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Egbewole seeks visionary leaders for Africa's transformation

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Bashirat Omotosho

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called for the emergence of visionary leaders across Africa, saying that the continent's sustainable development depends on leaders who can anticipate the future, plan strategically and inspire positive changes.

Prof. Egbewole made the call last Thursday (July 23, 2026) while declaring open the 2026 Leadership Summit organised by the Centre for Management and Leadership Ilorin (CMLI) at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

VC reaffirms commitment to peace, security training

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed the commitment of the University to producing highly skilled peace and security professionals.

Prof. Egbewole gave this assurance last Tuesday (July 21, 2026) during a three- day capacity building

retreat of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS) in collaboration with Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy and Development (SCDDD) held at the Auditorium Basement. The retreat was themed "Building Practitioner Competencies in Peace and Security Monitoring for Early Warning Architecture".

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■ Prof. Egbewole

Alamu canvasses 'Medina Charter' for Nigerians' peaceful co-existence

By Abubakar Imam

For an enduring peaceful coexistence among all religious groups and ethnic nationalities in Nigeria, the Head of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Prof. Akiti Glory Alamu, has recommended the adoption of the principles enunciated in the historic Medina Charter drawn up

and implemented by Prophet Muhammad following his settlement in the city of Medina, Saudi Arabia.

Prof. Alamu stated this last Thursday (July 23, 2026) while delivering the 304th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled, "The Six Blind Men And The Nigerian Elephant", at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Alamu

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■ *Cross section of the inducted Medical Laboratory Scientists with the Vice Chancellor and other senior officials of the University at the ceremony*

UNILORIN produces 66 pioneer MLS graduands

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

Sixty-six pioneer graduates of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science, University of Ilorin were 1st Friday (July 24, 2026) at the University Auditorium inducted into the profession.

Speaking at the event, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described the induction as a landmark achievement in the history of the University.

The Vice Chancellor paid glowing tributes to the Acting Head of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science, Dr Godwin Olawoyin Adunmo, for his resilience, commitment and exemplary leadership in weathering the challenges that confronted the programme at its inception. He acknowledged Dr Adunmo's dedication in steering the programme through difficult periods until it attained the standards required for accreditation and the successful graduation of the pioneer class.

Prof. Egbewole urged the inductees not to abandon Nigeria but to remain committed to helping solve the nation's healthcare challenges. He reminded them that society needs their knowledge, skills and expertise now more than ever and charged them to

remain ethically conscious, uphold integrity, professionalism and compassion, and become worthy ambassadors of the University of Ilorin.

In his remarks, the outgoing Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, described the ceremony as the fulfilment of a vision conceived more than six years ago to produce globally competitive medical laboratory scientists.

He reminded the graduates that they have become the unseen detectives of healthcare whose work directly influences patient outcomes and urged them to maintain accuracy, integrity and confidentiality, and embrace continuous professional development.

He also commended the University Management, the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN) and Dr Adunmo, noting that the Head of Department served virtually as a one-man academic staff during the programme's formative years.

The Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN), Dr Tosan Erhabor, described the induction as an epoch-making event in the history of the profession. He disclosed that the inductees had been certified worthy in character and learning

by the Senate of the University.

The graduands were formally admitted into the profession after taking the professional oath administered by the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria.

In his remarks, the Head of the Department, Dr Adunmo, described the induction as the fulfilment of a long-cherished vision and a defining moment in the Department's history. He appreciated the University Management, the College of Health Sciences, MLSCN, members of staff, parents and other stakeholders for their support in establishing and sustaining the programme, urging the inductees to uphold professionalism and continue to set the standard for future graduates.

The ceremony, which featured the presentation of awards to outstanding graduates including the best graduating student, Famuwagun Toluwalope Serah, who earned a CGPA of 4.87 and who also won the award for Best Student in Medical Microbiology and Parasitology, attracted guests from the academia and the public, including Principal Officers of the University, Deans, Heads of Departments, royal fathers, members of the medical and allied health professions, representatives of professional bodies, relations and friends of the graduands.



Your life is worthy of emulation, Egbewole hails Gambari

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the life and career of the Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy and Development (SCDDD), Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, CFR, as a rich subject worthy of academic study by universities across the world.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (July 21, 2026) while receiving a delegation from the SCDDD ahead of its participation in the 2026 Capacity Building Retreat, organised by the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin.

The Vice Chancellor said that Prof. Gambari's remarkable career in diplomacy, governance, public service, and international relations represents an extraordinary trajectory that has not been sufficiently examined by scholars, noting that his personality and life experiences offer invaluable lessons for students, researchers, and policymakers.

He also expressed confidence that the collaboration between the University of Ilorin, the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), and the SCDDD would continue to grow, saying, there was no reason why the partnership could not attract international support for research, capacity building, and policy development.

Prof. Egbewole urged the two Centres to work closely in identifying practical areas of collaboration that would further strengthen their relationship and enhance their contributions to national development.

The Vice Chancellor, who described the relationship between the

University and the SCDDD as longstanding and cordial, however, appreciated Dr Ruth Adimula for serving as a dependable bridge between the two institutions over the years.

He also thanked the SCDDD for the award recently presented to the University and the CPSS assuring the delegation that the recognition would be

deployed in a manner that would positively impact both institutions and society.

Meanwhile, the Executive Director of the SCDDD, Amb. Sani Saulawa Bala, has applauded the authorities of the University of Ilorin and its CPSS for honouring Prof. Gambari with the Fellow of Peace and Strategic Studies award.

Amb. Bala also described the decision of the University to honour Prof. Gambari as a landmark recognition, noting that it was the first time any institution in Nigeria had formally celebrated the distinguished diplomat's exceptional contributions and outstanding record of service at both the national and international levels.

He said the recognition places a responsibility on the SCDDD to reciprocate the University's goodwill through sustained collaboration and support for its academic and research programmes.

Amb. Bala attributed the strong relationship between the University and the SCDDD to the strategic importance attached to the institution by the Centre's founder, noting that the University occupies a special



place in the academic and developmental engagements of the Centre.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim AbdulGaniyu Jawondo, appreciated the Vice Chancellor for creating an enabling environment that has encouraged internationalisation and strategic institutional partnerships.

Prof. Jawondo said the University's deliberate policy of promoting international collaboration inspired the Faculty and the CPSS to establish stronger links with SCDDD.

In a chat with the *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the immediate past President of the Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows Alumni Association Nigeria (COSFAN), Dr Ruth Abiola Adimula, said that Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari is a rare gem and an asset to the world, and that this was the reason COSFAN donated the sum of ₦10 million to the CPSS as an annual award for the best graduating Ph.D. thesis in Peace and Development Studies in honour of the erudite diplomat and distinguished statesman.



Egbewole seeks visionary leaders for Africa's transformation

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Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, the Vice Chancellor described visionary leadership as the ability to think beyond the present and deliberately pursue long-term goals that benefit society. He said societies blessed with good leadership are better positioned to strengthen institutions, promote sustainable development and improve the quality of the lives of their citizens.

Describing the University of Ilorin as a hub for nurturing future leaders through quality education, character development and impactful leadership, the Vice Chancellor urged participants to maximise the opportunities offered by the Summit.

Delivering the keynote address, titled "Leading Beyond Today: Developing Visionary Leaders for Sustainable Development," Prof. Paul Akinnubi of the Department of Educational Management, Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, explained that leadership is not merely about achieving immediate results but about inspiring innovation, promoting inclusiveness and making decisions that positively impact future generations.

He urged both emerging and established leaders to embrace visionary leadership capable of addressing contemporary challenges while laying a solid foundation for sustainable development.

According to him, leadership should be seen as a lifelong commitment to service, continuous learning and nation-building. He added that sustainable development can only be achieved through ethical governance, human capital development, environmental responsibility and effective collaboration across sectors.

Prof. Akinnubi also challenged young leaders to become agents of positive transformation, maintaining that investing in visionary leadership today is essential for building resilient institutions, thriving communities and a prosperous society.

In a leadership masterclass, titled "Visionary and Strategic Leadership," a management specialist at the University of



■ Prof. Akinnubi

Ilorin, Prof. Umar Gunu, charged participants to develop the foresight, resilience and strategic thinking required to navigate an increasingly complex world.

The don noted that visionary leaders anticipate future challenges, identify emerging opportunities and inspire others towards shared goals. He further urged participants to embrace collaboration, adaptability and continuous learning, adding that enduring leadership is measured by the lasting impact it leaves on society.

Earlier, in her welcome address, the Ag. Director of CMLI, Dr Adeola Odebode, urged participants to ensure that the knowledge gained at the Summit translates into practical actions capable of transforming institutions and society.

She said the success of the Summit should be measured not by the quality of presentations or attendance figures but by the positive impact participants make after the programme. According to her, if every participant influences just ten other people through ethical and exemplary leadership, the resulting ripple effect would extend across universities, workplaces, communities and the nation.

Dr Odebode described leadership development as one of the greatest investments individuals and institutions can make, stressing that stronger leaders build stronger institutions and more prosperous societies. She also appreciated the Vice Chancellor for his unwavering support for the Centre and its leadership development programmes.



■ Prof. Adeyemi

A panel discussion, involving representatives of government, academia, industry, community leadership and emerging leaders, also explained the qualities of effective leadership. The panelists agreed that good leaders must possess emotional intelligence, integrity, trustworthiness, the ability to delegate responsibilities and the willingness to continually assess and improve themselves.

The panel featured the Permanent Secretary, General Services, Governor's Office, Alhaji Shuaib Abdulganiyu; the President of the University of Ilorin Postgraduate Students' Association (POGSASS), Mr Kuranga Hakeem Abiodun; the Head of the Department of Finance, University of Ilorin, Dr Bilqees Ayoola Abdulmumin; a retired Permanent Secretary and Magaji of Erubu, Ilorin, Dr. Subair Erubu; and the Provost of College of Health Sciences, Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. Saliu Moyosore Ajao.

Speaking on higher education, Prof. Ajao advocated greater autonomy for Nigerian universities, arguing that institutions should be allowed to exercise their statutory powers without undue external interference.

He expressed concerns over the National Universities Commission's Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS), contending that the policy undermines the traditional role of University Senates in determining academic curricula.



Egbewole reaffirms commitment to peace, security training

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The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and immediate past Director of the Centre, Prof. Ibrahim AbdulGaniyu Jawondo, described peace and security as essential foundations for sustainable national development.

Prof. Egbewole said that the University remains committed to equipping students and professionals with the interdisciplinary knowledge and practical skills required to prevent conflicts, strengthen early warning systems and promote peaceful coexistence.

He specifically commended the Centre for sustaining quality capacity-building programmes that address emerging security challenges.

The legal luminary urged participants to make the most use of the expertise of the resource persons, noting that the calibre of facilitators assembled for the retreat reflects the commitment of the University to exposing participants to global best practices in peacebuilding, conflict prevention and strategic security management.

In his welcome address, the Director of the Centre, Prof. Abdul-Jelil Gbemisola Animasawun, explained that the Centre had deliberately positioned itself to bridge the gap between theory and practice by equipping its students with practical competencies in peacebuilding and conflict management.

Prof. Animasawun noted that the postgraduate programmes of the Centre had continued to distinguish themselves

through sustained collaboration with industry practitioners, adding that the partnership with the SCDDD would further expose participants to decades of practical experience in early warning systems and local peace infrastructures.

The Director charged participants to see themselves as critical stakeholders in Nigeria's peace and security architecture rather than passive observers. He explained that the country's formal peace institutions alone could not effectively monitor every community, stressing that participants were expected to acquire the conceptual knowledge, methodological skills and practical competence required to design and defend effective early warning architectures capable of addressing security challenges in their localities.

Prof. Animashawun expressed optimism that the three-day practitioner training would produce a new generation of peace advocates capable of strengthening community-based conflict prevention mechanisms.

He commended the unwavering support of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for the Centre's programmes, expressing confidence that the collaboration with SCDDD would contribute meaningfully to enhancing peace and security across Nigeria.

One of the facilitators at the retreat and Executive Director at SCDDD, Ambassador Sani Saulawa Bala, urged participants to see themselves not as passive learners but as active contributors to peacebuilding and national development. He stressed that effective leadership in peace and security requires

collaboration, strategic thinking and a commitment to continuous learning.

Ambassador Bala, a seasoned diplomat and administrator with over three decades of public service experience, said sustainable peace can only be achieved through dialogue, strong institutions and sound policy implementation.

The former Nigerian Ambassador to the State of Qatar noted that participants must combine the knowledge gained during the retreat with practical solutions to address emerging security and governance challenges.

Also speaking, Lt. Col. Abdulwahab Ademola Lawal, said participants should see themselves not as passive learners but as partners in progress, stressing that practical experience and humility are essential to achieving meaningful outcomes in peacebuilding and strategic studies.

He explained that successful peace and security initiatives thrive on collaboration, discipline and continuous learning.

The facilitator noted that sound theory must always be complemented with practical field experience to effectively address contemporary security challenges, describing the command structure as a major driver of success in security operations. He explained that a well-established and effective chain of command enables institutions to function efficiently while providing opportunities for personnel to learn from experienced professionals.

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Alamu canvasses 'Medina Charter' for Nigerians' peaceful co-existence

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The Inaugural Lecturer, who is an expert in Comparative Religious Studies, described the Charter as a framework for peaceful relationship and conflict resolutions between Muslims and non-muslims.

He stated that the Charter establishes mutual rights and responsibilities as he said that its adoption would encourage cooperation among adherents of different faiths on national issues while allowing citizens to maintain their distinct religious identities.

Prof. Alamu, who also bemoaned the insincerity of the nation's political class, urged politicians across all political divides to stop invoking the name of God in their contestation for power.

The don noted that it has become a common practice among Nigerian politicians to say that "God will choose leaders for us; God will intervene during this election and we should pray for good leaders", saying that "both theologians and democrats should excuse God from the Nigerian political process because He does not intrude in politics".

Prof. Alamu equally urged religious leaders and other stakeholders to ensure better enlightenment for their followers to appreciate the essence of their various faiths, pointing out that "across major world religions, enlightenment is the ultimate goal of spiritual practice".

He explained that enlightenment represents how a person sees himself, the world and the divine. He added that the quest for knowledge will help individuals to navigate the challenges of life.

The Inaugural Lecturer also urged every religious stakeholder and governmental functionary not to take religion into public offices, schools, and political decision-making. He said that for peace and understanding to reign, religion should be seen and taken as a private matter.

He also urged stakeholders to



■ **The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Adeyemi (right), receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Alamu (left), last Thursday**

engage in true inter-religious dialogue, explaining that genuine dialogue is an indispensable tool for bridge-building, promotion of mutual respect and ultimate enhancement of peaceful co-existence in a pluralistic society like Nigeria.

Prof. Alamu criticised the Nigerian Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) for poor performance, noting that it has not achieved much since its establishment.

For the Council to achieve its objectives, Prof. Alamu said that government should empower it with all constitutional authority and political will to execute its affairs to the fullest.

Prof. Alamu also appealed to Nigerians to learn how to pursue peace with all men, stay together and celebrate together without crises or conflicts. He urged Nigerians to emulate what is happening in Turkey, Pakistan and some Arabian countries where Mosques and Temples co-exist.

He explained that this disposition can promote global peace by uniting faiths and ensuring reciprocal understanding, acceptance and tolerance amongst disparate religious communities as it is breaking down the walls of divisions and barriers.

The Inaugural Lecturer also urged security agencies to work in synergy with local situation, alongside the use of sophisticated Information Technology. He assured all that success will be achieved by government and local collaboration.

All the religions practised in Nigeria, according to Prof. Alamu, should unequivocally subscribe to the golden rule, which emphasises that everyone should do to others what he wants them to do to him. He said that every religion encourages this disposition.

Prof. Alamu said that these religions should promote social interactions and corporate existence as there is no individualism in Nigeria.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, also attracted Principal Officers of the University as well as friends, relations, colleagues and students of Prof. Alamu from far and near.

Egbewole reaffirms commitment to peace, security training

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In her remarks, an Associate Professor at the CPSS, Dr Ruth Abiola Adimula, urged participants to embrace the retreat as a platform for strengthening their professional competence and commitment to sustainable peacebuilding. She explained that the growing complexity of contemporary

security challenges requires practitioners to combine sound academic knowledge with practical skills, ethical leadership and effective collaboration.

Dr Adimula, who is also a legal luminary, encouraged participants to remain committed to continuous learning and innovative problem-solving.

She added that the Centre would continue to equip professionals with the

knowledge and capacity required to promote peace, security and national development.

Dignitaries at the event included Prof. S. A. Raji, Dr Jean-Marie Kasonga Mbombo, Dr AbdulLateef Dasola Hussain, Dr Samuel Abidemi, Zainab Bolanle Abdullahi, Mrs Damilola Akanbi, Mrs Esther Obafemi, among others.

We are not owing our students NELFUND loan-Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the University does not owe any of its deserving students any loan payable to them from the Nigerian Education Loans Fund (NELFUND).

Prof. Egbewole made the declaration recently in a short video clip shared on the network of UNILORIN TV.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also a member of the Nigerian Body of Benchers, explained that every student

who benefited from the loan had been paid except those who have not provided the account details they submitted to the NELFUND.

"As a University, we have our processes, our systems and our procedures that are already laid down", Prof. Egbewole declared.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the graduating students of the University for successfully completing their various academic programmes.

He also commended other students on the conclusion of the Rain Semester examinations as he wished



■ Prof. Egbewole

them a very peaceful end of session holiday.

Isiaka urges inter-agency cooperation to reduce vandalism

By Abubakar Imam

The Ag. Head of the Department of Criminology and Security Studies, University of Ilorin, Dr Monsurat Isiaka, has called for proper coordination and strengthening of cooperation among security agencies to ensure better protection of Critical National Assets and Infrastructures (CNAI).

Dr Isiaka made this call recently while delivering a paper, titled "Protection of CNAI: Panacea to National Development" at the 2026 Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) Kwara State Command Security Summit in Ilorin.

The don also urged the Federal Government and other stakeholders to always ensure the timely implementation of policies, reconstruction of the nation's security architecture and strengthening of anti-corruption policies and measures as well as the recruitment of more staff into the nation's security agencies.

While commending the gallantry of the Kwara State Command of the NSCDC in the protection of the



nation's assets and mineral resources across the state, Dr Isiaka noted that the task cannot be solely shouldered by the NSCDC.

The Ag. Head of Department, who expressed dismay with the huge loss the nation is incurring from the vandalism of its assets by all sorts of criminals, noted that more than 200 billion dollars worth of assets were vandalised across the nation between 1999 and 2022.

She added that the implementation of her suggestions would reduce this huge loss as he said that the educational, health, energy and power sectors were the worst

hit.

The security expert explained that the protection of national assets and infrastructures would enhance sustainable national development as it would reduce the amount of money the nation commits to repairing and replacing vandalised assets.

The event was attended by many dignitaries including the Kwara State Commandant of the NSCDC, Mr Abass Nda Mohammed; and the Kwara State Commissioner for Information and Communication, Mrs Bola Olukoju, among others.



UNILORIN shapes my success- Awoyale

By Tajudeen Babamale

A distinguished legal scholar and Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Prof. Oladoyin O. Awoyale, has expressed his immense pride in being associated with the University of Ilorin, describing the institution as the best among the four universities he attended.

Prof. Awoyale made the remarks last Tuesday (July 21, 2026) when he visited the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, ahead of his unveiling as the honoree of the 29th edition of *The Jurist*, the annual publication of the Law Students' Society, Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin.

The legal luminary attributed his professional accomplishments to the sound academic and moral foundation he received at the University of Ilorin, thanking God for the University and noting that the values and training it imparted to him had shaped the person he is today.

While observing that many of the lecturers who taught his generation are still actively teaching at the University, Prof. Awoyale said the current students are fortunate to be learning from some of the finest legal scholars anywhere in the world.

Reflecting on his academic journey, the Principal Counsel and Founder of Doyin Awoyale SAN & CO revealed that although he attended four universities, the University of Ilorin remains the best among them. He also praised the dedication and commitment of the University staff to teaching and mentoring students.

He further commended the Faculty of Law for exposing students to



■ Prof. Awoyale

accomplished legal practitioners, recalling how eminent Senior Advocates of Nigeria, including Prof. Yusuf Ola-Olu Ali, SAN, regularly interacted with students during his undergraduate days and prepared them for the realities of legal practice by sharing their courtroom experiences.

Prof. Awoyale said the recognition by his alma mater meant so much to him that he postponed another important engagement in order to attend the unveiling ceremony, adding that he remains proud to be associated with the University.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor described Prof. Awoyale as one of the finest products of the University of Ilorin and particularly its Faculty of Law.

He commended the Law Students' Society for choosing Prof. Awoyale as the honoree of the 29th edition of *The Jurist*, noting that the recognition was historic because he is the first alumnus of the Faculty to receive the honour.

The Vice Chancellor said that although the University and the Faculty of

Law have produced many distinguished alumni and eminent Senior Advocates of Nigeria, Prof. Awoyale stands out among the very best. He described him as highly focused, exceptionally diligent and an accomplished legal practitioner with remarkable depth of knowledge.

Prof. Egbewole noted that there is hardly any greater reward than being honoured by one's alma mater, adding that the recognition was a testament to Prof. Awoyale's immense contributions to the Faculty of Law, the Law Students' Society and the University of Ilorin.

He also congratulated the Law Students' Society for sustaining *The Jurist* for 29 consecutive editions, describing the publication as a symbol of excellence and continuity.

According to him, the longevity of the publication reflects the commitment, dedication and shared vision of successive generations of Law students, and he urged the current leadership to preserve the positive legacy for future administrations.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Bashir Omipidan, said that the selection of Prof. Awoyale was in line with the University's commitment to reconnecting with and celebrating its distinguished alumni.

He explained that Prof. Awoyale became the first alumnus of the Faculty of Law to be honoured as *The Jurist*, describing the decision as a historic milestone for the Faculty and a source of inspiration for current and future Law students.

The Dean added that the recognition reflects the determination of the Faculty to celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves in legal scholarship, teaching and professional practice while remaining worthy ambassadors of the University of Ilorin.

You are integrity personified, Borno Gov. hails Oloyede

By Abubakar Imam

....renames edifice after him

The Governor of Borno State, Prof. Babagana Umar Zulum, has described a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Emeritus Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, as a man whose integrity has never been in doubt.

Prof. Zulum stated this last Wednesday (July 22, 2026) while handing over the newly-completed Maiduguri JAMB Zonal Office and 500-capacity CBT Centre to the Board in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

The Governor, who praised the former Vice Chancellor for doing his best as the Chief Executive Officer of JAMB, described Emeritus Prof. Oloyede as a very hardworking and dedicated gentleman.

The Governor said that he was impressed with the epoch-making contributions of the JAMB Registrar and hence his decision to honour him with the building, commissioning and naming of the project after the former Vice Chancellor.

The complex was later commissioned by Emeritus Prof. Oloyede in the presence of the Governor and the incoming Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of JAMB,



■ L-R: Emeritus Prof. Oloyede, Prof. Aina, and Prof. Zulum

Prof. Segun Aina, among several other dignitaries.

Emeritus Prof. Oloyede, who served as the eighth Vice Chancellor of

the University of Ilorin from 2007 to 2012, is a proud alumnus of the University who had earlier obtained all his degrees from the institution.

UNILORIN don appointed to American Scientific Advisory Board

By Mubarak Oladosu

A lecturer in the Department of Veterinary Microbiology, University of Ilorin, Dr Oluwafemi Batatunde Daodu, has been appointed a member of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) to the Morris Animal Foundation, Colorado, United States of America.

The appointment of Dr Daodu was conveyed in a letter dated July 16, 2026, addressed to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole SAN, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

As a member of the Scientific Advisory Board, Dr Daodu will be saddled with the responsibility of rigorously reviewing and scoring Veterinary Student Scholar (VSS) proposals submitted to the Foundation,



■ Dr Daodu

along with other Board members.

He will also join his colleagues on the Board to assess the technical feasibility, scientific merit, and potential impact of

each proposal and provide constructive feedback to applicants to strengthen their research.

According to the letter: the recommendations of the SAB are used to select students to receive up to \$5,500 in funding for 3-4 month mentored research projects. This ensures that the Foundation funds the most scientifically sound and impactful student research projects.

The letter also noted that the SAB is made up of a diverse group of global experts in the fields of pathology, epidemiology, and internal medicine.

On the significance of the appointment, the letter stated that “this ultimately plays a vital role in training the next generation of veterinary researchers and advancing animal health.”

Dr Daodu is a Fellow of the College of Veterinary Surgeons of Nigeria (FCVSN).

UNILORIN deploys electronic memo system for efficiency

By Bashirat Omotosho

The University of Ilorin management has deployed an Electronic Memo System (EMS) as part of its digital transformation drive aimed at improving internal communication and enhancing operational efficiency across the institution.

In a directive issued on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, last Tuesday (July 21, 2026) sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin*, all members of staff are requested to onboard the newly deployed platform within 72 hours to enable the University Management fix a date for institution-wide training on the use of the solution.

According to the directive, the EMS is an initiative of the University Management designed to simplify the



■ Prof. Egbewole

circulation of official correspondence, streamline administrative processes and promote faster, more efficient communication among staff members.

The portal has been opened for user validation and onboarding, with staff advised to access the portal through their access code and a default password.

"Users are expected to change the default password immediately after their first successful login as part of measures to ensure the security of their accounts", the memo added.

The management also encouraged staff to commence the validation process without delay, noting that the timely completion of the exercise would facilitate the smooth rollout of the platform and subsequent training programme.

To ensure seamless onboarding, staff experiencing difficulties accessing the portal are advised to report such issues through the e-ticketing platform of the University for prompt technical support.

3 Unilorites secure multimillion naira grant

By Muizdeen Adewole

Three undergraduates of the University of Ilorin have secured a combined grant of N150 million in the just-concluded Federal Government Students Venture Grant (FG-SVCG) competition.

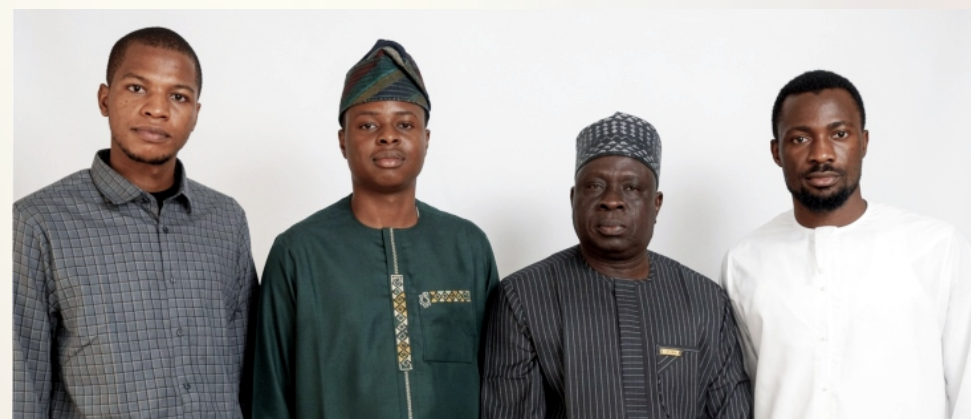
This was disclosed last Thursday (July 16, 2026) in a statement by the Director of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin, Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem.

According to the statement, the winners are Abdullahi Usman Babatunde of the Department of Information Technology; Abdulrasaq Abdulrasaq Alatare, also of Information Technology, and Shehu Abdulrahman Magobon of Optometry and Vision Science. Each student won N50 million for their separate project proposal.

According to the Director, a total of 36,000 students across the country participated in the keenly contested grant, out of which only 45 ventures were selected based on quality of proposal, scalability, and potential for national impact.

Prof. Raheem noted that the University of Ilorin recorded the second highest number of winners nationwide.

Giving details of the winning projects, he said "OmiChain," a decentralised service marketplace described as the "Uber" for clean water access was initiated by Mr Babatunde. The platform connects communities, local



drillers, and donors directly, eliminating middlemen and empowering communities to source, fund, and build verifiable water infrastructure.

He added that Mr Alatare presented "FaceTrust AI," an advanced decentralised digital identity and biometric verification platform. The enterprise-grade system replaces physical cards and paper-based IDs with a secure 3-second face scan. It uses liveness detection and extracts over 68 geometric facial landmarks to create a unique cryptographic "Faceprint" vector.

The Director said that Mr Magobon, a final-year student, proposed "Vecta," a contactless payment infrastructure for campus transit with offline capability. Vecta is designed to replace cash on campus shuttles with contactless card payments that work without a network, thereby removing "change wahala" for students and ensuring faster and safer transactions for drivers.

Following the outstanding

performance, Prof. Raheem has also been listed among the National Mentors for the FG-SVCG programme. The FG-SVCG project office stated that the University, through TEC, would continue to mentor the students in project management, scalability, and sustainability.

Reacting, Prof. Raheem appreciated the University of Ilorin management, under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for creating an enabling environment and providing the necessary support that has allowed TEC to thrive and live up to its mandate.

In his reaction, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed immense joy and pride in the achievement.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged the TEC to put robust monitoring structures in place to ensure the successful execution and sustainability of the three projects.

We've raised the bar- CBT Director

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

The Director of the University of Ilorin Computer-Based Test (CBT) Centre, Prof. Adeyinka Tella, has declared that the University has "raised the bar" in technology-driven examinations and is set to further upgrade its CBT systems to make future examinations even more efficient, secure and globally competitive.

Prof. Tella disclosed this penultimate Friday (July 17, 2026) while speaking with the *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office during a review of the just-concluded 2025/2026 Rain Semester CBT examinations.

The multiple award-winning academic described the exercise as highly successful, seamless and largely free of technical or operational challenges. He noted that the experience had provided valuable lessons that would further strengthen the technology-driven assessment system of the University.

He said the University successfully administered 105 courses through the CBT platform across undergraduate levels, from 100 to 500 level, adding that the smooth conduct of the examinations reflected the unwavering commitment of the institution to deploying technology for efficient, transparent, credible and globally competitive assessment processes.

According to him, one of the major highlights of the exercise was the absence of significant disruptions throughout the examination period, as the CBT infrastructure functioned optimally with stable internet connectivity, reliable power supply and minimal technical issues.

He explained that candidates completed their examinations without unnecessary interruptions, while technical support teams promptly resolved the few isolated challenges encountered during the exercise.

The Director also commended the high level of organisation demonstrated by examination officials and technical personnel, saying that scheduling, candidate verification, invigilation and session transitions were efficiently managed to ensure that examination sessions commenced and concluded as scheduled.

Prof. Tella attributed the success of the exercise to meticulous planning, effective coordination and the commitment of all stakeholders.

He explained that before the



■ **Prof. Tella**

commencement of the examinations, the Centre carried out comprehensive testing and maintenance of computer systems, servers, networking equipment and backup power facilities. Mock sessions and system checks were also conducted to ascertain the readiness of the CBT infrastructure, while examination schedules were carefully designed to accommodate the large student population without overstressing available resources.

He noted that technical support personnel were deployed throughout the examination period to provide immediate assistance whenever required, while examination officials, invigilators, ICT personnel and administrative staff worked collaboratively to ensure that every examination session was conducted efficiently and on schedule.

Prof. Tella disclosed that a few minor issues, including occasional login difficulties, isolated hardware-related problems affecting individual computer terminals and cases of students arriving late for scheduled sessions, were experienced. He, however, said the issues were promptly resolved through standby systems, on-site technical support and established contingency measures, ensuring that they had no significant impact on the overall conduct of the examinations.

On measures adopted to uphold the integrity and credibility of the examinations, Prof. Tella said the CBT Centre implemented comprehensive candidate verification procedures before every examination session to ensure that only duly registered students gained access to the examination halls.

He added that access to the Centre was strictly controlled, while trained invigilators, ICT personnel and security

officers closely monitored all examination activities throughout each session.

According to him, secured examination software and system controls were also deployed to minimise opportunities for examination malpractice, while candidates were assigned designated computer terminals and examination questions were securely managed within the CBT platform.

Prof. Tella said surveillance systems, including CCTV cameras, further strengthened the credibility, transparency and fairness of the examinations, stressing that the University maintained a zero-tolerance policy on examination malpractice and that any suspicious activity was promptly investigated and handled in line with established regulations.

Reflecting on lessons learnt from the exercise, the Director said the successful conduct of the examinations had reaffirmed the importance of proactive planning, early preparation and continuous improvement in sustaining excellence in technology-driven assessments.

He noted that routine maintenance of ICT infrastructure, periodic system upgrades, rigorous pre-examination testing and continuous capacity building for technical and examination personnel would remain central to the examination management strategy of the University.

Prof. Tella also emphasised the importance of effective collaboration among the CBT Centre, the University administration, academic departments, ICT personnel, security officers and students, describing their collective efforts as fundamental to the success of the examinations.

He explained that the experience had also reinforced the need to strengthen contingency measures through adequate backup systems, expanded technical support capacity and periodic review of operational procedures to ensure even more efficient responses to unforeseen situations.

Looking ahead, Prof. Tella assured students and other stakeholders that the University would continue to upgrade its technological infrastructure, enhance system capacity to accommodate increasing student enrolment and introduce additional innovations to improve the speed, reliability, security and overall user experience of computer-based examinations.

UNILORIN dons advocate digital transformation, crisis communication and Preventive Maintenance

By Idris Alooma

Two University of Ilorin lecturers have called for greater adoption of digital tools, strategic communication, and preventive maintenance to improve service delivery and institutional performance.

The charge was made at a five-day conference organised by the University Management held in Idofian, Kwara state.

The facilitators were Dr Saheed Bello of the Department of Physics and Dr Felicia Oluwalola of the Department of Educational Management.

Dr Bello urged staff to embrace technology to reduce paperwork and improve turnaround time. According to him, technology is key to sustaining UNILORIN status as one of the nation's leading ivory towers.

On her part, Dr Oluwalola recommended issuance of provisional transcripts with cover letters while fee



■ **Dr Oluwalola**

queries are being resolved, to prevent students from losing opportunities.

She outlined steps including notifying students, escalating the matter to the Bursary, informing receiving institutions, and documenting all actions to balance student welfare with financial integrity.



■ **Dr Bello**

Dr Oluwalola advocated a shift from reactive repairs to proactive maintenance. She noted that regular servicing reduces costs, extends the lifespan of assets, ensures continuity in classrooms, laboratories, hostels, and ICT facilities, and enhances the University's image.

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He disclosed that greater emphasis would also be placed on regular orientation programmes to familiarise students with CBT procedures and examination guidelines, thereby reducing avoidable errors and examination anxiety.

The Director added that the Centre would continue to strengthen data security, examination monitoring and quality assurance mechanisms while adopting emerging technologies and international best practices in digital assessment.

According to him, these improvements are aimed at ensuring that future CBT examinations remain efficient, transparent, fair and globally competitive.

Prof. Tella said the success of the just-concluded examinations serves

as both an achievement and a motivation for continuous improvement, reaffirming the University's commitment to delivering world-class computer-based assessment services that uphold its longstanding reputation for academic excellence, innovation and integrity.

He expressed profound appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his visionary leadership, steadfast support and commitment to maintaining high academic standards and promoting technology-driven assessment.

He also appreciated the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Oduola, for her guidance and effective coordination of academic activities throughout the examination period.

Prof. Tella thanked the Director of Works and the entire Works

Department for ensuring uninterrupted electricity supply and maintaining critical facilities, as well as the JKK Team for providing efficient ICT support throughout the examinations.

He equally commended the staff of the CBT Centre, Deans, Heads of Departments, Faculty Officers, Examination Officers, ICT personnel, invigilators, security personnel, administrative staff and all other support staff whose professionalism, teamwork and dedication contributed to the success of the exercise.

He also expressed gratitude to the students for their discipline, cooperation and compliance with the examination regulations of the University, noting that their orderly conduct greatly facilitated the smooth conduct of the examinations.

IEMF congratulates Adeboye, Aremu on appointment

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Igbomina/Ekiti Muslim Forum (IEMF) has congratulated two distinguished sons of Igbomina extraction, Prof. M.A.N Adeboye and Dr Noah S. Aremu, on their recent appointments by the management of the University of Ilorin.

In a statement issued by the National President of the Forum, Alhaji Nasir Ibrahim, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Monday (July 20, 2026), the IEMF congratulated Prof. Adeboye on his election as Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, describing the development as a testament to his outstanding academic credentials, administrative experience and exemplary leadership.

The Forum noted that Prof. Adeboye has consistently demonstrated exceptional commitment, visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to the advancement of higher education. It added that his contributions to teaching, research, mentorship and academic administration have earned him the admiration of his colleagues, students and the wider community.

The Forum also congratulated Dr Aremu on his appointment as Coordinator of the Department of Employment Relations and Human Resources Management of the University, describing the appointment as a well-deserved recognition of his dedication, competence and commitment to academic excellence.

According to IEMF, the appointment of Dr Aremu reflects the



■ Prof. Adeboye

confidence reposed in his leadership ability, professional competence and commitment to the development of the Department. The Forum expressed optimism that his wealth of experience and administrative skills would further strengthen the Department's academic programmes and enhance its growth.

IEMF noted that the emergence of the two scholars reflects the values of hard work, integrity and selfless service, while inspiring younger generations to pursue excellence in their chosen careers.

The Forum prayed for continued guidance, wisdom and good health from Allah for both academics as they undertake greater responsibilities in their respective capacities.

It also expressed confidence that they would continue to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of education, scholarship and community development within their respective institutions and the nation at large.

IEMF reaffirmed its commitment



■ Dr Aremu



■ Alhaji Ibrahim

to celebrating and supporting outstanding members of the Igbomina/Ekiti Muslim community whose achievements continue to bring honour and distinction to the Forum and the society at large.

UNILORIN management hails Staff School teachers over 93% BECE success

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin management has commended the Head Teacher and the entire teaching staff of the University Staff School for the outstanding performance of the School in the 2025/2026 Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE), in which the School recorded an impressive 93 per cent overall pass rate.

In a letter of appreciation dated July 16, 2026, signed by the Registrar,

Mr M. A. Alfanla, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, University management described the achievement as a testament to the dedication, hard work, professionalism and commitment of the teachers to providing quality education and ensuring academic excellence.

According to the letter, the outstanding result reflects the collective efforts of the teaching staff, the effective leadership of the School and the support given to the pupils throughout their academic journey.

The management expressed

pride in the accomplishment and commended the teachers for their resilience and unwavering commitment to duty.

The Registrar urged the Head Teacher to convey the heartfelt appreciation and congratulations of University to all members of the teaching staff, while encouraging them to sustain the excellent performance and continue to uphold the high standards of academic excellence for which the University of Ilorin is renowned.



UNILORIN Holdings trains varsity staff

By Idris Alooma

The management of the University of Ilorin, through the UNILORIN Holdings, has organised a five-day capacity-building workshop.

The training, which was for selected staff members of the University held from last Monday (July 20, 2026) to Friday (July 25, 2026) at the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation (NCAM), Ilorin.

The Workshop was themed "Advancing Excellence in University Administration, Governance, Operations and Service Delivery," and attracted staff members from the Registry, University Clinic, Counselling Unit, SIWES, University Schools, Corporate Affairs, Works, Security and COMSIT.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Workshop, the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa, described failed organisations as those that fail to train their people. He urged participants to learn new things and ensure they use what they have learnt to improve their various duties.

He encouraged staff members to always be prepared to provide quality service delivery and must be agents of positivity, not negativity.

In his address, the Managing Director of UNILORIN Holdings, Prof. Bashir Raji, called for full participation and effective interaction.

He urged staff to apply the knowledge gained so that there would be

great changes on campus as he requested feedback on the usefulness of the lectures and an evaluation of the environment.

The Director of Security, Mr Paul B. Ogidi, said that all staff must be involved in security. He appealed to participants to volunteer information on security concerns and assured them that sources would not be disclosed. He also stressed that everyone is a security agent and protector.

The Director of University Health Services, Dr Rasheed Odunola, said the gathering was also a way to be stress-free. He advised staff to attend to their health, go for screening to prevent disease, and check their sugar levels.

Some of the participants, who

spoke to *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sidelines of the event, described the Workshop as beneficial. Mrs Victoria Iyabo Olaoye, described it as a worthwhile and highly beneficial exercise.

On her part, Dr Hikmat O. Amoloye of the Health Services Unit described the Workshop as well-organised and fantastic.

Dr Aminullahi Salman Alawaye, a Deputy Director at the Counselling and Human Development Centre, said that it was a very good workshop to learn more about everything in the University.





Olaniyan tasks Architecture students on practical exposure

By Abubakar Imam

The Ag. Head of the Department of Architecture, University of Ilorin, Dr Sule Adeniyi Olaniyan, has emphasised the need for consistent practical exposure among the students of the Department.

Dr Olaniyan stated this penultimate Friday (July 17, 2026) while addressing the students of the Department during their on-site visitation to some ongoing building projects in the University.

The Ag. Head of Department, who was represented by the Chairman of the Site Visitation Committee of the Department, Mr AbdulAzeez Salihu, urged the students to always be attentive



■ Dr Olaniyan

and open their minds to learning, saying that the study of Architecture does not end in the

four walls of a classroom.

Dr Olaniyan said that architectural design is always the foundation of every building project and that the progress of building projects must always be closely monitored and supervised by Architects and other building professionals to ensure that such projects are executed to specifications.

He also urged the students to always find time to visit ongoing projects and ask professionals on ground necessary questions as that would enhance their training and prepare them for the future.

Dr Olaniyan was joined on the visitation by some other staff members of the Department such as Mr A. B. Salihu, Mr A. A. Adeyemi, Mrs M. A. Abdulsalam, Mrs A. Yusuf and Mr A. O. Olaleye.

Unilorite shines at French contest

... Jawondo, Dongmo hail feat

By Abubakar Imam

A 300 Level student of the Department of French, University of Ilorin, Miss Damaris Olorunsogo, has emerged as the winner of the just concluded TV French Debate. She was also awarded a cash prize of ₦1,000,000 and a commemorative plaque.

The competition brought together outstanding French students of the University of Ilorin, the University of Lagos, the Lagos State University, University of Ibadan, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), as well as participants from the Nigeria French Language Village, Badagry.

Reacting to the development, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, congratulated Miss Olorunsogo for making herself and the University proud.

Prof. Jawondo similarly commended the Head of the Department of French, University of Ilorin, and staff and students of the Department for producing a regional champion in French proficiency for the University.

He added that Miss Olorunsogo, who is currently undertaking her compulsory one-year language immersion programme at the Nigeria French Language Village, Badagry, has by the victory placed the Department, the Faculty and the entire University in the front burner.

Also speaking, the Head of the Department of French, Dr Adelaide Dongmo, said that the remarkable performance of Miss Olorunsogo is a reflection of her hard work.

Dr Dongmo added that the performance of Miss Olorunsogo is a clear attestation to the quality of academic training and mentorship provided by the Department of French and the University of Ilorin, which continues to produce graduates that are capable of competing and excelling on national and international

platforms.

While describing her achievement as a source of pride and inspiration to the entire University community, Dr Dongmo congratulated Miss Olorunsogo on the outstanding feat and wished her greater success in her academic and professional journey.



UNILORIN to strengthen ties with Lithuanian varsity

By Abubakar Imam

As part of efforts targeted at expanding opportunities for research collaboration, staff and student mobility, and postgraduate education, the University of Ilorin has reiterated its desire to tighten its relationship with Mykolas Romeris University (MRU), Vilnius, Lithuania.

This was disclosed by the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, during an official visit to MRU.

The engagement, which ran from penultimate Sunday (July 19, 2026 to Saturday, July 25, 2026, was hosted by MRU's International Office and brought together senior university administrators, researchers, innovation experts, and international relations officers, including the Director of the Directorate of Projects and International Relations, Aleksander Moisiu University, Durrës, Albania, Ms. Dorinela Çupi, to explore new frontiers of collaboration among the partner institutions.

In her presentation, Prof. Abdulbaqi, who is also a former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, showcased the rich history and achievements of the University. She highlighted its strategic location, numerous Faculties, institutes and centres, diverse undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, and its reputation for academic excellence, research productivity, and uninterrupted academic calendar.

Prof. Abdulbaqi, who is also a Council Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), also presented the academic profile of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, outlining its structure, Departments, and programmes, including the Faculty's Cyber Security programme and its growing emphasis on digital transformation, innovation, and interdisciplinary education.

The presentation generated considerable interest and provided the platform for discussions on expanding collaboration in several strategic areas, including Library and Information Science, Digital Media Design, Digital Communication Marketing, Public Relations, Gender Studies, Cyber Security, joint research, peer-reviewed publications, staff and student exchange, doctoral supervision, Cotutelle (joint



doctoral supervision), and double-degree or dual-certification programmes.

During the discussions, Prof. Abdulbaqi acknowledged the long-standing relationship between the University of Ilorin and Mykolas Romeris University, noting that both institutions already have a Memorandum of Understanding and a history of successful staff and student exchanges. She stressed the need to strengthen the implementation of the existing partnership by developing more structured collaborative activities and expanding opportunities for academic engagement.

One of the highlights of the meeting was Prof. Abdulbaqi's intervention on gender inclusion. While recognising global efforts aimed at empowering the girl-child, she advocated a more inclusive approach that promotes the empowerment of both boys and girls. She noted that sustainable development is best achieved when opportunities are equitably extended to all genders.

Her submission stimulated robust discussions among participants, who acknowledged the importance of adopting balanced and inclusive gender development strategies.

The meeting further explored opportunities for the University of Ilorin to participate in MRU's Doctoral Internship Programme under the Erasmus+ International Student Mobility Scheme, as well as the adoption of Cotutelle arrangements for joint doctoral supervision with clearly defined regulations acceptable to both institutions.

In addition, Prof. Abdulbaqi assured that the University of Ilorin would consider participation in the annual "Women in Science Conference" usually hosted by Mykolas Romeris University every June. She noted that the conference provides an excellent platform for

showcasing research, strengthening international academic networks, and promoting collaborative research initiatives.

Beyond the formal discussions, Prof. Abdulbaqi, along with other participants, toured MRU's modern academic facilities and the Social Innovations Hub, where they were introduced to the University's research ecosystem, innovation initiatives, and interdisciplinary collaborations.

Reaffirming the strength of the partnership between the two institutions, the MRU's Erasmus+ Coordinator, Mrs Audra Dargytė Butokienė, expressed the University's appreciation for its collaboration with the University of Ilorin.

She said, "We highly value our collaboration with the University of Ilorin and are glad to see the ongoing academic exchanges of Professors and doctoral students with various Faculties of both universities. Such activities would lead to promising joint scientific research and impactful outputs."

She added that MRU looks forward to deepening the cooperation that exist between the two universities.

The visit reaffirmed the commitment of the University of Ilorin to building strategic international partnerships that enhance teaching, research, innovation, and global visibility. It is expected that the discussions will lead to expanded collaboration in academic exchange, postgraduate education, research, innovation, and capacity building between the two institutions.

The engagement represented another milestone in the University's drive to strengthen its global presence and provide wider international opportunities for its staff and students.

UNILORIN produces three new silks

By Abubakar Imam

In another remarkable exemplification of its better by far status, the University of Ilorin has again produced three new Senior Advocates of Nigeria (SAN). They are Mr Adebisi Emmanuel Adeniyi, Mr Adebayo Folorunsho Ologe and Mr Akorede Habeeb Lawal.

While Mr Adeniyi and Mr Ologe graduated in 2002 and 2003, respectively, Mr Lawal finished from the University in 2009.

The elevation of the trio was announced along with those of 66 others by the Secretary of the Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee (LPPC), Mr Abdulkabir Akanbi, in a statement issued in Abuja last Thursday (July 23, 2026).

Mr Akanbi, who is also the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, explained that the three gentlemen were among the several legal practitioners and academics who applied and were shortlisted for elevation to the prestigious rank that is reserved for legal luminaries who are truly outstanding in Nigeria.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described the elevation of the three ex-Unilorites as a welcome development.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the management, staff and students of the University were delighted that the three gentlemen were found to be worthy of the prestigious rank.



■ Mr Lawal

He explained that the three gentlemen are a worthy addition to the growing list of Senior Advocates of Nigeria produced by the University, particularly in the course of his tenure as the Chief Executive of the University.

Also reacting, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Bashir Omipidan, said that the elevation of the trio is a plus to the Faculty and the University at large.

Prof. Omipidan, who is also the National President of the UNILORIN Law Alumni Association, added that he felt honoured and proud that the Faculty has added three new silks to its fascinating records within the first year of his tenure.

The Dean congratulated the honourees as he also rejoiced with the staff of the Faculty, including the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, on the new feat.

While assuring the Vice Chancellor and other stakeholders of the determination of the Faculty to



■ Mr Ologe

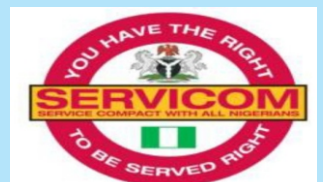


■ Mr Adeniyi

always make the University and the nation proud through production of outstanding legal luminaries, Prof. Omipidan, who is also the first alumnus of the Faculty to become a Professor and Dean of the same Faculty encouraged other alumni and current students of the Faculty to continue to work harder for them to deserve elevation in their careers as well.

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Don advocates stronger social support, career planning to ease retirement anxiety

By Bashirat Omotosho
and Bashir Dawodu

A lecturer at the Department of Psychology, University of Ilorin, Dr Dare Azeez Fagbenro, has highlighted the importance of strong social support networks and effective career transition planning in reducing pre-retirement anxiety.

The don made the call last Wednesday (July 22, 2026) while speaking with *UNILORIN BULLETIN* on his research work, titled 'Can Social Support and Career Transition Ameliorate Pre-Retirement Anxiety Among University Staff?'. He recommended deliberate institutional interventions to prepare employees for life after active service.

The study, which he conducted among 181 academic and non-teaching staff members, examined the influence of social support and career transition on workers' anxiety as they approach retirement.

Dr Fagbenro opined that employees who received greater support from significant others and friends were less likely to experience anxiety about retirement.

He noted that workers who were better prepared for career transition demonstrated lower levels of pre-retirement anxiety.

According to the don, retirement remains one of the most significant life



■ Dr Fagbenro

transitions for employees, often accompanied by uncertainty over finances, changing social roles and adjustments to a new lifestyle.

He suggested that a supportive social environment and adequate retirement preparation can substantially reduce these concerns and promote healthier psychological adjustment.

Dr Fagbenro urged government, university management and industrial and organisational psychologists to collaborate in developing comprehensive retirement support programmes. Such initiatives, he noted, should include pre-retirement counselling, career transition workshops, lifestyle planning and mentoring programmes that equip staff with the knowledge and confidence needed for a

successful transition into retirement.

He recommended the establishment of peer support groups within universities, allowing staff approaching retirement to share experiences, learn practical coping strategies and provide emotional encouragement to one another. Informal social networks, including hobby clubs and alumni associations, were also identified as valuable platforms for sustaining friendships and social engagement after retirement.

In addition, the don advocated phased retirement arrangements that would enable staff members to gradually reduce their teaching and administrative responsibilities rather than making an abrupt exit from active service.

Dr Fagbenro believed that such arrangements could ease the emotional and psychological challenges associated with retirement while helping institutions retain the expertise of experienced personnel.

He maintained that workers who plan adequately for retirement and enjoy meaningful social support are better positioned to navigate the transition from employment to retirement with confidence.

He concluded that investing in structured social support systems and career transition programmes would not only improve the wellbeing of university employees but also foster a more positive and productive retirement experience.

Ibrahim charges Unilorin Staff on productivity

By Idris Alooma

A Deputy Registrar at the University of Ilorin, Mrs Azeezat Q. Ibrahim, has urged non-teaching staff of the University to embrace performance management, adaptability and effective time management to drive institutional excellence.

The Deputy Registrar (Vice Chancellor's Office) gave the charge last Tuesday (July 21, 2026) while delivering a paper at a training session organised by Unilorin Holdings at the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation, Ilorin.

The Deputy Registrar said universities now operate in a competitive environment shaped by digital transformation, AI and rising stakeholder expectations.

She described performance management as a tool for enabling excellence, not policing staff. "It is about



■ Mrs Ibrahim

creating a culture where every staff member understands their role and seeks better ways of serving students," she stated, adding that poor performance shows up as delayed records and missed deadlines, and

recommended training and process improvement as solutions.

On change management, Mrs Ibrahim noted that technology, reforms and new workplace practices are changing universities fast.

Speaking on productivity, Mrs. Ibrahim urged staff to plan, prioritise and avoid time wasters like poor planning and excessive meetings.

She said effective time and task management will lead to faster service delivery, less stress and a better institutional image.

In her closing remarks, Mrs Ibrahim called for continuous learning and smarter ways of working. "Our University can only be as effective as the quality of our daily work. Success comes from doing the right things, at the right time, in the right order," she said.

The workshop is part of effort of the University to align staff performance with strategic goals.



Adult Education Dept. holds 2026 Cultural Day

By Abubakar Imam

The Department of Adult and Primary Education, University of Ilorin, last Thursday (July 23, 2026) held this year's edition of its annual Cultural Day.

The event, according to the organisers, was held as part of the practical component of Primary Education Studies(PES) 406, entitled "Nigeria as a Corporate Entity", which is a final year course for students of the Department.

Speaking at the event, an

Associate Professor at the Department, Dr Eniola Ola-Alani, said that the course is designed to expose students to Nigeria's rich cultural heritage while providing them with the opportunity to demonstrate their talents through practical presentations.

Dr Ola-Alani, who is a Fellow of the Early Childhood Association of Nigeria (ECAN) and former Head of the Department, said that the practical session has become an integral part of the course as it enables learners to translate classroom knowledge into meaningful cultural experiences

A major highlight of the event was

the showcase of the cultural traditions of the nation's three major ethnic groups, which is targeted at promoting national unity, cultural appreciation, and mutual understanding among the students.

The event was attended by several dignitaries including the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. O. L. Olaitan; the Head of the Department, Prof. O. O. Okoji, as well as lecturers such as Dr A. O. Olawuni, Dr R. Abdulwahab, Dr S. T. Kayode and Dr A. O. Sholagberu, among others.



Prof. Onimisi Abdullahi Passes On

By Mubarak Oladosu

The death has been announced of Prof. Onimisi Ekuh Abdullahi, retired Professor of Educational Psychology in the Department of Social Science Education, University of Ilorin. He died in Abuja last Wednesday (July 22, 2026).

The announcement was made by the Head of the Department of Social Science Education, Prof. Muhinat B. Bello, in an internal memo issued to members of the University Community last Friday (July 24, 2026).

Titled "Announcement of the Passing of Professor Onimisi Ekuh Abdullahi," the memo read in part: "It is with deep sorrow that I announce the passing of our beloved former colleague and elder, Professor Onimisi Ekuh Abdullahi, formerly of the Department of Social Sciences Education. He retired from the University on 25th December, 2024.

"Professor Abdullahi was buried last Thursday (July 23, 2026), in his hometown, Okene, in accordance with Islamic rites.

"He was an academic par excellence, a devoted Islamic scholar, and a man of faith. He served this university with distinction as a member of the University Congregation for many years. In every position he held, he made a lasting impact through his dedication and excellence.

"Above all, he was a true advocate of welfare, a father and mentor who always looked out for



■ Late Prof. Abdullahi

everyone around him. His absence leaves a void that will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

"We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and the entire university community. May Allah grant him Al-Jannah Firdaus."

Prof. Abdullahi was a former Head of the then Department of Arts and Social Science Education at the University of Ilorin. He also served as Director of the University of Ilorin School of Preliminary Studies, SPS, at Fufu, Ilorin.

His academic career spanned more than three decades at the University of Ilorin, during which he established himself as an authority in Educational Psychology. He published extensively on student academic achievement, counselling, examination ethics, and guidance psychology.

Beyond Unilorin, Prof. Abdullahi also served as Provost of the

Federal College of Education, Okene.

Leading tributes to the late scholar is the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN. In a statement issued on his behalf by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, the Vice-Chancellor described Prof. Abdullahi as "a man of consequential impact on minds, who mentored many into academic greatness."

The Vice Chancellor also acknowledged Prof. Abdullahi's indelible contributions to making the University student-friendly through his expertise in Educational Psychology.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* Prof. Muhinat B. Bello described the late Professor as "a good man who looked after the interests of everyone, promoted colleagues, and offered support and words of encouragement to the weak and sick."

In her tribute, the immediate past Head of the Department of Social Science Education, Prof. Hamdalat Taiwo Yusuf, described Prof. Abdullahi as "a true Professor of Educational Psychology whose impact was felt within and beyond the classroom."

The late don, widely recognised for promoting academic standards, administrative discipline, and student mentorship, was also mourned by the immediate past Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Yahaya Adeiza Bello, who described his death as "a monumental loss."

Open Ph.D. Theses Defence

S/NO	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1	ADENIGBAGBE, Aderonke Ayo	Life Sciences/Microbiology	Production of Single Cell Proteins from Cassava Peel and their Nutritional Quality and Safety in Broilers	Tuesday 28 th July, 2026/10:00 a.m	Faculty of Life Sciences Committee Room.
2	ENIOLA, Ayodele Omotayo	Life Sciences/Microbiology	Assessment of Rhizospheric Microorganisms of Pearl Millet (<i>pennisetum glaucum</i>) as Biofertiliser and Biocontrol Agents	Friday 31 st July, 2026/10:00a.m	Faculty of Life Sciences Committee Room

Students commend UNILORIN Mgt on seamless examinations, offer suggestions for improvement

By **Abubakar Abdulquadri**
and **Bashir Dawodu**

Students of the University of Ilorin have commended the management of the University on its sustained efforts in ensuring the smooth and successful conduct of the ongoing Rain Semester examinations.

The commendation was made last Tuesday (July 21, 2026) by a cross-section of students that spoke with *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

The students described the examinations as orderly, transparent, and free of examination malpractices.

They attributed the success to the effective measures put in place by the University management to uphold the integrity of the examination process.

One of the students, Muritala Muhammad Olamide, identified his final-year project as one of the most demanding aspects of his academic journey. He, however, expressed gratitude to Almighty Allah for helping him overcome the challenge with the support of his project supervisor and other well-wishers.

Also speaking, Miss Abanikanda Aminat Arike of the Department of Arts Education commended the University management for providing a befitting structure at the new School Park.

She, however, appealed to the management to introduce a uniform transport fare for both the University buses and commercial operators to eliminate disagreements between drivers and students.

She also appreciated her parents for their immense financial and moral support throughout her academic programme despite the huge financial demands of her course of study.

Another graduating student of the Department of Library and Information Science, Mr Abdulfatai Abdulqadri, also commended the University management for the effective arrangement and coordination of the ongoing examinations, noting that the measures put in place had helped to ensure a malpractice-free examination process.

He urged all invigilators to continue conducting thorough searches of students with fairness, integrity, and without compromise, stressing the importance of maintaining the high standards of the University's examination process.

Mr Abdulqadri expressed optimism that he and his colleagues



■ **Mr Muritala**



■ **Miss Abanikanda**

would graduate with excellent results following the successful completion of their examinations. He also appreciated the lecturers in the Department for their dedication to grooming students into competent and responsible graduates.

Some other students, who spoke on condition of anonymity, appealed to personnel at the University Health Services to remain patient and courteous while attending to students.

They noted that some medical conditions require careful assessment before medication is prescribed, stressing that such an approach would enhance healthcare delivery and ensure accurate diagnosis and treatment.

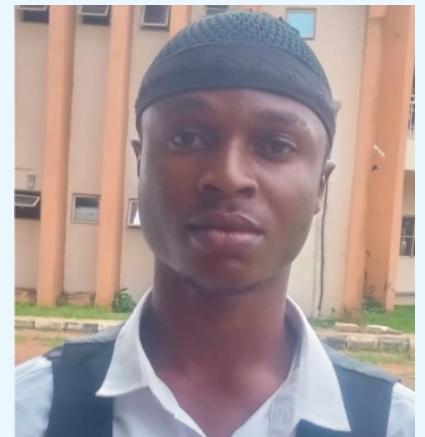
On hostel accommodation, the students urged porters in the various halls of residence to promptly forward genuine complaints from students to the appropriate University authorities for timely intervention.

They also appealed to lecturers to adhere strictly to approved lecture timetables and avoid last-minute changes in scheduled classes.

According to them, frequent alterations disrupt students' study plans, reduce concentration, and sometimes cause



■ **Miss Oluwashola**



■ **Mr Abdulqadri**

them to miss lectures or impromptu tests.

They added that whenever lectures would not hold, students should be informed in advance, especially in view of the prevailing economic challenges that have made transportation increasingly expensive.

Similarly, a 100-Level student of the Department of Library and Information Science, Bello Nasirat Oluwashola, praised the lecturers for their commitment to academic excellence and moral development, describing them as dedicated mentors who are producing worthy ambassadors of the University.

She also appealed to the University management to improve sporting activities on campus, lamenting the inadequate participation of female students in recent University league competitions, particularly in football, volleyball, basketball, and table tennis.

According to her, increased participation in sports would provide students with opportunities to showcase their talents, improve their physical fitness, and represent the University in inter-university competitions.

Akogun hails Yahaya's doctoral feat

By Muizdeen Adewole

The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, has commended a former Head of the Islamic Religion Unit of UNILORIN 89.3FM, Dr Shaykh Ahmad Yahaya, on the successful completion of his doctoral degree programme.

Mr Akogun, who gave this commendation last Thursday (July 23, 2026), described Dr Yahaya's achievement as a testament to dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence.

"Dr. Yahaya's feat is both inspiring and deserving of celebration," Akogun said. "It reflects the kind of intellectual growth we encourage within and beyond the university community. We are proud of him."

The Director noted that Yahaya's background in the Directorate and his continued scholarship in the Department of Religions position him to contribute meaningfully to scholarship, interfaith dialogue, and service to society.

He urged other staff of the Directorate to emulate the ex-broadcaster's commitment to self-development and lifelong learning.

Other products of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, who are now making waves in the academic cadre are Dr Abdulgafar Arikewuyo and Dr Fatimoh Iyabo Abubakre, both of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin.

Dr Yahaya had last Wednesday



■ Dr Yahaya

(July 22, 2026) defended his doctoral research work, titled, "Principles of Islamic Economics in AL-IQTISADU'L 'ISLAMĪ OF AT-TURKĪ as panacea to the economic crisis in Nigeria".

In the work, Dr Yahaya suggested the adoption of principles of Islamic Economics as solutions to Nigeria's economic crisis. He argued that Nigeria's economic recovery cannot rest on conventional models alone. He proposed a shift toward ethical governance and value-driven policies grounded in Islamic finance and social justice.

Dr Yahaya called for massive investment in human capital through education, health, and skills development, stressing that a productive population is the bedrock of any resilient economy. He also emphasized the need to strengthen ethical leadership, noting that institutional trust cannot thrive without integrity.

He equally advocated economic diversification into agriculture, manufacturing, and technology as he recommended the promotion of Islamic financial instruments such as sukuk, mudarabah, and takaful to broaden access to ethical funding and deepen financial inclusion.

On governance, Dr. Yahaya urged the fight against corruption through reforms that guarantee transparency and accountability. He added that policy should encourage productive investment over rent-seeking, and that government should integrate relevant Islamic economic principles into public policy irrespective of religion, with focus on equity, wealth circulation, and welfare as universal values.

The defense drew dignitaries from both academic and professional circles including a former Head of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abubakr Imam Ali-Agan; a Senior Lecturer and Postgraduate Coordinator, Department of Religions, Kwara State University, Dr Ali Miqdad Ali; a lecturer at the College of Arabic and Islamic Legal Studies, Dr. Ibrahim Hanafi Ayara; the Registrar of the Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin,

Engr. Musa Mustapha Kamaldeen; a lecturer at the Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Mr Raheem Yahya; and the National Missioner Ansarul-Islam Society of Nigeria, Shaykh Abdulmumin Hanafi Yusuf Ayara Al-Adabiyy, among others.

Adelu hails UNILORIN examinations process

By Mustafa Abubakar

The outgoing President of the University of Ilorin Student Union, Mr Idris Oluwaseun Adelu, has commended the management of the University for the remarkable improvement recorded in the conduct of the 2025/2026 Rain Semester examinations, describing the exercise as seamless, well-coordinated and more student-friendly.

Speaking with UNILORIN Bulletin last Tuesday (July 7, 2026) after monitoring the examination process, Mr Adelu said the Computer-Based Test (CBT) system has undergone a significant transformation compared to previous sessions, with better organisation, improved scheduling and reduced congestion at the University's CBT Centre.

According to him, unlike in previous years when the CBT Centre was often overcrowded during General Studies (GST) and other large-enrolment examinations, the University has introduced a more structured timetable that allocates different examination schedules to Faculties, making the process smoother and more efficient.

He noted that the new arrangement has enabled students to access

.... commends improved CBT system



■ Mr Adelu

the CBT Centre with ease, while examination officials have effectively managed the exercise, resulting in a hitch-free examination process.

The student leader praised the University for what he described as a "powerful transformation" in the administration of examinations, adding that the improvements have enhanced the overall experience for students.

While appreciating the efforts of the University management and staff of the CBT Centre, he urged them to sustain the

momentum, stressing that although the system has improved significantly, it can become even better in future examination sessions.

On the conduct of written examinations, Mr Adelu said the long-standing examination regulations of the University, particularly the requirement for students to arrive at examination venues at least 30 minutes before commencement, have continued to ensure orderly and coordinated examinations processes.

He observed that students have largely complied with the guidelines by arriving early at examination venues, thereby facilitating proper seating arrangements and smooth commencement of examinations.

He also commended examination officials, lecturers and students for their commitment to maintaining discipline and adhering to examination regulations.

Mr Adelu expressed optimism that the remaining examinations would continue peacefully and successfully, while encouraging all stakeholders to sustain the high standards already recorded during the ongoing examination exercise.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 16TH TO 23RD July 2026

RECEIPTS:		
Academic Transcript		16,700.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges		279,161.25
Sundry Other Incomes		101,423,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening		395,000.00
Staff I.D Cards		5,000.00
Capitation NHIS		2,976,850.00
Contractors' Registration Fees		1,000.00
Administrative Charges Income		24,000.00
CCSD Acceptance Fee		40,200.00
CODL-Form Processing Charges		25,200.00
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance		6,500,000.00
Refund		24,500.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment		609,900.00
Undergraduate Post UTME		911,800.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation		200
Undergraduate Convocation Charges		101,000.00
Postgraduate School Charges		23,651,535.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment		90,000.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Payment		40,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges		726,200.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form		100,800.00
Institute of Education School Charges		1,416,469.80
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment		706,400.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation		40,400.00
Institute of Education School Charges		1,416,469.80
Institute of Education Application Form		156,800.00
JUPEB School Charges		661,200.00
Total Receipt for the Period		₦140,923,516.05
PAYMENTS		
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:		
Utas Associates Ltd Consultancy Services (CBNTETFUND)		646,184.12
Phase Associates Ltd Consultancy Services (CBNTETFUND)		657,257.48
Interbiz Deep Concept Ltd Consultancy Services (CBNTETFUND)		1,149,023.23
Smarthub Essentials Repair of Electrical		3,404,471.51
100 Sight General Service Ltd Renovation of Buildings at new College of Health Sciences		16,199,826.29
Haitrix Innovator Services Ltd Rehabilitation and Renovation of Laboratories and Offices (CBNTETFUND)		115,871,399.39
Meem Solar Solutions Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,028,117.50
Funbas Engineering Nig Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,564,374.00
Zaamb Integrated Services Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		707,625.00
Rabfak Autofarm Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,224,000.00
Clean Consults Integrated Services Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,419,075.00
Khajjims Heritage Services Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		847,875.00
Gatasuak Nigeria Enterprises Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,283,670.00
Mukbanah Greenlands Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,392,937.50
All-B Consult Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,569,848.00
Blessing Fumigation and Pest Control Venture Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,505,180.00
Al-Haqq Model Multir-Investment Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,514,062.50
Humaj Tafida Enterprises Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,308,957.50
Badaj Steel Structures Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,319,455.00
Bofat Consult Nig Enterprise Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,371,135.00
Oyatoahmed Ventures Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,514,062.50
Rajab and Amid Nig Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,392,937.50
Okin-Gold Ventures Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,296,114.00
Dabb Contractors and Allied Ventures Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,014,730.00
Zaahfat Investment Services Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,269,492.00
Maafal Associates Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,339,812.50
Pagers World Global Construction Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,140,190.00
Wazlat Global Services Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,226,176.00
AL-Ameen Integrated Company Limited Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		879,112.50
Hajar Nigeria Limited Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,014,220.00
Benfason Integrated Company Limited Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		938,910.00
Yasbam Royal Global Consults Maintenance of University Lawn & Ground		1,167,526.00
Zebert Global Ltd Supply of Bookshelves and File Cabinet		5,027,452.44
Ibadan Electricity Distr Coy Challenge Electricity bill june 2026		127,140,905.10
Charlotte Projects Concepts Limited Construction and Furnishing Of Block of Classroom CBNTETFUND		5,341,260.55
Guardian Newspapers Advertisement		912,000.00
Joel Ikubani Majasan Maintenance of Lawn & Ground		10,161,569.56
Ibadan Electricity Distr Coy Baboko Electricity bill		435,601.59
OTHER PAYMENTS:		
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c		74,569,549.53
Purchase Advance Various		9,176,819.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel		13,986,833.40
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services		5,093,550.00
Staff Training Research Grant (CBNTETFUND)		6,306,914.00
Student Loan Outstanding NLFUND Loan		3,282,162.00
Total TSA Charges Various		75,909.50
Total payment for the period		₦431,688,283.69

Signed
Abiodun Lawal FCNA
Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	ADEKILEKUN MUBARAK TIJANI	BUSINESS LAW	26-Jul
2	OHRO MICHAEL	SECURITY DIVISION	26-Jul
3	OLABIMITAN AYOMIDE VICTORIA	LIBRARY	26-Jul
4	BELLO NUSRIAT OLATUNDUN	CLINICAL PHARMACY & PHARMACY PRACTICE	27-Jul
5	SANNI AHUOIZA MUNIRAT	INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT	27-Jul
6	AFOLABI OLATUNJI SOLOMON	PRIVATE & PROPERTY LAW	27-Jul
7	ADELOWOKAN JULIANA OLUFUNSO	REGISTRY	27-Jul
8	ADEBAYO FATIMA TITILAYO	REGISTRY	27-Jul
9	ISSA HARUNA AYOTUNDE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	27-Jul
10	MUHAMMED JIMOH KAMALDEEN	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	27-Jul
11	TOLORUNLEKE SAMUEL OMOSEYINDE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	27-Jul
12	AJAYI JUSTINA IBUKUN	REGISTRY	27-Jul
13	ABDUL ISH'AQ FUNSHO	OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY	27-Jul
14	KOMOLAFE MARY AYO	REGISTRY	27-Jul
15	TIAMIYU KABIR OLASUNKANMI	REGISTRY	27-Jul
16	ABERI OLAIDE MARIAM	REGISTRY	27-Jul
17	YUSUFF NURUDEEN OMOTAYO	TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCE	27-Jul
18	ABDULLAHI ABDULLAHI CHINDO	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	27-Jul
19	ELESHO RASHIDAT FOLASHADE	PHARMACEUTICS & INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY	28-Jul
20	ABDULKADIR TAOFEEQ SHOLAGBERU	WATER RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING	28-Jul
21	ABEGUNDE RAPHAEL SEGUN	REGISTRY	28-Jul
22	ODEH LEMUEL EKEDEGWA	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	28-Jul
23	DUROJAIYE VICTORIA	REGISTRY	28-Jul
24	ABDUSSALAM AHMAD SHEHU	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	28-Jul
25	NDOM ROY JACOB ENYIA	BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE	28-Jul
26	GEORGE IFEOLUWAPO TEMIDAYO	REGISTRY	28-Jul
27	EBIRERI OMOVIGHO RANI	ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION	28-Jul
28	SA'ADU JIMOH KOLAWOLE	REGISTRY	28-Jul
29	LAWAL-RILWAN RODIAT YETUNDE	FINANCE	28-Jul
30	IFABIYI IFATOKUN PAUL	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	29-Jul
31	ANIMASHAUN KEHINDE SETH	REGISTRY	29-Jul
32	UTHMAN MUHAMMED MUBASHIR B.	EPIDEMIOLOGY & COMMUNITY HEALTH	29-Jul
33	GIWA RILWAN LAWAL	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	29-Jul
34	AMOO ABDULQUADRI OLADIMEJI	SURVEYING & GEO-INFORMATICS	29-Jul
35	ABDULLATEEF ZAINAB TEMITOPE	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	29-Jul
36	ADEKOYA JULIET ADEBISI	REGISTRY	30-Jul
37	BALOGUN MUDASHIR	REGISTRY	30-Jul
38	ABDULLAHI SA'AD TOYIN	PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY	30-Jul
39	IYANDA ABUBAKAR ELEWURE	REGISTRY	30-Jul
40	OLORUNOJE FALILAT FUNMI	ZOOLOGY	30-Jul
41	ADEYEMI OLALERE	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	31-Jul
42	GBADEBO CHRISTIANA TENIOLA	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	31-Jul
43	MUSA HUSAIN MUHAMMAD-BASHIR	ARABIC	31-Jul
44	AREMU NAFISAT	REGISTRY	31-Jul
45	OJEKALU SAMSON OLUSEUN	ESTATE MANAGEMENT	31-Jul
46	OLATUNBOSUN JOSIAH IYIOLA	UNILORIN SUGAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE	01-Aug
47	SARAJI RABIU OLUWATOYIN	SECURITY DIVISION	01-Aug
48	OLADOSU KAMALDEEN KOREDE	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	01-Aug
49	JIMOH IDRIS	REGISTRY	01-Aug
50	ELETTA ADEOLA OLUWABUNMI	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	01-Aug
51	AHMEED ABIODUN	REGISTRY	01-Aug
52	ABDULYEKEEN ABDULAZEEZ OLA	SURVEYING & GEO-INFORMATICS	01-Aug
53	OGUNLEYE REMILEKUN RUTH	REGISTRY	01-Aug
54	DAIBU ABDULKADIR KOLAPO	REGISTRY	01-Aug
55	ISIAKA OLAREWAJU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	01-Aug



- ◆ The management of the University of Ilorin has reaffirmed its commitment to prioritising the welfare of its students, describing them as the primary reason for the institution's existence.
 ("UNILORIN restates commitment to students' welfare", <https://thegraphicnews.ng>"; "UNILORIN Restates Commitment to Students' Welfare", <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>; "UNILORIN says students' welfare remains top priority", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "UNILORIN Reiterates Prioritising Students' Welfare", <https://newtelegraphng.cim>; "Accommodation concerns: 'Unilorin restates commitment to excellent students' welfare'", <https://vanguardngr.com>; "UNILORIN restates commitment to excellent students' welfare", <https://democracynewsonline.com>; "UNILORIN restates commitment to excellent students' welfare", <https://fellowpress.com>; "UNILORIN clarifies review of hostel fees, reassures on students' welfare", <https://dailyembassage.com>; "UNILORIN Restates Commitment to Excellent Students' Welfare", <https://timesnigeria>; "UNILORIN assures students of protection from excessive hostel charges", <https://punching.com>; "Unilorin Pledges :More Commitment to Students' Welfare", <https://thisdaylive.com>; "UNILORIN Reiterates Commitment to Excellent Students' Welfare", <https://theproximaneews.blogspot.com>; "Hike in private hostel accommodation charges: UNILORIN, students reach truce", *The Nation*, Monday, July 20, 2026, p. 35; "UNILORIN restates commitment to excellent students' welfare", *The Herald*, Sunday, July 19, 2026, p.2)
- ◆ In an exclusive interview with *The PUNCH HealthWise*, a Professor of Paediatrics at the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olugbenga Mokuolu, said it has become imperative to warn parents against the practice because of its potentially harmful consequences.
 ("Don't give children under five adult medicines, Paediatricians tells parents", *The Punch*, Tuesday, July 21, 2026, P.14)
- ◆ An Alumnus of the University of Ilorin and an indigene of Kaduna State, Nehemiah Danjuma, who was recently called to the bar, has been applauded by academicians, senior lawyers and disability advocates for the exploit of a hearing-impaired law graduate.
 ("Lecturers, Lawyers Hail Deaf Law Graduate Danjuma For Academic Exploits" <https://leadership.ng>)
- ◆ The Head of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Prof. Akiti Glory Alamu, has called for the separation of religion from governance, urging political leaders and religious stakeholders to embrace enlightenment, tolerance and interfaith cooperation as pathways to national development.
 ("UNILORIN don urges separation of religion from governance, calls for stronger interfaith harmony", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "Religion should be kept out of Governance, UNILORIN Processor tells Nigerian leaders", <https://thegraphicnews.ng>; "Don calls for religion enlightenment tolerance for a peaceful nation", <https://decencyhome.ng>; "UNILORIN Don Advocates Religious Enlightenment, Interfaith Harmony Depolitisation of Religions", <https://www.facebook.com>; "UNILORIN don urges Nigeria to keep religion out of governance", fellowpress.com; "Religion should be kept out of politics, public institutions –UNILORIN Prof.", dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com; "Unilorin don calls for religion enlightenment for a peaceful nation", decency.home.blog; UNILORIN Don Urges Separation of Religion from Governance", thereflection.com.ng; UNILORIN Don Urges Separation of Religion from Governance", newtelegraphng.com)
- ◆ The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, has declared that continuous staff development is essential to institutional growth, noting that organisations that neglect training inevitably stagnate.
 ("Alfanla urges Unilorin staff to uphold institution's values, apply workshop lessons", <https://share.google/oHFru2AjdtsR/uGAB>)

I had a wonderful tenure-Alabi

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The outgoing Provost thanked the alumni of the College for giving back vigorously to their alma mater. He was particularly grateful to the alumni of the College practising in North America for the donation of solar power at the Old College, the 1991 MBBS Class for a water project at the Old College Hostels and several other meaningful interventions shouldered by its alumni individually or collectively.

Notwithstanding the

considerable progress recorded, Prof. Alabi enumerated some of the challenges facing the College, which includes pending induction of 44 MBBS graduands, management of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) admission quota issues, insufficient academic and technical staff across the three Faculties, lack of utility vehicles for students, the loss of IMRAT complex to the Kwara State Government and low attendance at University wide and College meetings by its staff members.

Responding, some of the staff members of the College took turn to commend Prof. Alabi for taking the College to a new height in service delivery and national recognition.

While expressing confidence in the ability of the Provost-elect to continue with the fascinating legacies of Prof. Alabi, they wished the outgoing Provost success in all his future endeavours.

I had a wonderful tenure, says Alabi, outgoing CoHS Provost

By Abubakar Imam

The outgoing Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, has said that he had a great tenure as the Head of the College and Chairman of Committee of Provost and Deans of the University.

Prof. Alabi, who is the 6th substantive Provost of the College and whose tenure comes to an end this Friday, July 31, 2026, made this remarks last Tuesday (July 21, 2026) in the valedictory address he delivered at the College Academic Board (CAB) Meeting.

The outgoing Provost thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for the confidence reposed in him and for the unwavering support extended to the College throughout his tenure as he thanked every member of staff of the College for their cooperation, commitment, and dedication.

Prof. Alabi recalled that one of the major highlights of his tenure was the impressive staff development it witnessed. He explained that the promotion exercises conducted in 2023, 2024 and 2025 recorded over 90% success, which culminated in a 100% success rate in the 2026 edition of the exercise.

He also recalled that his administration embraced electronic communication, in line with the directive of the Vice Chancellor. The initiative, according to Prof. Alabi, significantly improved communication, efficiency, and administrative effectiveness within the College.

The outgoing Provost also said that Infrastructural development received remarkable attention during his administration through the tremendous support of the University Administration. He added that several projects were initiated and completed while a number are currently ongoing.

He also asserted that the Institute of Medical Research and Training (IMRAT) of the University has continued to grow from strength to strength. He noted that the Institute secured a major research grant on Nigeria's health workforce from the Federal Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Clinton Foundation, following a highly competitive selection process.

Another landmark achievement of his tenure, according to Prof. Alabi, was the Federal Government's approval of a ₦4 billion intervention for the College to support quota expansion and strengthen the training of students in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Nursing. He said that

significant progress has been made on these projects, which have recorded various percentages of completion.

Prof. Alabi also noted that the College also secured approval for the construction of two 200-bed student hostels, valued at approximately ₦750 million each, providing an additional 400 bed spaces for clinical students. In addition, Prof. Alabi said that a private developer has committed to constructing another student hostel at the Old College site.

The outgoing Provost also noted that the University also received an additional ₦4 billion for the construction of a state-of-the-art Simulation Laboratory, and that its implementation would soon commence. He explained that the investment would significantly enhance teaching, learning, and research.



■ Prof. Alabi

Prof. Alabi equally noted that the College successfully secured accreditation for new programmes, including Dentistry, Medical Radiography and Radiation Science. He noted that the Medical Education Resource Unit (MERU) was also strengthened to improve academic quality and educational innovation.

The College, according to Prof. Alabi, also successfully recruited additional academic, technical, and non-teaching staff, including technologists, to strengthen service delivery

and academic excellence.

On a personal note, Prof. Alabi recalled that his tenure also earned him national recognition as he was elected Chairman of the Committee of Provosts of Medical Schools in Nigeria in December 2024, a position which gave him the privilege to provide leadership to medical schools across the country. He added that he was also appointed by the Minister of Education to serve as Chairman of the Ministerial Monitoring Committee on TETFund Projects.

He also said that in the course of his administration the College strengthened its internally generated revenue through the introduction of professional fees for College programmes and verification fees for foreign-trained medical graduates.

One of the remarkable highlights of his tenure, according to the outgoing Provost, was the graduation of the first two sets of Physiotherapists and the graduation of the first set of Medical Laboratory Scientists produced by the University.

Prof. Alabi noted that programmes like Dentistry, Radiography and Radiation science had secured approval while Nursing Science had been granted full accreditation.

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