Ventures Ltd Contract for Non Cleaning Services	6,000,000.00
Qboys Global Resources Ltd Renovation of some Building in the Old College of Health Sciences	13,006,959.14
Ayeloja Engineering Ltd Construction of Fence and drainage at JAMB Hostel Building	710,866.33
Cyteck Engineering Construction and Technology Construction and Furnishing of International Hostel	9,267,961.19
Folub Construction Company Ltd Construction of a Mini Botanical Garden in the Dept of Plant Biology	8,585,959.62
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	26,102,826.44
Purchase Advance Various	31,415,443.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	948,225.00
Unilorin Guest House Printing Job	16,800,000.00
Staff Training Local Conference (CBNTETFUND)	4,932,560.25
Unilorin Holding Ltd NEPA Charge	761,170.63
Staff Training Research Grant	95,565,516.31
Total TSA Charges Various	48,482.50
Total payment for the period	₦265,613,153.69

Signed
Abiodun Lawal FCNA
Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	USMAN YISA	SECURITY DIVISION	19-Jul
2	AJAGBE AJIBOLA OLUWASEGUN	TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCE	19-Jul
3	OMIDIJI OLAITAN	WORKS: MECHANICAL	19-Jul
4	IHEDIOHA ESTHER IFESINACHI	SIWES UNIT	19-Jul
5	OMOTOSHO REMI STEPHEN	REGISTRY	19-Jul
6	AJIMATI RASIDAT TITILAYO	LIBRARY	19-Jul
7	AFOLABI SAHEED OLANREWaju	PHARMACOLOGY & THERAPEUTICS	20-Jul
8	AMEH MICHAEL OONWUDEGU	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Jul
9	BRAIMOH KUNLE THOMAS	RADIOLOGY	20-Jul
10	ADEGBITE HASSANA	REGISTRY	20-Jul
11	AREMU KHADIJAT OMOWUMI	HEALTH SERVICES	20-Jul
12	FAKOYA ABDULAMID ABIOLA	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	20-Jul
13	ATANDA JIMOH	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	20-Jul
14	OLUMOH-ABDUL HIDAYAH AYODEJI	PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY	20-Jul
15	AYUBA HUSSANAT	REGISTRY	20-Jul
16	YUSUF HAMMED AGBOOLA	ECONOMICS	20-Jul
17	ANDE ADEOLU TAIWO	ZOOLOGY	21-Jul
18	OPOOLA CALEB OLUWASOLA	INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT	21-Jul
19	KOLAWOLE OMOLOLA MARY	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	21-Jul
20	LAWAL GBENGA	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	21-Jul
21	ALIMI SHEIKH AHMAD	REGISTRY	21-Jul
22	HUSSENI SADIAT OLUWATOYIN	COMPUTER SCIENCE	21-Jul
23	OLANREWaju ADETUNJI SANJO	SOCIOLOGY	22-Jul
24	MUSTAPHA SIKIRU SUNKANMI	REGISTRY	22-Jul
25	AREOLA EMMANUEL DAMILARE	PHYSIOLOGY	22-Jul
26	BELLO MATTHEW KOLAWOLE	PHARMACOLOGY & THERAPEUTICS	22-Jul
27	ABDULKADIR HALIMAT OLAITAN	MATHEMATICS	22-Jul
28	AJIBOLA MARY ALABA	REGISTRY	22-Jul
29	ABDULKAREEM SULEIMAN	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	22-Jul
30	AMAECHI EBUBE CHARLES	ZOOLOGY	22-Jul
31	OLORUNMAIYE KEHINDE OLADIMEJI	PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY	22-Jul
32	MOHAMMED FALILAT ARINOLA	REGISTRY	22-Jul
33	SOJI-OMONIWA OMOLOLA JILLIAN	BIOCHEMISTRY	22-Jul
34	AJETOMOBI OLUMUYIWA ADURALERE	RELIGIONS	22-Jul
35	IDOWU ADETOUN OMOLOLA	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	22-Jul
36	ADEWUYI OLUWASANMI ADEKUNLE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	22-Jul
37	OLANIPEKUN OJO VICTOR	REGISTRY	22-Jul
38	AFOLAYAN OLUYINKA TITILOPE	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	23-Jul
39	IMAM IDRIS KASHIMAWO	REGISTRY	23-Jul
40	GARBA ABDULKADIR KAYODE	SECURITY DIVISION	23-Jul
41	ABDULKADIR NASIR	REGISTRY	23-Jul
42	AKINTOLA MUSLIM AKINBOLA	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	23-Jul
43	IJAIYA BASHIR LEKE	PRIVATE & PROPERTY LAW	24-Jul
44	ADELEKE BABATUNDE LATEEF	STATISTICS	24-Jul
45	ISSA ABDUL-RASAK	REGISTRY	24-Jul
46	AMORI RAUFU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	24-Jul
47	OBANS MARY EHIMEN	REGISTRY	24-Jul
48	YUSUF ABDULMUMEEN TAIYE	LEGAL SERVICES UNIT	24-Jul
49	OLAWUYI OLUSHOLA FESTUS	CENTRE FOR OPEN & DISTANCE LEARNING	24-Jul
50	BAMGBOSE FATAI AYODELE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	24-Jul
51	ADEWUYI MICHAEL OLUFEMI	REGISTRY	25-Jul
52	OLUSANYA OLAYEMI HENRY	TECHNICAL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE	25-Jul
53	DAUDA MUSA ANGULU	UNILORIN ZOO	25-Jul
54	IBRAHIM SANMI OZI	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	25-Jul
55	SALIMAN ISIAKA	WORKS: PARKS & GARDENS	25-Jul
56	AFOLAYAN OLADELE	REGISTRY	25-Jul
57	ADERINOLA SHADE OMOLOLA	PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY	25-Jul
58	MUSTAPHA MOHAMMED	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Jul
59	EGBEWOLE ABDULAZEEZ BUNMI	ECONOMICS	25-Jul



TETFund, Budget Office commend UNILORIN on transparency, compliance

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin has received commendation from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and the Budget Office of the Federation, Abuja, for its transparency, accountability, sound financial management and strict compliance with government guidelines in the management of intervention funds and staff recruitment.

The commendations came last Wednesday (July 15, 2026) when separate delegations from TETFund and the Budget Office paid courtesy visits to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, following the completion of reconciliation and verification exercises at the University.

Speaking during the visit, the leader of the TETFund delegation, who also doubles as the Assistant Director of Finance, TETFund, Mr. Rotimi Kolawole, explained that the exercise was not a detailed audit but a reconciliation aimed at ensuring that TETFund's financial records correspond with those of the University to guarantee that both parties maintain accurate and consistent financial information.

Mr Kolawole noted that the reconciliation exercise had become necessary because agencies such as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), the National Assembly and other relevant bodies frequently request details of TETFund intervention. He added

that, as a product of taxpayers' money, TETFund places a premium on accountability, transparency and prudent management of public funds.

The team leader disclosed that unlike in some institutions where discrepancies were observed, the University of Ilorin's financial records of the University of Ilorin corresponded perfectly with those of TETFund. He also confirmed that taxes deducted from contractors were being duly remitted and commended the accuracy of the University's basis of financial calculations.

He specifically applauded the staff of the University's Bursary Department for their diligence, professionalism and commitment to maintaining accurate financial records.

In a separate meeting, the delegation from the Budget Office of the Federation, Abuja, led by Mr Akyuku J. Emmanuel, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), said the visit was to verify the implementation of the 2025 recruitment approval and financial clearance granted to the University.

Mr Emmanuel explained that the University was granted approval to fill some vacancies in August 2025 and that the verification exercise was aimed at confirming whether the approved positions had been filled, whether the recruited personnel had been properly captured in the relevant government records and whether the exercise was conducted in line with the guidelines issued by the Budget Office.

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