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By Tajudeen Babamale ... Consortium records major success in research grants – Egbewole

A distinguished Professor of Science and Computer Education and former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Peter Okebukola, OFR, has challenged the Consortium of Universities in Kwara State (KU8+) to position itself as the leading force in the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Nigeria through collaboration, resource sharing and innovative research.

Emeritus Prof. Okebukola, who gave the charge last Friday (August 7, 2026) while delivering the Keynote Address at the Fourth KU8+ Conference, hosted by Summit University, Offa, described the Consortium as a unique initiative with the potential to redefine higher education and accelerate national development.

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Cross section of participants at the Conference last Friday

UNILORIN to honour Oloyede, Ojulari, Oladimeji, 29 others next Monday

By Abubakar Imam

The immediate past Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Emeritus Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, would, next Monday (August 17, 2026), along with the Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Plc, Engr Bayo Ojulari, the proprietor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Chief AbdulRaheem Oladimeji, OFR, and 29 others, be honoured by the University of Ilorin for their various contributions.

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■ Chief Oladimeji



■ Engr Ojulari

Egbewole tasks new Senate Reps, Directors on selfless service

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged. Senate representatives on various Committees and Boards and newly appointed Directors to regard their

appointments as a call to selfless service and an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the growth and development of the University.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Thursday (August 6, 2026) in his remarks at a special meeting of the University Senate.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

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Oloyede urges KU8+ varsities to serve as Kwara's developmental brain box

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Consortium of Universities in Kwara State (KU8+) and immediate past Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Ishaq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, has urged universities in Kwara State to serve as the developmental brain box of the state by providing research-driven solutions to identified developmental challenges.

Prof. Oloyede made the call last Friday (August 7, 2026) in a goodwill message he delivered at the opening ceremony of the Fourth KU8+ Conference, held at Summit University, Offa.

He said that universities should remain apolitical and perform what he described as a "sanitising role" by providing objective advice to governments and helping to shape policies that would foster sustainable development.

Recalling his tenure as Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Oloyede said he once declined an appointment as a Presiding Officer during a national election because he believed universities should remain neutral and be available to mediate whenever political actors disagree.

The renowned academic also challenged the KU8+ universities to harness their collective expertise to transform agriculture, noting that Kwara State hosts several Federal Government institutions with mandates related to the agricultural sector, including the Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute (ARMTI), the Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute (NSPRI), the Lower Niger River Basin Development Authority, the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization (NCAM), the Faculty of Agriculture and the Michael Imoudu National Institute for Labour Studies (MINILS).

Describing agriculture as one of the greatest strengths of Kwara State, Prof. Oloyede urged the KU8+ institutions to collaborate in developing innovative solutions capable of boosting agricultural productivity and economic growth.

Prof. Oloyede also lamented the collapse of notable industries in the state, including the Bacita Sugar Company, the Jebba Paper Mill and the Tobacco Company, challenging universities to deploy research and innovation towards



reviving such industries and reinventing the economy of the state.

He maintained that universities should assist governments in preparing for the future by generating fresh ideas and practical solutions to emerging challenges rather than merely reacting to events.

The former JAMB Registrar commended the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman of KU8+, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for conceiving the idea that birthed the KU8+ Consortium.

He clarified that contrary to claims in some quarters, he did not establish the Consortium, explaining that while the University of Ilorin pioneered earlier collaborative initiatives such as AWAU and U6+ during his tenure as Vice Chancellor, KU8+ was an initiative of Prof. Egbewole's Administration.

Also in his remarks, the Olofa of Offa, Oba Mufutau Gbadamosi Esuwoye II, congratulated the organisers of the Fourth KU8+ Conference, describing the Consortium as a commendable initiative that had already begun to redefine collaboration among universities in Kwara State.

Oba Esuwoye commended the visionaries behind KU8+ for demonstrating that collective efforts yield greater results than individual pursuits, applauding the university leaders for coming together in the interest of educational development. He expressed optimism that the collaboration would soon position Kwara State to produce the

best students in Nigeria through the Consortium's shared programmes and initiatives.

Meanwhile, the second Lead Paper presenter, Emeritus Professor of Science Education, Olugbemiro Jegede, has urged the KU8+ members to deepen collaboration by introducing a credit transfer system that would enable students to move seamlessly among member institutions. He also advocated staff and student exchange programmes, joint degree awards, and collaborative teaching and research initiatives to foster greater academic integration within the Consortium.

The renowned education scholar proposed the establishment of a unified academic ecosystem, including a consortium-wide Learning Management System (LMS), virtual campuses, shared high-performance computing facilities and cloud infrastructure. He said pooling resources would eliminate unnecessary duplication, improve efficiency and expand access to quality teaching, learning and research facilities across member universities.

Prof. Jegede added that the future of higher education lies in academic integrity, technological innovation, evidence-based practices and institutional collaboration. He urged universities to move beyond operating in isolation by linking research, teaching and community engagement to build a resilient and inclusive higher education system capable of driving national development.

Okebukola tasks KU8+ to spearhead AI development in Nigeria

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Speaking on the theme, "Strengthening Higher Education for Inclusivity and Resilience: Bridging Research, Practice and Societal Impact," the renowned education scholar urged the Consortium to build on successful global models while developing a framework that reflects Nigeria's peculiar needs and aspirations.

He called on KU8+ to bring together AI scholars across its member institutions to establish a robust research consortium that would advance the application of Artificial Intelligence in agriculture, healthcare, education, governance, manufacturing and other critical sectors of the economy.

Prof. Okebukola expressed confidence that the Consortium possesses the leadership and intellectual capacity required to realise the vision, noting that its Board of Trustees, Vice-Chancellors and other stakeholders could successfully drive the initiative.

He observed that although challenges were inevitable, they should not discourage the Consortium from pursuing its ambitious agenda, stressing that sustained collaboration would remain the key to its success.

The former NUC boss described the coming together of universities in Kwara State as a remarkable development, noting that no other state in Nigeria has a similar arrangement.

Prof. Okebukola also advised the Consortium to establish a mechanism for monitoring its progress and measuring its impact, as he shared optimism that KU8+, which is already making significant strides in university rankings, would attain even greater heights.

As part of his recommendations, the keynote speaker unveiled a five-year roadmap comprising 20 joint projects centred on the core mandates of universities: teaching, research and community service. The proposed initiatives include the establishment of a KU8+ Shared Postgraduate School, Consortium-wide student credit transfer and exchange programmes, joint faculty and staff exchange schemes, collaborative executive



education programmes, AI research partnerships, shared AI governance, and Consortium-wide AI literacy and capacity-building initiatives.

In a welcome address, the Chairman of KU8+ and Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, disclosed that the Consortium had recorded notable success in attracting research grants through collaborative efforts, attributing the achievement to the dedication of its Research and Grants Team.

The Chairman also identified the rapid growth of the Consortium since its establishment in 2023 as he recalled that KU8+ was founded with the signing of the Ilorin Declaration by eight universities in Kwara State but has since expanded to 13 member institutions, with more universities indicating interest in joining.

While explaining that the Consortium has deliberately linked the resources, systems and operations of member universities to ensure that innovations, best practices and successes recorded by one institution are shared for the benefit of others, the KU8+ Chairman noted that the collaborative framework had enhanced resource sharing, strengthened institutional capacity and created opportunities for universities to learn from one another in areas such as research, academic administration, staff development and innovation.

Prof. Egbewole expressed appreciation to participating universities and stakeholders for their commitment to the vision of the Consortium, saying that their continued support has sustained the growth and relevance of the annual conference.

Also speaking at the Conference, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, advised the Consortium to strengthen the resilience of its member

institutions through sustained investment in digital infrastructure, cybersecurity, institutional leadership, research capacity, financial sustainability and staff development.

Prof. Ali made the call in his lead paper, titled "Strengthening Higher Education for Inclusivity and Resilience: Bridging Research, Practice and Societal Impact".

Represented by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. Bashir Omipidan, the renowned legal luminary also urged the KU8+ universities to commit to solution-driven research, deepen interdisciplinary collaboration, strengthen partnerships with government, industry and communities, and make inclusion a measurable institutional priority.

Prof. Ali stressed the need to mentor the next generation of African scholars and reminded KU8+ members that their true worth lies not in global rankings but in their contribution to humanity.

According to him, universities have always shaped civilisations by preserving knowledge, inspiring innovation and producing leaders, adding that they must now move beyond education to transforming society through impactful research and innovation.

Prof. Ali expressed confidence that strengthening higher education through inclusivity, resilience, collaboration and impactful research would produce stronger universities, stronger nations and a more prosperous Africa.



Oloyede advocates industry-based curriculum

By Isaac Lewu

The Acting Manager of the University of Ilorin Innovation Hub, Dr Muhtahir Oluwaseyi Oloyede, has said that universities needed to integrate industry-based curricula into conventional academic programmes, adding that the approach would equip graduates with practical skills, globally recognised certifications and direct pathways to employment before leaving the University.

Dr Oloyede stated this penultimate Thursday (July 30, 2026) while delivering a lecture, titled "Industry-Based Curriculum for Industry-Ready Graduates" at the 3rd Huawei Education Summit 2026, held in Abuja.

Speaking on the University of Ilorin's collaboration with Huawei, Dr Oloyede said the partnership has become a practical model for producing industry-ready graduates through the integration of professional training into the academic programmes of the University.

The don explained that students should be exposed to globally recognised industry certifications such as Huawei Certified ICT programmes and similar professional qualifications while still pursuing their academic degrees, thereby making them more competitive in the labour market upon graduation.

According to him, industry-based learning should no longer be treated as an optional addition to University education but as an integral component of the curriculum to bridge the gap between classroom knowledge and workplace expectations.

Dr Oloyede, who is also a former Head of the Department of Information Technology, University of Ilorin, noted that students who obtain professional certifications before graduation are better positioned to undertake industrial attachments, participate in internships and

secure employment with partner organisations immediately after completing their studies.

He cited the success story of a University of Ilorin alumnus who is now a Senior Network Engineer at Huawei Nigeria as proof that effective collaboration between academia and industry creates a seamless pipeline from classroom learning to gainful employment.

He added that such collaborations also enable students to acquire practical experience through industrial training, Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) placements and mentorship opportunities provided by industry partners.

He stressed that universities must move beyond producing graduates with theoretical knowledge alone by ensuring they possess practical competencies required to excel in today's rapidly evolving digital economy.

He maintained that closer collaboration among universities, technology companies and government agencies would significantly enhance graduate employability and contribute to national technological advancement.



■ Prof. Egbewole

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, also participated as a panelist during the Summit's technology knowledge transfer session alongside some other Vice Chancellors and Deputy Vice Chancellors from other Nigerian universities.

The panel explored strategies for strengthening collaboration between academia and industry to promote technology knowledge transfer, with Prof. Egbewole contributing to discussions on enhancing innovation, research commercialisation and the production of industry-ready graduates.

The panel discussion focused on promoting innovation, research commercialisation and the adoption of emerging technologies to improve teaching, learning and graduate outcomes across Nigerian universities.

Also present were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; a Technologist at the Department of Telecommunication Science, Mr Yusuff Nurudeen Omotayo, government agencies, university administrators, development partners and technology experts.



■ Dr Oloyede

UNILORIN alumni celebrate Oloyede's glorious 10-year tenure at JAMB

By Idris Alooma

The UNILORIN Branch of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association has congratulated a former Vice Chancellor of the University, Emeritus Prof. Is-Haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, on the successful completion of his tenure as the Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, (JAMB).

In a statement, the Chairman of the Branch, Prof. B.L. Adeleke, congratulated the former Vice Chancellor, describing his two terms at JAMB as having been characterised by exceptional service delivery.

Prof. Adeleke noted that Prof. Oloyede's record at JAMB was not surprising, given his pedigree of excellence established at the University of Ilorin from his undergraduate years up until the time he served as the 8th Vice Chancellor of the University.



■ **Prof. Oloyede**

Prof. Adeleke prayed to Almighty Allah to sustain His favour on the former JAMB Registrar as he exits office gloriously. He also prayed for his successor,



■ **Prof. Adeleke**

Prof. Segun Aina, that he would be granted the wherewithal to take JAMB to greater heights of excellence in service delivery.

Esere gets APROCON Fellowship Award

Professor of Guidance and Counselling at the University of Ilorin, Mary Ogechi Esere, has received the prestigious Fellowship Award of the Association of Professional Counsellors in Nigeria (APROCON) in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the development and advancement of the counselling profession in Nigeria.

The Award was presented to Prof. Esere on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at the Convocation Arena, Bayero University, Kano, during the Association's 10th Annual International Conference.

According to the citation, the Award was conferred on Prof. Esere in recognition of her efforts at raising the standard of professional counselling scholarship, particularly through her service as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Professional Counselling* (JPC), the official journal of APROCON.

Under her editorial leadership, the journal is being retooled and repositioned to meet international standards, with efforts towards improving its visibility and accessibility through abstracting and indexing in recognised scholarly platforms, including Boldscholar, International Scientific Indexing (ISI), and Google Scholar.

The recognition, therefore, represents an appreciation not only of Prof. Esere's academic accomplishments but also of her commitment to strengthening



Prof. Esere

professional counselling practice, research, scholarship and knowledge dissemination.

The award was presented on behalf of the APROCON Board of Fellows by distinguished professors, including Prof. Osorochi Obi (APROCON President), Prof. Ngozi Osarenren, Prof. Alfred A. Adegoke and Prof. Oyaziwo Aluede, who represented the Board at the ceremony.

In her reaction while speaking with newsmen on the sidelines of the Award presentation, Prof. Esere, who is also a member of the Editorial Board of *UNILORIN Bulletin*, said, "This Fellowship

Award stands as a significant milestone in a distinguished career devoted to teaching, research, professional counselling and the advancement of the counselling profession."

She added that her recognition also underscores the important role of professional scholarship and quality academic publishing in promoting the visibility and credibility of counselling as a profession.

Prof. Esere described the award as "both a personal honour and recognition of the broader contribution of dedicated counselling professionals who continue to advance the discipline through scholarship, professional service, mentorship and innovation."

The colourful conference and award ceremony attracted prominent personalities from government, academia and the counselling profession. Among the guests were the Governor of Kano State, Engr Abba Kabir Yusuf, who served as the Special Guest of Honour; Dr. Olufunso Amosun, APROCON Grand Patron; Prof. Airat Folashade Sulaiman of the Department of Counselling Psychology, Islamic University, Kampala, Uganda.

The 10th Annual International Conference of APROCON featured stimulating keynote addresses, lead paper presentations and skills-training sessions centred on the conference theme, "Innovative Interventions on Substance Use Reduction."

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While Prof. Oloyede, an outstanding alumnus and a former Vice Chancellor of the University from 2007 to 2012, would be formally celebrated for gloriously completing his tour of duties at JAMB, the NNPC helmsman and three notable entrepreneurs, the Managing Director of BOVAS Petroleum Services Limited, Mrs Victoria Adunola Samson; a distinguished chartered accountant, Chief Olusola Adekanola, and the proprietor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Chief Abdulraheem Oladimeji, OFR, would be celebrated for their various contributions to the development of the University and the nation at large.

This was disclosed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee of the event, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, in an interview with newsmen in his office last Monday (August 3, 2026).

The Chairman, who said that each of the honourees was carefully selected and found to be worthy of the honours, said that the ceremony would be held at the University Auditorium beginning at 10.00a.m. under the Chairmanship of the Executive Secretary of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Mr Sonny S. T. Echono. A renowned legal practitioner, Mr Kunle Rasheed Adegoke, SAN, would be the guest speaker.

Prof. Yahya, who is also the Director of the University Advancement Centre, also explained that nine individuals, who are all illustrious graduates of the University, are to be honoured with the Distinguished Alumni Award. They are the Olumobi of Imobi-

Ijesha, Osun State, Oba Jacob Adetayo Haastrup; the Grand Chief Imam of Lagos State, Shaykh Sulaiman Oluwatoyin Abou-Nollah; an Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Mr Miller Dantawaye; the Director-General of the Nigerian Geological Survey Agency(NGSA), Prof. Olusegun Omoniyi Ige and Prof Patrick Adegoyega.

The list of the honourees also includes the Vice Chancellor of the Dennis Osadabe University, Delta State, Prof. Samuel O. Aghalino; an NNPC topshot, Mr AbdulRasheed Ojulari; the Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Folorunso Oladimeji and the Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University of Education, Ilorin, Prof Medinat Folorunso Salman.

The Chairman also said that 18 other outstanding alumni of the University would be conferred with the prestigious UNILORIN Ambassador Award. They include the Executive Director, Finance and Accounts of the NNPC and Dan Amana Geri of Ilorin Emirate, Dr Abdulkadir Tunji Nagode; the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sobi 101.9 FM, Ilorin, Dr Lukman Olayiwola Mustapha; the Chief Mufassir and Mufti of Osogbo, Shaykh AbdulLateeff Yusuf Abajaoro, a senior military officer, Col. Kolawole Rasheed; and the Chief Executive Officer of the famous Item 7 confectionery services, Ilorin, Mr Ibigbemi Oloruntobi.

Others who are scheduled to be conferred with UNILORIN Ambassador Award include a renowned urologist, Prof Olusola Andrews, a multiple Award-winning microbiologist, Prof. Olatunji

Matthew Kolawole; a former Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu; a renowned Port-Harcourt based legal luminary, Chief Ayodeji Adedipe, SAN; another outstanding legal practitioner, who is based in Lagos,

Aare M'sbaudeen Adeyemi Adeshina, SAN; and the Vice President, Health Services, Shell international, Dr Femi Oduneye

Also to be honoured as UNILORIN Ambassadors are the first alumnus of the University appointed as a Permanent Secretary in the Federal Civil Service, Sir Olusegun A. Adekunle, the incumbent Secretary to the Kogi State Government, Dr Folashade Arike Ayoade; Dr Emmanuel Edem Ikpeme, and Mrs Jane Odum, who is based in the United States.

Prof. Yahya also listed other new UNILORIN Ambassadors as a Director at the Bureau of Public Procurement, Mr Abubakar Rahmat Salihu; a former Director at the Bureau of Public Enterprises, Mr Babatunde Kuye; and Mr Olusoji Oyawoye.

He explained that the honourees were carefully selected among the list of hundreds of nominees as he said that the University would continue to honour its deserving alumni and friends to encourage hardwork and patriotism.

The Chairman encouraged relations, friends and colleagues as well as staff members, alumni and members of the general public to attend the event punctually.

AbdulRaheem-Mustapha delivers 305th Inaugural Lecture Aug.13th

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Three hundred and fifth (305th) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Mariam Adepeju AbdulRaheem-Mustapha LL.B (Combined Hons) (UDUS, Sokoto), LL.M (OAU, Ile-Ife), Ph.D. (Ilorin), B.L (Lagos), PGDE (UDUS, Sokoto)

Department: Public Law,

Faculty: Law,

Topic: "Children in the Cage, Justice on Trial"

Date: Thursday, 13th August, 2026

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

Chairman:

Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN

Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla

Registrar



Prof. AbdulRaheem-Mustapha



Egbewole tasks new Senate Reps, Directors on selfless service

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The Vice Chancellor said that every appointment in the University comes with responsibility and sacrifice rather than personal benefits.

He urged those nominated into various committees to see their appointments as a duty to the University rather than an avenue for financial gain, stressing that such responsibilities demand sacrifice and dedication while providing an opportunity to build experience and enrich their curriculum vitae through service.

Prof. Egbewole explained that the appointments followed the completion of the two-year tenure of the immediate past Senate representatives on various committees and Directors.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the newly appointed Senate representatives and Directors and urged them to prepare for the orientation and training programme scheduled for Monday, stressing that the exercise would acquaint them with the expectations and responsibilities of their respective offices.

He also appreciated the immediate past members who



represented the University Senate on various committees, as well as the outgoing Directors, commending them on their dedication, commitment and invaluable contributions to the progress of the University.

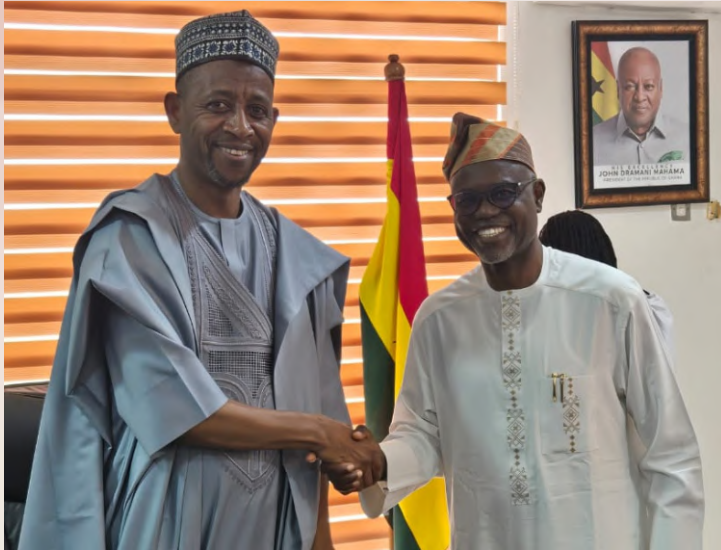
Speaking on behalf of the University Senate, Prof. Abdulrasheed Abiodun Adeoye appreciated the outgoing Senate representatives on various committees and the immediate past Directors for their meritorious services to

the University.

He thanked them for their unwavering commitment, noting that their sacrifices had contributed significantly to the continued growth and development of the institution.

Prof. Adeoye described service to humanity as service to God and wished the newly appointed Senate representatives and Directors a successful and impactful tenure in office.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, with the Nigerian High Commissioner to Ghana, Ambassador Sheu Ilu Barde, and participants at a Workshop on Capacity Building for Directors of Works and Physical Planning, organised by the Association of West African Universities (AWAU) in Accra, Ghana



On the sidelines of the just concluded Conference of the KU8+ Universities, participants took time off to visit the Olofa of Offa, Oba Muftau Gbadamosi Esuwoyell, in his Palace



Egbewole reaffirms commitment to digital services

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed the commitment of the University to leveraging technology for quality education, research and healthcare delivery with the launch of the Continuing Medical Education Technology (CMES) device.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, made this call last Thursday, (July 30, 2026) while launching the CMES application at the Procurement Conference Room, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.

The Vice Chancellor described the initiative as a significant milestone that would benefit humanity through improved access to technology-driven learning and innovation. She explained that the CMES device would make learning more effective for students by enhancing digital learning experiences, strengthening research activities and promoting digital literacy across the University community.

He also noted that the technology would support professional development for staff and students, expressing the University's delight at the donation while looking forward to the second phase of the project to further expand its impact.

In his remarks, the Acting Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Prof. Sikiru Abayomi Biliaminu, commended the facilitators of the training programme and the founder of the Techies Without Borders initiative, Prof. Emmanuel Idowu, for considering the University worthy of the innovative device.

He noted that while technology offers immense possibilities, its effectiveness ultimately depends on those who utilise it, stressing the importance of continuous capacity building for users.

Prof. Biliaminu also expressed



■ Prof. Egbewole

appreciation to the University management for its unwavering support towards technological advancement and pledged that the donated device would be adequately secured and properly utilised within the hospital to improve service delivery.

Speaking on the significance of the innovation, the University of Ilorin Liaison Officer, Prof. Peter Adeoye, described the benefits of the CMES technology as enormous, particularly in the health sector.

According to him, the device provides real-time access to health information and services, thereby enhancing healthcare delivery, supporting clinical decision-making and facilitating timely access to vital medical information for both healthcare professionals and patients.

He expressed optimism that the technology would contribute significantly to improved healthcare outcomes and institutional efficiency.

Prof. Emmanuel Idowu, the Nigeria Liaison for Techies Without Borders and facilitator of the "Training the Trainers" session, explained that the CMES technology is built on Artificial Intelligence and cloud computing, enabling users to access information in real time.

According to him, the application is designed to bridge knowledge gaps by providing instant access to reliable educational and healthcare resources, thereby enhancing learning, research and professional practice through cutting-edge digital innovation.

Prof. Idowu disclosed that the CMES application is currently being deployed in about 20 countries across the world, a testament to its global relevance and effectiveness.

He expressed optimism that the University of Ilorin would maximise the opportunities offered by the technology, adding that the adoption of the platform by the University would further strengthen its drive towards digital transformation, international collaboration and technology-enabled education.

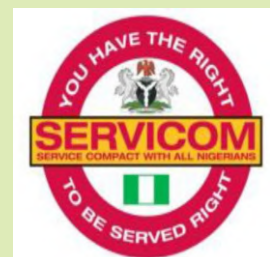
Also speaking, the immediate past Director of the Centre for Internationalisation and Strategic Partnerships (CISP), Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, who was represented by the Assistant Director, Dr. Samuel Bolaji Oladimeji, said the Centre played a pivotal role in facilitating the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Techies Without Borders and the University of Ilorin. He noted that the partnership aligns with the University's vision of fostering global collaborations that promote innovation, capacity building and institutional development.

Prof. Onireti expressed delight that the collaborative efforts had culminated in the successful launch of the CMES technology, describing it as the product of sustained engagement, strategic planning and mutual commitment between both institutions.

Other dignitaries at the event included the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, Prof. Hannah Oluyemi Olafimiyan and Prof. Kolawole Wasiu Wahab, among others.

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The key is when a customer walks away, thinking, 'Wow, I love doing business with them, and I want to tell others about the experience. - ShepHyken (Connor J. Wilson)



Egbewole greets Abdul Samad Rabi'u on 66th birthday

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has joined other prominent Nigerians and organisations in congratulating an outstanding International businessman, Alhaji Abdul Samad Rabi'u, CON, on the occasion of his 66th birthday. Alhaji Rabi'u's birthday anniversary fell due last Tuesday (August 4, 2026).

In a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor described the Kano-born eminent entrepreneur as an outstanding philanthropist who deserves to be celebrated, saying that his magnanimous philanthropic interventions would continue to be felt across Nigeria and beyond.

The Vice Chancellor explained that individuals such as Alhaji Rabi'u who build companies are exemplary nation-builders because their investments are not only enhancing economic progress but are also promoting national



■ Prof. Egbewole

integration.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also a member of the Nigerian Body of Benchers, appreciated Alhaji Rabi'u for his numerous industrial and commercial investments across and beyond Nigeria that are providing job opportunities for thousands of Nigerians, many of whom are graduates of the University of Ilorin.

While describing Alhaji Rabi'u as a good friend of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Egbewole appreciated the



■ Alhaji Rabi'u

renowned business mogul for spearheading the ongoing construction of a gigantic Amphitheatre at the University, among other supports extended to the institution.

Prof. Egbewole prayed Allah to grant Alhaji Rabi'u long life and sound health to enable him contribute more to national and human development.

JBU extols Oloyede's exceptional leadership at JAMB

By Tajudeen Babamale

The founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Jimoh Babalola University (JBU), Ilorin, Alhaji Jimoh K. Babalola, and the Officer-in-Charge of the Vice-Chancellor's Office, Prof. Muftau Adeniyi Ijaiya, have commended the immediate past Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Emeritus Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, for his exemplary leadership and immense contributions to Nigeria's tertiary education system.

In a letter dated August 4, 2026, jointly signed by Alhaji Babalola and Prof. Ijaiya on behalf of the University's Governing Council, management, staff and students, the institution appreciated Prof. Oloyede for the pivotal role he played in the

establishment and licensing of the University.

The University described the former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin as a father-figure whose guidance, encouragement, wise counsel and unwavering commitment were instrumental to the successful establishment of the institution.

According to the letter, Prof. Oloyede's tenure as JAMB Registrar was characterised by visionary, transparent and selfless leadership that ushered in far-reaching reforms, digital transformation and technological innovations, significantly enhancing the Board's efficiency, credibility and public confidence.

The University also congratulated the distinguished scholar on the numerous honours he received during his tenure, including

his recognition as the Most Productive Public Office Holder in Nigeria and the conferment of a National Honour on him by the late President Muhammadu Buhari in appreciation of his outstanding service to the nation.

Describing Prof. Oloyede as "a competent, capable and indefatigable leader of men and institutions," the University noted that his remarkable legacy would continue to inspire generations of leaders and administrators.

As Prof. Oloyede concluded his tenure as JAMB Registrar, the Jimoh Babalola University officials prayed that Almighty Allah would continue to guide, protect and grant him good health as he embarks on another phase of service to humanity.



Raufu's tenure at VTH superlative- Ambali, others

By Abubakar Imam

Thursday, July 30, 2026 was another great day in the life and career of the immediate past Director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH), University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Adisa Raufu, as his colleagues from within and outside the University converged on the Hospital's Boardroom to pour encomiums on him on what they described as "a superlative performance in office" following the successful completion of his term.

Leading the pack of well-wishers was a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) of the University, Prof. Suleiman Folorunso Ambali, who described the former Director as "a superb administrator" and someone who never minded the commitment of his personal resources towards ensuring the progress of the VTH.

Prof. Ambali, who is also a former Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, said that he was sure that the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, would be very proud of Prof. Raufu as the Director of VTH.

He described the former Director as a very passionate, honest, agile and outstanding academic and administrator who took the assignment with all sense of responsibility.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. S. A. Ameen, who said that the former Director had been known to him right from their days as students, said that Prof. Raufu did very well in office.

The Dean, who was the Chairman of the event, said that the former Director was a man who prioritised honesty, godliness, integrity

and transparency in his private and official dealings and that he was not surprised that his performance was remarkably excellent.

In his remarks, a former Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Prof. S. O. Salami, also paid glowing tributes to Prof. Raufu for ensuring that the VTH experienced remarkable progress during his tenure.

Prof. Salami said that no one would come to the VTH without experiencing quality service delivery.

Another former Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Prof. M. A. Raji, commended the former Director for bridging the relationship between the Faculty and the Hospital.

He added that Prof. Raufu used the privilege of the position to promote unity and progress of the Faculty and the veterinary profession.

Another senior member of the Faculty, Prof. Raheem said that Prof. Raufu was always on ground to lead and inspire staff members of the Hospital.

Dr AbdulRauf Obalowu, a senior staff member of the Hospital, described Prof. Raufu as a dogged fighter and a highly uncompromising person who always stands by the truth.

He said that he agreed with the view of those who observed that the former Director had taken the Hospital to greater heights.

Also contributing, the Head of the Clinic Services of the VTH, Dr Lawal, gave a breakdown of what he described as the spectacular achievements of the outgoing Director.

While thanking Prof. Raufu for ensuring the positive transformation of the Hospital during his tenure, Dr Lawal said that there is no aspect of the Hospital that did not experience remarkable

improvement, which he said culminated in tremendous quality service delivery that the Hospital is now associated with among professionals and clients.

Other staff members, who spoke, expressed their profound gratitude to Prof. Raufu for running an inclusive administration.

They recalled several instances where Prof. Raufu offered remarkable and selfless interventions, saying that they will always remember him and his tenure for good.

Responding, Prof. Raufu appreciated the kind words of all those who commented on his tenure. He added that his tenure was an opportunity for him to serve and learn, adding that he was able to do the two very well.

Prof. Raufu specifically thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the management of the University for finding him worthy of holding the position and for the support the VTH received from the University Administration.

He also thanked all the staff members of the Hospital for their cooperation as he said that all that were achieved during his tenure, which ran from November, 2022 to July, 2026 would have been impossible without their cooperation.

Prof. Raufu said that his greatest achievements were remarkable improvement in service delivery and the huge account balance of over ₦25 millions and drug worth of over ₦7 million that he left behind.

He encouraged staff and other stakeholders of the Hospital to cooperate fully with his successor for him to also leave the Hospital better than he would meet it.

My successor 'll take CoHS to higher level-Alabi

The immediate past Provost of the College of Health Sciences (CHoS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, has assured the staff and students of the College as well as other stakeholders of the ability of his successor, Prof. Muhammed Adeboye to take the College to higher heights.

Prof. Alabi gave this assurance penultimate Friday (July 31, 2026) while formally handing over the leadership of the College to Prof. Adeboye at the College's Boardroom.

The former Provost, who described his successor as a highly experienced, hardworking and dedicated professional, said that he was sure that the College would not experience retrogression under the watch of his successor.

He explained that the experiences his successor had garnered over the years as Head of his Department and most especially as the Director of the School of Preliminary Studies, Fufu, must have adequately prepared him for his new position.

Prof. Alabi, who said that the responsibilities of the new Provost go beyond the administration of the College,

said that his schedule also include the coordination of the activities of the Committee of Provost and Deans of the University as its Chairman.

Prof. Alabi similarly encouraged his successor to be consultative in his approach as he said that tapping from the knowledge and expertise of others would make him a better manager of human and material resources.

He, therefore, encouraged staff and students of the three Faculties constituting the College to cooperate fully with the new Provost for the College to be taken to greater heights.

Responding, the new Provost commended his predecessor for his relentless efforts which led to the repositioning of the College.



Prof. Adeboye assured him and the entire College community that he would run an inclusive administration and that the forward march of the College would neither be stagnated nor retarded.

The event was witnessed by several dignitaries including Deans and Heads of the Department from the College, among others.

Awobuluyi, pioneer Dean of Arts, passes on

By Tajudeen Babamale

....Egbewole mourns

The death has been announced of the pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Oladele Awobuluyi.

Prof. Awobuluyi, who died last Wednesday (August 5, 2026) at the age of 89, also delivered the first Inaugural Lecture of the University.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor and his management team last Thursday (August 6, 2026) paid a condolence visit to the family and Church members of the deceased at his GRA, Ilorin residence.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, Prof. Egbewole described the late Prof. Awobuluyi as one of Africa's finest linguists whose outstanding contributions to scholarship would continue to inspire generations of academics.

Prof. Egbewole who said Prof. Awobuluyi belonged to one of the pioneering academic traditions upon which the University was built, described the deceased as a distinguished scholar whose influence extended beyond the



Late Prof. Awobuluyi

Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages and the University of Ilorin to the entire African continent.

He recalled that Prof. Awobuluyi, alongside the late Prof. Ayo Bamgbose, pioneered the development of Linguistics in Africa and mentored generations of scholars from Nigeria and several other countries, including the United States, Ghana, Cameroon and the Benin Republic.

According to the Vice Chancellor, the late Professor was widely respected for his integrity, scholarship and commitment

to academic excellence, adding that many eminent academics across Africa owed their professional development to his mentorship. He also noted that the deceased's contributions helped establish the University of Ilorin as one of Africa's leading centres for Linguistics.

The Vice Chancellor prayed for the repose of the late scholar's soul, comfort for his family and the grace to preserve the remarkable legacy he left behind.

Speaking on behalf of the Church and the family, Prof. Amos Idowu of the Department of Mathematics appreciated the University management for identifying with the family during the period of mourning.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor and members of the University community for their support and solidarity, praying for God's continued protection over the institution, its staff and their families. He also prayed that the University would continue to grow from strength to strength while God preserves every member of the University community.

IBS 'll be better under me-Yahaya

By Abubakar Imam

The new Director of the Ilorin Business School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Khadijat Adenola Yahaya, has promised to mobilise available human and material resources towards ensuring that the School becomes truly better by far in service delivery.

Prof. Yahaya made this pledge last Tuesday (August 4, 2026) while taking over the leadership of the School from its erstwhile Director, Prof. Ismail Bolarinwa Kadir, at the Boardroom of the School.

The don, who is also a former Head of the Department of Accounting, assured stakeholders of her readiness not to spare efforts at ensuring higher enrollment of students into all its programmes.

She equally assured staff members that their welfare would be given adequate priority in order to promote industrial peace and also motivate them for enhanced productivity.

Prof. Yahaya, who is also a renowned chartered accountant, promised to embark on working visit to

relevant institutions and organisations including the Sobi Military Cantonment, Ilorin, in order to ensure higher enrollment and fraternity for the School.

The new Director expressed profound gratitude to her predecessor for his services to the IBS and the University at large as she assured him that all the legacies he left behind would be protected and improved upon for the betterment of the system.

Speaking earlier, Prof. Kadir congratulated Prof. Yahaya on her appointment as he encouraged the management and staff of the School to cooperate fully with her.

While acknowledging the leadership qualities of her successor, Prof. Kadir, who teaches at the



Department of Industrial Relations and Personnel Management, wished her a very peaceful and rewarding tenure.

The event was attended by the new Deputy Director of the School, Dr Issa Omoluabi, and several staff of the School.

Management congratulates Daodu, Adah on international appointments

By Mubarak Oladosu

The University of Ilorin has congratulated Dr Oluwafemi B. Daodu of the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Dr. Arimie Adah of the Department of Veterinary Medicine, both of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, on their appointments to the Board of the Morris Animal Foundation, and as a member of the World Veterinary Association Technical Working Group on Antimicrobial Stewardship, respectively. The appointments were conveyed in their respective letters dated Friday, July 24, 2026, and Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

Writing on behalf of the University Management and the University community, the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola, highlighted the significance of Dr Daodu's appointment.

Mr Alfaola said, "Your appointment to this prestigious international body is a clear testament to your outstanding scholarship, academic

accomplishments, professional competence, and significant contributions to Veterinary Science. It is indeed gratifying to note that your expertise has been recognised at the global level through such a rigorous and competitive selection process."

Similarly, the Registrar also

eulogised Dr Arimie Adah on her accomplishment.

He said, "I write on behalf of the University Management to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 23rd July, 2026 on the above subject and to congratulate you on this well-deserved international recognition.

"Your nomination is a testament to your dedication, professional



■ Dr Daodu



■ Dr Adah

excellence, and outstanding contributions to Veterinary Medicine, research, and the advancement of the One Health approach."

The Registrar also underscored the importance of the two appointments to the University of Ilorin within the community of world universities.



UNILORIN cadet corps holds 27th POP, handover ceremony

By Bashir Dawodu

The University of Ilorin Cadet Corps has held its 27th passing-out parade (POP) and handover ceremony, marking another milestone in the history of the institution's paramilitary unit.

The event took place penultimate Thursday (July 30, 2026), at the Main Bowl of the University Stadium and attracted paramilitary organisations from various tertiary institutions across Kwara State.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Staff Adviser of the Cadet Corps, Mr W. O. Raji, congratulated the outgoing cadets for their resilience, discipline and commitment throughout their training. He urged them to uphold the values they had acquired during their service.

He said, "As you step forward, remember this: it is not just about getting a job or making money. The uniform you are leaving behind has taught you discipline, teamwork and service. Take those values with you, stay physically fit, mentally sharp and morally upright."

Mr Raji charged the graduating cadets to represent the corps with integrity wherever they find

themselves, encouraging them to be problem-solvers and worthy ambassadors of the institution.

Speaking further, Mr Raji described the corps as a platform for character development, urging them to embrace discipline, teamwork and leadership while remaining committed to learning and personal growth.

"The Corps is not just a programme; it is a family. Keep the bond alive, serve your community, serve your nation, and remember that discipline is the bridge between goals and achievement," he added.

In an interview with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the outgoing Commanding Officer, Cadet Major V. O. Adewumi, expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the University management on their continued support for the Cadet Corps.

He appealed for sustained support for the Command and advised his successor to lead with integrity, passion and dedication.

Commander Adewumi also expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve, describing his departure from the Command as emotional while expressing confidence that the Corps would continue to achieve greater success.

Earlier, Cadet Lieutenant Teslim O. Sallee, congratulated the outgoing cadets on the successful completion of their training and commended them for contributing to the growth of the Command. He assured them that the experience and values gained from the Corps would remain beneficial throughout their lives.

In his acceptance speech, the new Commanding Officer of the UNILORIN Cadet Corps, Cadet V. O. Oyenuga, a 300-level student of the Department of Arts Education, praised the achievements of his predecessors and pledged to build on their legacy by working diligently to advance the Command.

Highlights of the ceremony included the presentation of awards and certificates, the induction of new cadets, and a ceremonial drill display.

Among the dignitaries present were the Acting Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu; the Acting Director of the University Security Unit, Mr Paul Ogidi, who was represented by Mr Sulaiman Wasiu; the Students Union President, Mr Mozeed Adam; and representatives of the Sheriff Guard, Nigerian Red Cross Society, Man O' War, and other paramilitary organisations.



23 Unilorites receive Airtel scholarships

By **Mustafa Abubakar**
and **Esther Yusuf**

Twenty-three 100-level students of the University of Ilorin have received scholarships, cash awards and digital learning equipment from Airtel Nigeria and the Airtel Africa Foundation under the Foundation's Tertiary Education Support Initiative.

The beneficiaries were presented with the awards penultimate Tuesday (July 28, 2026) during the inauguration of the newly elected Students' Union Executive Council, held at the University Auditorium.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Acting Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Morenikeji Alex Akanmu, described the intervention as a life-changing opportunity for the beneficiaries, noting that each student had already received ₦500,000 in his or her bank account before the ceremony.

According to Dr Akanmu, the scholarship package comprises an annual ₦500,000 grant, a brand-new laptop and a structured mentorship programme that will run throughout the beneficiaries' academic programmes.

He explained that the scholarship would be renewed every year until the beneficiaries' graduation, provided they maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5.

Dr Akanmu said the initiative formed part of the concluding activities of the outgoing Students' Union Administration led by Adelu, adding that the beneficiaries were selected after a rigorous screening process.

Presenting the laptops to the beneficiaries, the State Business Manager of Airtel Nigeria, Mr Latif Lawal, said the initiative was designed to promote educational development and empower outstanding students.

Mr Lawal explained that the programme, which is in its maiden edition, aligns with the Airtel Africa Foundation's four strategic pillars of education, financial inclusion, digital inclusion and environmental sustainability.

He disclosed that the beneficiaries were selected from six universities across Nigeria, adding that the University of Ilorin produced the highest number of successful candidates, with 23 scholars.

According to Lawal, the ₦500,000 already paid covers tuition and living support for the first academic session, while subsequent tuition fees will be paid directly to the University account, subject to the beneficiaries maintaining the required academic performance.

He added that the laptops, backpacks and other study materials presented to the beneficiaries were

intended to strengthen their digital capacity and support learning throughout their studies.

Mr Lawal also announced that another batch of beneficiaries would be selected under the programme's second cohort, which will accommodate an additional 100 students nationwide.

He reaffirmed Airtel's commitment to supporting education and youth development in Nigeria and across Africa.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, commended Airtel Nigeria and the Airtel Africa Foundation for investing in the education of Nigerian youths. He urged the beneficiaries to justify the confidence reposed in them by maintaining academic excellence and exemplary character throughout their studies.

The Vice Chancellor also appealed to Airtel to deepen its partnership with the University by supporting students in the areas of transportation and on-campus accommodation.

The ceremony was attended by Principal Officers, officials of the Student Affairs Division, student leaders, representatives of Airtel Nigeria, and a delegation of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), Kwara State.

UNILORIN names 57 new Directors, Deputies, others

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has approved the appointment of 57 new Directors, Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, Coordinators and Committee Chairmen for various academic, research and administrative units of the institution.

This is contained in a memo made available to the UNILORIN Bulletin on Tuesday (August 4, 2026) by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfaanla.

According to the memo, the appointments, which took effect from August 1, 2026, are aimed at strengthening leadership across the strategic centres and units of the University, enhancing administrative efficiency, promoting research and innovation, and advancing the institution's commitment to excellence in teaching, learning and community service.

The newly appointed Directors are Prof. J. A. Adeniran, Centre for Internationalisation and Strategic Partnership; Dr S. T. Bakinde, Sports Unit; Prof. Khadijat A. Yahaya, Ilorin Business School; Prof. A. L. Abdulrauf, School of Preliminary Studies; Prof. O. M. Ogunjimi, Institute of Education; Prof. N. A. Abdulrasheed, Stem Cell Research Centre; Prof. Sidiqat Aderinoye-Abdulwahab, Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT); Prof. W. O. Raji, Laboratory-to-Product Centre (LAPTOP); Prof. A. A. Salih, Centre for Archives and Documentation; Prof. Ramat Salman, Joint Universities Preliminary Examination Board; Prof. A. G. Adeniyi, Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre; Prof. T. M. Akande, Science, Technology and Innovation Park; Prof. Maryam Tayo Ayinla, Mentorship Centre; Prof. Oludolapo Ojedian, Linguistics and Immersion Centre; Prof. I. A. Odetokun, Veterinary Teaching Hospital; Prof. K. A. Adeniran, Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme; Prof. Mary Grace Fajonyomi, Centre for Students with Special Needs; Prof. A. A. Abdullahi, Centre for Ilorin Studies; Dr A. Bakare, Institute of Legislative Studies; Prof. Nimah M. Abdurraheem, Centre for Management and Leadership; Prof. A. O. Bajeh, Centre for Cybersecurity and Sustainable Development; Prof. A. S. Adeniran, Molecular Diagnostics and



Research Laboratory; Dr Mariam Alwajud, Counselling and Human Development Centre; and Dr A. Adebisi, Centre for Cultural Studies and Creative Arts.

The newly appointed Deputy Directors are Dr A. H. Zubair, Centre for Internationalisation and Strategic Partnership; Dr Issa Omolabi, Ilorin Business School; Dr Isiaka Abdulaziz, School of Preliminary Studies; Dr Nimota Jibola Kadir Abdullahi, Institute of Education; Dr Mutiat Busayo Odebisi-Omokanye, Laboratory-to-Product Centre; Dr Adijat Abdurraheem, Joint Universities Preliminary Examination Board; Dr Taibat B. Jimoh and Dr Sa'adat Yetunde Yusuf, Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre; Dr Bilqis A. Lawal and Dr S. A. Yahaya, Science, Technology and Innovation Park; Dr A. O. Fahm, Mentorship Centre; Dr O. D. Adebayo, Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme; Dr Kafayah A. Jiddah, Centre for Students with Special Needs; Dr Mahmud Danjuma Musa, Centre for Ilorin Studies; Dr Hameenat B. Ojibara, Institute of Legislative Studies; Dr O. A. Olusegun, Centre for Cultural Studies and Creative Arts; Dr W. M. Raheem, Centre for Management and Leadership; Dr M. S. Abdullahi, Institute of Translation Arts; Dr A. I. Issa, Centre for Cybersecurity and Sustainable Development; Dr Kehinde Muibat Ibiyeye, Institute of Medical Research and Training; Dr Basiru Afisu and Dr Oladimeji Ibrahim, Centre for Research and In-House Training; Dr A. A. Lateef, Centre for Open and Distance Learning;

Dr Taofiqat O. Abu, Central Research Laboratory; and Dr W. O. Kareem, Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development.

The Assistant Directors are Dr O. M. Olorunnimbe, Centre for Internationalisation and Strategic Partnership; Dr A. O. Odutayo, Institute of Education; Dr Mubarak A. Amoloye, Joint Universities Preliminary Examination Board; Dr Khadijat Abdulkareem Abdurraheem, Centre for Renewable Energy; and Dr Abubakar Abdullah Salaty, Linguistics and Immersion Centre.

Also appointed were Dr S. Adeyemi, Coordinator, African Centre for Herbal Research; Prof. A. Yusuf, Chairman, Environmental Committee; and Prof. S. A. Aremu, Alternate Chairman, Environmental Committee.

The appointments are for varying tenures in accordance with the University regulations. Substantive Directors will serve a three-year tenure ending on July 31, 2029, while Deputy Directors will serve until July 31, 2028. Acting Directors and Assistant Directors will serve until July 31, 2027, while the Coordinator and Committee Chairmen will hold office in accordance with the terms of their appointments.

The appointments are expected to further strengthen the governance structure of the University, enhance teaching, research and innovation, and reinforce the institution's commitment to excellence in service delivery.



Unilever empowers 22 Unilorites with start-up business kits

By Mustafa Abubakar

Twenty-two students of the University of Ilorin have received start-up business kits from Unilever Nigeria Plc under its Youth Empowerment Initiative aimed at promoting entrepreneurship, innovation and self-reliance among Nigerian undergraduates.

The beneficiaries received the business kits during a presentation ceremony held at the University Auditorium, penultimate Friday (July 24, 2026), where representatives of Unilever encouraged them to make judicious use of the opportunity to establish sustainable businesses and become employers of labour.

The initiative is designed to equip students with practical resources and entrepreneurial support to enable them establish and manage small-scale businesses while pursuing their academic programmes and after graduation.

In their separate remarks at the event, Mr Shola Ajala, West Regional Sales Manager, Unilever Nigeria Plc.; Ms Chimdinma Nweke, Route to Market Lead, Lagos and West, Unilever Nigeria Plc.; and Mr Solomon Ibrahim, Territory Sales Manager, Ilorin/Ogbomosh, Unilever Nigeria Plc., reaffirmed the

commitment of the company to youth empowerment, innovation and sustainable development through strategic investments in education and entrepreneurship.

The company officials noted that empowering young people with entrepreneurial skills and business support remains one of the company's key strategies for fostering economic growth and sustainable livelihoods.

The beneficiaries, who spread across 100 to 400 levels, include Akintelure Esther Jesutofunmi, Teniola Adeniyi Manfa'ah, Bello Fatimah Bolatumi, Maryam Hibatullah Abdulrahman, Yusuf Sofiat Ayomide, Olanase Islamiyah Oluwadamilola, Rahmot Salaudeen Faderera, Saoban Ramotallahi Olamide, Ameen Habeebah Ayomide, Bello Juwon Daniel, Adeniji Adeola Boluwatife, Covenant Oreofe Ajani, Olasupo Praise Eniola, Zainab Abdullahi Imam, Aaron Mercy Pelumi, Sofiat Yusuf, Asemota Oduwa, Oluwaseun Odunsi Gloria, Zubair Sekinat Ayomide, Lydia Omolade, and Abdurashheed Fatima Omolara.

Responding on behalf of the University, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Morenikeji Alex Akanmu, expressed appreciation to Unilever Nigeria Plc for the thoughtful intervention.

He described the initiative as a demonstration of the company's

unwavering commitment to empowering young people and preparing them for productive lives beyond the classroom.

Dr Akanmu noted that the University of Ilorin places a high premium on entrepreneurship and skills acquisition as essential complements to academic excellence.

He urged the beneficiaries to maximise the opportunity by putting the business kits to productive use while serving as worthy ambassadors of both the University and Unilever.

He also called on other corporate organisations to emulate the laudable gesture of Unilever by partnering with the University in programmes that promote innovation, enterprise development and youth empowerment.

Speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries, the students' representatives, Akintelure Esther Jesutofunmi and Yusuf Sofiat Ayomide, expressed appreciation to Unilever Nigeria Plc for the life-changing opportunity, describing the empowerment initiative as timely and impactful.

He also thanked the University Management for facilitating the partnership, assuring both the University and Unilever that the beneficiaries would make effective use of the business kits to establish viable ventures and justify the confidence reposed in them.

Baba bags Kwara NIESV award

By Abubakar Imam

A Deputy Director at the Works Department, University of Ilorin, Dr Bolakale Sahid Baba, was last Tuesday (August 4, 2026) honoured for his meritorious services to the Estate Management profession by the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV).

Dr Baba, who is also the University Estate Officer, was honoured along with some other deserving members of the Institution.

The event was one of the highlights of the Annual General Meeting of NIESV held in Ilorin.

Speaking to *UNILORIN Bulletin* after the event, Dr Baba, who is also the Secretary of the Forum of Elders/Board of Fellows of the Kwara State Branch of the NIESV, expressed profound gratitude to the body for the honour granted to him.

Dr Baba also thanked the authorities of the University for the privilege given to him to serve the body at such a high level.



■ Dr Baba

UNILORIN UECF records milestones in capacity building, welfare

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Acting Chairman of the Universities Executives' Cadres' Forum (UECF), University of Ilorin Chapter, Mr Mohamed Jamiu Galadima, has commended members of the Forum for their unwavering commitment to promoting professional excellence, capacity building, and the welfare of members.

Mr Galadima made the commendation penultimate Thursday (July 23, 2026) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* at the just concluded Leadership Conference organised by the Centre for Leadership and Management, Ilorin.

He noted that through the collective efforts of the Executive Committee and the unwavering support of members, the Forum recorded remarkable achievements in training, advocacy, and member engagement within a relatively short period.

According to him, one of the major accomplishments of the Forum was the successful organisation of a series of promotion tutorial sessions designed to prepare members for the University's promotion exercise. He explained that the tutorials covered general promotion requirements, interview techniques, and Computer-Based Test (CBT) practice, thereby equipping participants with the knowledge and confidence required for career advancement.

Mr Galadima added that the Forum consistently held regular meetings



■ Mr Galadima

where issues affecting members were discussed, decisions taken, and strategies for improving the activities of the Forum were developed.

Speaking on professional development, he explained that the Forum actively encouraged members to participate in conferences, seminars, workshops, and other capacity-building programmes by providing timely information on available opportunities. He noted that members also received guidance on registration procedures, payment arrangements, and the career benefits associated with such programmes.

On financial management, the Acting Chairman stated that the Forum maintained a transparent and accountable financial system. He disclosed that the funds were judiciously utilised to support

promotion tutorials, administrative activities, and other approved initiatives aimed at advancing the objectives of the Forum.

Among other achievements recorded during the year, Mr Galadima listed improved awareness of professional development opportunities among members, strengthened unity, cooperation, and participation, sustained transparency and accountability in financial reporting, as well as enhanced communication between the Executive Committee and members.

Despite these successes, he acknowledged that the Forum encountered some challenges, including irregular payment of monthly dues by a few members, limited financial resources for additional developmental programmes, and scheduling constraints arising from members' official responsibilities.

He, however, assured members that the Executive Committee remains committed to addressing these challenges through increased member engagement, improved compliance with financial obligations, and the introduction of more impactful programmes.

Looking ahead, Mr Galadima said the Forum would continue to organise capacity-building programmes and promotion tutorials, encourage greater participation in professional conferences and training, strengthen members' commitment to the prompt payment of monthly dues, promote transparency, accountability and good governance, and foster unity, mutual support, and professional networking among members.

Tella joins four global journal boards

By Isaac Lewu

Professor of Library and Information Science at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Adeyinka Tella, has been appointed into the Editorial Boards of four international journals in recognition of his outstanding scholarly contributions and growing global impact on Library and Information Science research.

Prof. Tella, who disclosed this last Monday (August 3, 2026) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office, stressed that the appointments followed sustained research productivity and the international visibility of his publications.

He explained that the latest of the invitations came from the *IFLA Journal*, which is widely regarded as one of the world's leading scholarly journals in Library and Information Science.

He explained that his appointment into the IFLA Journal Editorial Board came after a rigorous selection process involving over 140 applicants from different countries, describing the invitation as an



■ Prof. Tella

opportunity for greater professional service to the global academic community.

Prof. Tella also revealed that he had earlier been appointed to the Editorial Board of *Information Services and Use*, an international journal dedicated to advancing

research in Information Science.

He added that he was similarly invited to serve on the Editorial Board of *the Ukrainian Journal of Library and Information Science* following the publication of one of his scholarly articles in the journal.

The don further disclosed his appointment to the Editorial Board of *Contemporary Academic Library and Information Practice* (CALIP), a newly established journal of the Zimbabwe University Libraries Consortium.

Prof. Tella encouraged academics to remain committed to impactful research beyond promotion requirements, stressing that quality scholarship naturally attracts international recognition, research collaborations and opportunities for professional service.

He also urged colleagues to take advantage of the international journals by submitting quality manuscripts that would contribute to the advancement of knowledge and enhance the global visibility of Nigerian scholarship.

UNILORIN FM: The veritable leadership training foundry

By Idris Alooma

In the wisdom, foresight, and farsightedness of Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, the 8th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, the UNILORIN 89.3 FM was established not merely to air programmes, but to shape minds, refine voices, and raise leaders. From its first broadcast on August 13, 2009, to its formal commissioning on October 22, 2011, by the then President, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, represented by the then Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyat Rufai, the station has lived up to its mantra: Better By Far.

The vision was simple and profound: to train professional broadcasters, project the good image of the University of Ilorin, and promote functional education in line with the mission of the institution. As the elders say, "He who builds a house must remember the foundation." That foundation was laid by pioneer staff like Mr Segun Alabi, Mr Jerry Aideloje, and the first set of student volunteers who walked into a studio with more faith than equipment. The late Mr Abdulganiyu Durodola, the pioneer General Manager, set the tone of excellence. Today, that torch is being carried by the present General Manager, Mr Idris Alooma, a global and award-winning broadcaster, an alumnus and the very first staff member to lead the station. This is a clear testimony that the house raises its own.

The station, which began under the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, has enjoyed excellent supervision since inception. From Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, who was the Head of the Directorate when the radio was established, to Chief Kunle Akogun of Oke Ode Kingdom, the incumbent Director of Corporate Affairs, the administrative support has remained strong. A special committee of visionaries, including the late Dr. Doyin Mahmud, Prof. Saudat Abdulbaqi, Dr Abdulkadri Oba Laaro, and Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez, worked to put the station on solid ground.

Governance has also been deliberate. It started with the pioneer Board of Management chaired by the legendary late Prof. Ayo Akinwale, with Dr. Mahmud Abdulraheem, Prof. Pius Abioje, Prof. Abubakri Imam Aliagan, and others. Today, the station is guided by the current board led by Chairman Prof. Jeleel Olasunkanmi Ojuade, with Members: Mr K. I. Akogun, Dr. T.O. Oladele, Prof. Bolanle E. Arokoyo, Dr Samiat O. Abubakre, Dr. M.K. Jean Marie

Ubombo, Dr A. Arikewuyo, and Mrs Bola R. Ahmed as Secretary.

Successive Vice Chancellors have sustained the dream — from Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, to the late Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, to Prof.

Sulaiman Age Abdulkareem, and now to Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN. Under Prof. Egbewole's leadership, the radio station was freed from the chokehold of power outages and diesel costs through the installation of solar power. As they say, "When the drummer changes the beat, the dancer must change the step." The University changed the beat, and UNILORIN FM danced forward.

UNILORIN FM has also been a trailblazer in innovation. The station pioneered 24-hour broadcasting in the North Central zone, a bold move that set it apart from other campus radio stations at the time. In 2020, it became the first station in the region to be listed on Radio Garden, taking the voice of Unilorin to listeners across the globe. That global visibility earned mentions in major national newspapers and put the station on the world map.

Though a brief technical hitch later affected the online stream, the commitment of the current Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, ensured that the station was fully restored. With his support and funding, live streaming is now back and conspicuously placed on the University website under Campus Activities, giving listeners everywhere the opportunity to tune in online. We are glad to say that UNILORIN FM is now back live on Radio Garden, connecting our voice to listeners across the global village.

What truly sets UNILORIN FM apart is its tripod system: Train, Practice, and Certify. Students do not just learn about broadcasting; they live it under the tutelage of professionals, and they graduate with both a degree and real-world certification. Since 2009, over 5,000 student volunteers, SIWES students, corps members, trainees, and freelance artistes have passed through its doors. Many came with raw talent, but the station polished them until they shone.

That polishing is evident in the lives the station has touched. In academia and broadcasting, Dr AbdulGafar Arikewuyo, one of the earliest volunteers and winner of the 2012 Nigeria Radio Awards for Campus News Bulletin Reader, is now a lecturer at UNILORIN and an Associate Lecturer in the UK. Dr Sheik Ahmed Yahya has followed a similar path.



Mr Femi Oparinde is now General Manager of Sobi FM Ilorin, while Jamiu Bello, a volunteer between 2012 and 2016, heads Programmes at Okin FM, Offa. Nneka Joy Chukwu (Nekky) moved from campus production to Cool FM Lagos, Wazobia FM, and later became Station Manager at Correct FM. Femi Oyesola gave eight solid years to the station before moving to a major national media outfit in Lagos, Ikrodu FM.

The station has also become a breeding ground for student leadership. Comrade Faji Tobiloba (Faaji), who served as the 35th elected President of the University of Ilorin Students' Union in 2022/2023, started as a volunteer in the radio likewise the immediate past Students' Union President, Mr Adelu Idris Ayomo, and the current SUG President, who has always featured on the Students' Union programme titled "The Stewardship" on the station, also passed through the same microphone. Leadership, it seems, is contagious at 89.3.

Beyond campus politics, the alumni network stretches across Nigeria and beyond. Ogunsina Tobiloba Gbadeyanka, a volunteer from 2012 to 2016, was appointed Justice of the Peace by Oyo State Governor, Engr. Seyi Makinde. Idris Alooma, who started as a staff member, now leads the station as GM and holds 96 local and international awards. Mr Segun Alabi serves as Protocol Officer to the Vice-Chancellor. Tope Omoniyi is the University's Social Media Manager and an NIPR award winner. Yemisi Olayemi is the University Desk Officer. Tijani Adewoyin is Chairman of NUJ Unilorin Chapel. Bimbo Durojaye and Oyakhire Ikhuemein (OYAS) are making waves in broadcasting. Ibukun Adesoye (Bybisasa) is a lawyer, OAP, compere, and voice-over artist in Lagos. Monoyo Edon (Noyo de Mayor), host of Talk O'Clock and NewsTrack, is now a media consultant and public affairs analyst in Delta State. Even Omololu Somuyiwa, former Big Brother Naija housemate, passed through the station and is now a CEO and brand ambassador.

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Adedokun-Shittu advocates brain-friendly learning

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Director of BrainFarm, the Educational Neuroscience Research and Innovation Initiative of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Nafisat A. Adedokun-Shittu, has reaffirmed the of the Initiative commitment to advancing brain health through educational neuroscience research, innovative learning interventions and community engagement aimed at nurturing healthier, happier and more creative learners.

Speaking with the *UNILORIN Bulletin* penultimate Friday, (July 24, 2026), Prof. Adedokun-Shittu said brain health extends beyond hospitals and healthcare facilities, stressing that homes, schools and communities all have vital roles in creating environments where children can develop cognitively, emotionally and socially.

According to her, "every classroom, every home and every community can become a place where healthy brains are nurtured. The choices we make regarding nutrition, sleep, physical activity, emotional wellbeing and learning environments directly

influence how children learn, think and flourish."

She explained that BrainFarm translates neuroscience research into practical strategies that enable schools, families and communities to support children's cognitive development, wellbeing and lifelong learning through strategic collaborations with the University of the West of England (UWE), Bristol, Mission Brain and other partners.

Prof. Adedokun-Shittu disclosed that the BrainFarm Kids Camp, funded through the University of Ilorin Senate Research Grant, and the BrainFarm Teen Camp, sponsored by the TETFund Institution-Based Research Grant, was held at Chaste Intellectual International School, Ilorin. The camps brought together researchers, educators and health professionals from the University of Ilorin, Kwara State University, UWE Bristol, the Medical University, China, Mission Brain, Research Nucleus, the Kwara State Taekwondo Association and Chaste Intellectual International School.

She said participants engaged in evidence-based brain-friendly learning activities incorporating cognitive games, computational thinking, physical activity, creativity, mindfulness, environmental

awareness, healthy nutrition and social-emotional learning. The activities developed resilience, executive functioning, critical thinking, leadership, emotional regulation, digital citizenship and other future-ready skills while providing researchers with valuable insights into brain-friendly learning.

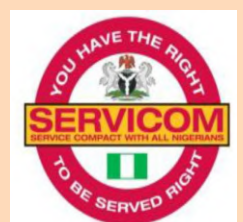
The participants also visited the paediatric wards of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital and Centre Igboro Paediatric Hospital, where empathy-building activities promoted compassion, civic responsibility and emotional intelligence.

Prof. Adedokun-Shittu explained that unlike conventional educational interventions, which focused mainly on academic performance, BrainFarm adopts a holistic approach that recognises healthy brain development as the foundation for effective learning.

Recognising parents as children's first teachers, she said the Initiative has developed Brain-Friendly Parenting Guides promoting quality sleep, balanced nutrition, regular exercise, emotional support, healthy digital habits, reading culture, outdoor play and mindfulness.

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Yahaya emphasises mentoring among young people

By Abubakar Imam

The immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, has emphasised the significance of mentorship in the career and general development of young people in order to ensure their success and general human development.

Prof. Yahaya, who is also a former Director of the UNILORIN Counseling and Human Development Centre, stated this last Tuesday (August 4, 2026) in an interview with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

The don said that when young persons have elders they look up to for emulation and support, attaining progress in life would be smoother for such individuals.

Prof. Yahaya enjoined students to be deliberate and meticulous in the choice of mentors and ensure that they pattern their lives in accordance to their desires.

The don, who also served as the Director of the Institute of Education,



■ Prof. Yahaya

University of Ilorin, recalled that he attained the level he is in his career through the support he enjoyed from distinguished intellectual elders who guided his steps.

He also encouraged parents and guardians to assist their children by attaching them to successful and well-

meaning individuals who would help them to develop themselves.

Speaking on other issues, Prof. Yahaya, who is currently on sabbatical leave at Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, stressed the need to uphold morality, particularly among young citizens.

He said that any form of training or level education and concomitant academic qualifications obtained which are devoid of morality would lead the holders to perversion and even endanger the society.

The former Dean urged teachers and parents to take more interests in the character development of their children and wards as much as they do on their academic learning.

Prof. Yahaya said that learning and character must be simultaneously imbibed to ensure healthy development of individuals and the larger society, saying that certificates of higher learning are always issued after the institutions are satisfied with the quality character and level of learning of graduands.

UNILORIN FM: The veritable leadership training foundry

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A former volunteer at *UNILORIN FM*, Olusegun Oloyede Daniels, known as O'Daniels, moved to Lagos after graduation. The Nigerian broadcaster set a record for the longest radio talk show, broadcasting non-stop for 130 hours from June 26 to June 30, 2025, as reported by The Nation Newspaper. He is also recognized as the World's Longest Presenter.

Mr Abubakar Imam, who once

served as Head of Marketing, later became National Secretary of IEDPU and is now Deputy Editor of the *UNILORIN Bulletin*

Mr Temitope Olawuyi — Karikatal — is a broadcaster who also oversees the management of the station's online streaming.

Mrs Temitope Folorunso, the Head of News, remains a great asset to the station.

We are pleased to share that Abdulhamid Fakoya is doing very well in the USA. Performing admirably equally is Mrs Damilola Afelumo, the Public Relations Officer of the SSANU Unilorin Chapter.

The reach of the leadership factory also extends to sister institutions. Mr Ishaq Olayiwola Babatunde, a product of the *UNILORIN FM* system, now serves as Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor of Kwara State University, Kwasu. Rukayat Temim Abdulkareem, another voice nurtured at 89.3, has gone on to become the signature voice of Kwasu Radio. Their emergence confirms that the station is not only raising talent for itself, but for the entire media and public service ecosystem of Kwara, Nigeria, and globally.

Each of them will tell you the same thing: *UNILORIN FM* did not just give them a microphone, it gave them a mentality. "A child who is carried on the back does not know how far the journey is." The station carried them, and now they are the ones carrying the name of the University to national and global stages.

Under the current leadership of Mr Idris Alooma, the station continues to function as more than a broadcaster. It is a leadership factory. It takes in students, corps members, and young talents, subjects them to discipline, mentorship, and exposure, and releases them as professionals, scholars, and public figures. That is why today, the voice of *UNILORIN FM* resonates far beyond Ilorin.





Geography Dept. charts new course as leadership changes hands

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Department of Geography and Environmental Management, University of Ilorin, has commenced a new phase of leadership following the formal handover of Departmental affairs by the outgoing Head of the Department, Dr O. D. Ajewole, to the incoming Head of Department, Dr Toluwalope M. Agaja.

The handover ceremony, held last Monday (August 3, 2026), was attended by academic and non-teaching staff, professors and other senior staff members of the Department.

Presenting his stewardship report, Dr Ajewole highlighted the major activities, achievements and initiatives recorded during his tenure. He explained that the Department remained committed to its vision of being a centre of excellence in geographical and environmental education, research and community service while sustaining its mission of producing graduates equipped with competencies in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Disaster Risk Management, Climate Change Adaptation and Environmental Sustainability.

Dr Ajewole disclosed that the Department currently has 28 academic staff, 20 non-academic staff, seven graduate assistants, 286 undergraduate students and 204 postgraduate students, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Geography, Disaster Risk Management and Geographic Information Systems.

He noted that the curriculum review in line with the National Universities Commission (NUC)



Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards was progressing steadily, while proposals for Diploma programmes in Geographic Information Systems and Transport Management were awaiting Senate approval.

Also speaking, Prof. L.T. Ajibade congratulated both the outgoing and incoming Heads of Department, describing the leadership transition as another significant milestone in the history of the Department.

He commended Dr Ajewole for his focused, purposeful and exemplary leadership, noting that his tenure witnessed remarkable progress in academic development, research, staff welfare and institutional growth.

Prof. Ajibade urged Dr Agaja to lead with integrity, fairness and inclusiveness while sustaining the Department's long-standing tradition of academic excellence. He also called on all members of staff to rally round the new Head of Department by offering their unwavering support, cooperation and

constructive contributions towards the continued growth and development of the Department.

Also speaking, Prof. U.A. Raheem commended Dr Ajewole for his dedication, exemplary leadership and invaluable contributions to the growth and development of the Department. He described the peaceful and seamless transition as a reflection of the Department's enduring culture of unity, mutual respect and institutional stability.

Prof. Raheem congratulated Dr Agaja on her appointment, describing it as well deserved and a recognition of her commitment to the Department. He assured her of the unwavering support, cooperation and wise counsel of the elders and all members of staff as she assumes office.

In her acceptance remarks, Dr Toluwalope M. Agaja expressed appreciation to members of the Department for their support and cooperation.

She described her appointment as a call to serve her alma mater and pledged to build on the achievements of her predecessor through purposeful, transparent and inclusive leadership.

Dr Agaja appealed for the continued cooperation, support, constructive suggestions and guidance of all members of the Department to ensure effective administration and the sustained growth and development of the Department.

She expressed optimism that, by working together, the Department would attain even greater heights in teaching, research, innovation and community service.



Abdulbaqi tasks new CISSA EXCO on performance

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, has charged the newly inaugurated Executive Committee of the Communication and Information Science Students Association (CISSA) to uphold positive virtues and build on the achievements and legacies of their predecessors.

Prof. Abdulbaqi gave the charge last Tuesday (August 4, 2026) during the inauguration and swearing-in ceremony of the new CISSA Executive Council at the Faculty Boardroom.

She urged the new executives to work diligently and demonstrate responsible leadership so as to sustain the progress recorded by the Association and ensure that the flag of the Faculty continues to fly high.

The Dean also advised them to maintain a cordial relationship with their predecessors, noting that such collaboration would enable them to build effectively on the achievements already recorded by the Association.

Prof. Abdulbaqi described the administration of the outgoing CISSA President, Mr Sanni Nurudeen Akorede, and his team as proactive and innovative, noting that they consistently introduced relevant ideas aimed at advancing the Faculty and improving students' well-being.

According to her, the former students' leader was ambitious and committed to implementing projects and

initiatives that contributed to the development of the Faculty. She added that his administration embraced teamwork and collaboration in achieving its objectives.

Prof. Abdulbaqi, therefore, urged the incoming Executive Committee to uphold positive virtues and implement initiatives capable of further developing the Faculty.

She also appreciated the student body for entrusting the new EXCO with the responsibility of representing their interests, stressing that the confidence reposed in them came with a duty to protect and justify the trust.

"Do not disappoint them, and do not disappoint us. Whenever you need help or guidance, come closer to the Faculty Management; you will be guided," she advised.

The Dean further urged the new Executive Committee to sustain and build upon the existing legacies of previous CISSA administrations while ensuring that their tenure leaves a positive and lasting mark on the Faculty.

Members of the newly inaugurated CISSA Executive Committee include the President, Mr Koforiji Abayomi Waris, Department of Mass Communication; Vice President, Miss Shanu Mariam Oluwabunmi, Department of Computer Science; General Secretary, Mr Odeniyi David Dideolu, Department of Library and Information Science; Assistant General Secretary, Mr Adelaja Elijah Omotayo, Department of Telecommunication Science; and Welfare Secretary, Mr Abdulrasheed Abayomi Ishola, Department of Telecommunication Science.

Others are the Public Relations Officer I, Mr Fiki Kehinde Elisha, Department of Information Technology; Public Relations Officer II, Miss Mustapha Ololade Firdauz, Department of Computer Science; Financial Secretary, Miss Oladejo Mary Oluwadarasimi, Department of Library and Information Science; Social Director, Miss Shanu Mariam Oluwabunmi, Department of Computer Science; and Software Director, Miss Favour Jacobs, Department of Information Technology.

In his remarks, the new CISSA President, Mr Koforiji Abayomi Waris, said students of Communication and Information Sciences occupied a unique position in society, stressing that their decisions and innovations should be guided by wisdom and aimed at improving people's lives.

He said, "As students of Communication, we occupy a unique place in society. Our greatest communication must be through our decisions, yet we must be informed by wisdom. As students of technology, our innovation must improve people's lives."

According to him, "If communication shapes society and information powers decisions, we must aspire not merely to produce graduates, but to produce professionals, innovators and leaders whose impact extends far beyond the classroom."

He added, "To every student, this belongs to you. Your ideas, questions, innovations and even your constructive criticism are welcomed because leadership becomes stronger when it listens."

Engineering Faculty charges students on practical skills acquisition

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, has held its 2026 Students' Work Experience Programme (SWEP) Orientation, where students were charged to embrace practical learning as an essential component of their Engineering education.

The annual orientation, held last Monday (August 3, 2026), at the New Engineering Lecture Theatre I (NELTI), brought together members of the Faculty management, academic staff, technical personnel and students.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye, described the Students' Work Experience Programme as one of the most important components of Engineering education because it bridges the gap between classroom instruction and practical application.

He explained that the Faculty remains committed to producing graduates who are not only academically sound but who also possess the technical competence, problem-solving ability and professional ethics required to thrive in an increasingly competitive global engineering environment.

The Dean further urged the students to regard the SWEP exercise as an opportunity to develop creativity, innovation and critical thinking, rather than merely fulfilling an academic requirement.

He advised them to be punctual, inquisitive and safety-conscious throughout the programme while learning from experienced



professionals.

Prof. Olaoye also reaffirmed the Faculty's commitment to providing a conducive environment for quality Engineering education through improved laboratories, industry collaboration and practical training capable of producing graduates who can contribute meaningfully to national development.

Delivering a goodwill message, Prof. M. O. Sunmonu encouraged the students to take advantage of every learning opportunity provided through SWEP.

He stressed that Engineering education goes beyond theoretical knowledge, noting that innovation, teamwork, professionalism and continuous learning are indispensable qualities for every successful engineer.

Also speaking, the Sub-Dean of the Faculty, Dr Mary Ajala, welcomed the students and described the orientation as an important foundation for the SWEP exercise.

She urged participants to approach the programme with

discipline, commitment and a willingness to acquire practical knowledge that would complement their classroom learning and prepare them for future professional responsibilities.

Speaking on the topic, "The Importance of SWEP in Engineering Education: Bridging Classroom Knowledge with Practical Engineering and Digital Skills," the Deputy Director of Laboratory Services, Dr Mustapha Ndagi, emphasised that modern engineering practice requires graduates who possess both technical expertise and digital competencies.

He encouraged the students to maximise the opportunities provided by SWEP to gain practical experience, improve their technical proficiency and familiarise themselves with emerging technologies shaping the Engineering profession.

The SWEP Deputy Coordinator, Mr Olatunji Ahmed, expressed appreciation to the Faculty management, guest speakers, academic

and technical staff, as well as the students, for their active participation and support.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the SWEP Coordinator, Dr H. K. Ibrahim, explained the expectations of participants, safety guidelines, code of conduct and assessment procedures before leading an interactive question-and-answer session during which students sought clarification on various aspects of the programme.





2001 Engineering alumni donate N5 million water project

By Mustafa Abubakar

The 2001 set of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, has donated a N5 million sustainable water supply project to the institution as part of its contribution to the 50th Anniversary activities of the University.

The project was commissioned last Monday (August 3, 2026) on behalf of the President of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, Prof. Kilani, by its General Secretary, Dr Barakat Raji.

Speaking on behalf of the Chairman of the Project Committee, Mr Mayowa David Abiodun, the Class Representative, Dr Morakinyo Wasiu

Kareem, said the legacy project was conceived as the 2001 Engineering Graduates' contribution to the University's golden jubilee celebration.

He described the project as a symbol of gratitude to the institution that nurtured them academically and professionally, noting that members of the class considered it both a privilege and a responsibility to give back to their alma mater after 25 years.

According to him, the idea for the project emerged from the collective resolve of the alumni to execute a practical and sustainable intervention that would benefit generations of students, staff, researchers, and visitors. After considering several options, the class unanimously settled for a

water supply project because of the indispensable role of water in teaching, research, sanitation, and the smooth operation of Engineering laboratories and workshops.

Dr Kareem disclosed that the project was funded entirely through voluntary contributions from members of the 2001 Engineering graduates.

He added that the facility underwent comprehensive inspection and operational testing before commissioning and was certified fully ready for immediate use.

He expressed appreciation to members of the 2001 Engineering graduates for their financial support, unity, and commitment, describing the successful completion of the project as a demonstration of what can be achieved through collective purpose and enduring love for their alma mater.

He also acknowledged the support of the University Management, the Dean and leadership of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, the Faculty Representative on Alumni Matters, contractors, artisans, and technical personnel whose contributions ensured the successful execution of the project.

Receiving the project on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye, commended the donors for their foresight, generosity, and unwavering commitment to the development of their alma mater.

He described the donation as a remarkable demonstration of alumni loyalty and a worthy legacy that would enhance teaching, learning, research, and innovation within the Faculty.

Also in attendance are members of the UNILORIN Alumni led by Deputy Registrar Alumni office, Mr Musbau Yusuf.



NAUS President applauds UNILORIN's efforts to ease students' transportation challenges

By Abubakar Abdulquadri
and Bashirat Omotosho

The National President of the National Association of University Students (NAUS), Dr Meschach Anthony Nwankwo (DVM), has commended the management of the University of Ilorin on its tireless efforts to address the transportation challenges facing the students of the institution.

Dr Nwankwo gave the commendation last Thursday (August 6, 2026), during an official visit to the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, in his office.

He said that NAUS was ready to support the University in that regard, adding that the serene environment of the campus was quite impressive.

The NAUS President noted that the University had maintained impressive academic records and very stable academic calendar, while avoiding unnecessary strikes.

He assured the University community that NAUS would do everything within its capacity to support the University to ensure that it maintains its position and sustains continuity in its academic activities.

Dr Nwankwo also commended the University management on the various projects being executed by the University and described the general disposition of the students as encouraging.

The NAUS President further appreciated the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, for what he called his "fantastic handling of the image building and reputation management of the University."

He also commended the efforts of members of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), University of Ilorin Chapter, under the leadership of its Chairman, Mr Adewoyin Adekola Tijani, in keeping the public informed about the activities and achievements of the institution.



■ Dr Nwankwo (right) and Mr Akogun during the visit

Dr Nwankwo, however, called on the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, to contribute her quota to the educational reforms of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu through her Foundation.

He said, "I appeal passionately, being proud of you and also aware of your donations of CNG buses, tricycles and scholarship programmes under your Foundation. I still expect you to do more in terms of executing some projects in the institution to complement the effort of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's educational reform agenda".

In his remarks, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, expressed appreciation to the leadership of the National Association of University Students (NAUS) for its commendation of the University, its students, and the Directorate.

Mr Akogun described the NAUS President's remarks as a true reflection of the cordial relationship between the University Management and the student community.

He assured Dr Nwankwo that the University remains committed to sustaining an environment that promotes dialogue, mutual respect, and academic excellence.

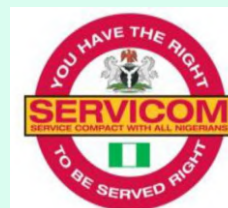
The Director explained that the University Management operates an open-door policy, likening its relationship with students to that of a father and his children, while acknowledging that students are responsible adults who are entitled to their opinions.

He stressed that students have every right to channel their grievances through appropriate means, assuring them that such concerns would always receive due consideration in order to prevent unnecessary conflicts.

Using the relocation of the University Park to the Main Gate as an example, Mr. Akogun noted that the decision, though initially met with concerns, had ultimately benefited the students while aligning with the institution's master plan to enhance campus security and improve the University's aesthetic appeal.

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Ajijolakewu urges FEMSA graduating students to build lasting legacy

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

A lecturer in the Department of Microbiology, University of Ilorin, Dr Kamaldeen Ajijolakewu, has urged students, particularly graduating members of the Faculty of Education Muslim Students' Association (FEMSA), to build a legacy that will endure long after they leave the University.

Dr Ajijolakewu gave the charge penultimate Wednesday (July 29, 2026) while delivering a lecture at the Finalist Send-forth Ceremony 2.0, organised by FEMSA for graduating students of the Faculty of Education.

Speaking on the theme, "Continuum: The Muslim Graduate as an Agent of Positive Change," the don explained the concept of "Fasad"

in Islam, describing it as every form of corruption and harmful act capable of causing disorder in society.

According to him, Fasad includes indecent dressing, corruption, cheating, murder, negligence of duty, earning salaries without discharging one's responsibilities, and other forms of misconduct.

Dr Ajijolakewu stressed that Muslim graduates, as agents of positive change, must neither participate in nor encourage Fasad. Rather, they should discourage all forms of wrongdoing and promote righteousness wherever they find themselves.

The lecturer added that those who witness evil and fail to condemn or prevent it risk losing the mercy of Allah and becoming forgotten in society.

Dr Ajijolakewu, therefore, urged the graduating students to make meaningful impacts within their

families, communities, and the wider society by initiating positive reforms that would contribute to national development.

He also encouraged parents to keep on supporting their children even after graduation and got married as very important due to the adverse effects of the nation's economy.

Also speaking, the Chairman of FEMSA Finalist Sendforth Committee, Mr Busari Al-Aneen Bolaji; advised graduating students on the reality of life after graduation, explaining that their new era of life may not unfold exactly as they have planned, some of them may secure opportunities immediately, while others may wait. Some dreams may materialise quickly, while others may take time.

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3.	Ilorin Business School	Director	Prof. Khadijat A. Yahaya	Accounting	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
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8.	Laboratory-To-Product Centre (LABTOP)	Director	Prof. W.O. Raji	Geophysics	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
9.	Centre for Archives and Documentation	Director	Prof. A. A. Salih	English	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
10.	Joint Universities Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB)	Director	Prof. Ramat Salman	Accounting	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
S/N	CENTRE	STATUS	NAME	Department	FROM	TO
11.	Counselling and Human Development Centre	Acting Director	Dr. Mariam Alwajud	Guidance and Counselling	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2027
12.	Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC)	Director	Prof. A. G. Adeniyi	Chemical Engineering	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
13.	Science, Technical and Innovation Park (STIP)	Director	Prof. T. M. Akande	Epidemiology	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
14.	Mentorship Centre	Director	Prof. Maryam Tayo Ayinla	Physiology	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
15.	Linguistics and Immersion Centre	Director	Prof. OludolapoOjediran	Performing Arts	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
16.	Veterinary Teaching Hospital	Director	Prof. I. A. Odetokun	Veterinary Public Health	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
17.	Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES)	Director	Prof. K. A. Adeniran	Agric and Biosystems Engineering	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
18.	Centre for Students with Special Needs	Director	Prof. Mary Grace Fajonyomi	Guidance and Counselling	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
19.	Centre for Ilorin Studies	Director	Prof. A. A. Abdullahi	Sociology	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
20.	Institute of Legislative Studies	Director	Dr. A. Bakare	Political Science	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2027
21.	Centre for Cultural Studies and Creative Arts	Acting Director	Dr. A. Adebisi	Arabic and Translational Studies	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2027
S/N	CENTRE	STATUS	NAME	Department	FROM	TO
22.	Centre for Management and Leadership	Director	Prof. Nimah M. Abdulraheem	Jurisprudence	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
23.	Centre for Cybersecurity and Sustainable Development (CSSD)	Director	Prof. A. O. Bajeh	Computer Science	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
24.	Molecular Diagnostics and Research Laboratory (MDLR)	Director	Prof. A. S. Adeniran	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029



COORDINATOR AND CHAIRMAN						
S/N	CENTRE	STATUS	NAME	Department	FROM	TO
1.	African Centre for Herbal Research	Coordinator	Dr. S. Adeyemi	Plant Biology	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029
2.	Environmental Committee	Chairman	Professor A. Yusuf	Social Sciences Education	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2027
3.	Environmental Committee	Alternate Chairman	Professor S.A. Aremu	Water Resources	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2029

DEPUTY DIRECTORS						
S/N	CENTRE	STATUS	NAME	Department	FROM	TO
1.	Centre for Internationalisation and Strategic Partnership (CISP)	Deputy Director	Dr. A. H. Zubair	Arabic & Translational studies	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
2.	Ilorin Business School	Deputy Director	Dr Issa Omolabi	Bus Admin	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
3.	School of Preliminary Studies	Deputy Director	Dr. Isiaka Abdulaziz	Social Sciences Education	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
4.	Institute of Education	Deputy Director	Dr. Nimota Jibola Kadir Abdullahi	Educational Management	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
5.	Laboratory-To-Product Centre (LABTOP)	Deputy Director	Dr . Mutiat Busayo Odebisi-Omokanye	Microbiology	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
6.	Joint Universities Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB)	Deputy Director	Dr Adijat Abdulraheem	Health Education	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
7.	Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC)	Deputy Director	Dr Taibat B. Jimoh	Edu. Management	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
8.	Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC)	Deputy Director	Dr Sa'dat Yetunde Yusuf	Crop Protection	1st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
9.	Science, Technical and Innovation Park (STIP)	Deputy Director	Dr Bilqis A. Lawal	Pharmacognosy	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
10.	Science, Technical and Innovation Park (STIP)	Deputy Director	Dr. S. A. Yahaya	Biomedical Engineering	1st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
11.	Mentorship Centre	Deputy Director	Dr. A. O. Fahm	Religions	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
12.	Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES)	Deputy Director	Dr. O. D. Adebayo	Guidance and Counselling	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
13.	Centre for Students with Special Needs	Deputy Director	Dr. Kafayah A. Jiddah	Health Education	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
14.	Centre for Ilorin Studies	Deputy Director	Dr. Mahmud Danjuma Musa	Arabic and Translational studies	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
15.	Institute of Legislative Studies	Deputy Director	Dr. Hameenat B. Ojibara	Private and Property Law	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
16.	Centre for Cultural Studies and Creative Arts	Deputy Director	Dr. O. A. Olusegun	Crop Protection	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
17.	Centre for Management and Leadership	Deputy Director	Dr. W . M. Raheem	Urban and Regional Planning	1st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
18.	Institute of Translation Arts	Deputy Director	Dr. M. S. Abdullahi	Arts Education	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
19.	Centre for Cybersecurity and Sustainable Development (CSSD)	Deputy Director	Dr. A. I. Issa	Educational Technology	1st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
20.	Institute of Medical Research and Training (IMRAT)	Deputy Director	Dr. Kehinde Muibat Ibiveye	Anatomy	1st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
21.	Centre for Research and In-House Training (CREDIT)	Deputy Director	Dr. Basiru Afisu	VET. Physiology	1st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
22.	Centre for Research and In-House Training (CREDIT)	Deputy Director	Dr. Oladimeji Ibrahim	Electrical Engineering	1st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
23.	Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL)	Deputy Director	Dr. A. A. Lateef	Plant Biology	1st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
24.	Central Research Laboratory	Deputy Director	Dr. Taofiqat O. Abu	Industrial Chemistry	1st August, 2026	31st July, 2028
25.	Regional Centre of Expertise on Sustainable Development (RCE)	Deputy Director	Dr. W. O. Kareem	Agric. Extension & Rural Development	1st August, 2026	31st July, 2028

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS						
S/N	CENTRE	STATUS	NAME	Department	FROM	TO
1.	Centre for Internationalisation and Strategic Partnership (CISP)	Assistant Director	Dr. O.M. Olorunnimbe	Religions	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2027
2.	Institute of Education	Assistant Director	Dr. A. O. Odutayo	Social Sciences Education	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2027
3.	Joint Universities Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB)	Assistant Director	Dr. Mubarak A. Amolove	Chemical Engineering	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2027
4.	Centre for Renewable Energy	Assistant Director	Dr. Khadijat Abdulkareem Abdulraheem	Water Resources	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2027
	Linguistics and Immersion Centre	Assistant Director	Dr. Abubakar Abdullah Salaty	Arabic and Translational studies	1 st August, 2026	31st July, 2027

**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST****FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 30TH July TO 6TH AUGUST 2026**

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	25,500.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	1,976,064.00
Sundry Other Incomes	467,230.00
Income from Verification /Screening	530,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	8,000.00
Capitation NHIS	26,100.00
Boarded Property	10,000.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	22,000.00
Others	13,000.00
Refund Non Salary	110,000.00
Refund	628,788.17
CODL- Form Processing Charges	50,400.00
CODL- Undergraduate Charges	271,320.00
Convocation Souvenir	153,200.00
Hire of University Property	5,000.00
Administrative Charges Income	49,000.00
Rent on University Property	15,000.00
Utility Income	1,303,700.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	1,282,500.00
Undergraduate Post UTME	1,980,800.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	248,900.00
Postgraduate School Charges	35,119,081.75
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	275,200.00
Postgraduate Application Form	201,600.00
Postgraduate School Verification of Results	20,200.00
Remedial Application Form	15,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,522,400.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance	70,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	151,200.00
Institute of Education School Charges	10,712,560.70
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	1,202,400.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	101,000.00
Institute of Education Application Form	116,400.00
JUPEB School Charges	352,600.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦59,036,744.62
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Triakaf Ventures Ltd Purchase of Waste/Refuse Truck	47,200,000.00
Messrs Phadnig Integrated Supply and Installation of 8kw/48v Inverter and 10kwh Lituium Battery	8,092,835.40
Ever Phoenix Guest House Hotel Expenses	1,035,412.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	17,513,404.79
Purchase Advance Various	5,239,304.35
GRP/Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	235,476.60
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	
Unilorin Press Printing Job	2,635,000.00
Unilorin Holdings Ltd 5 Percent Remittance of return from Energy Vending	816,099.52
Total TSA Charges Various	23,003.00
Total payment for the period	₦82,790,535.66

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Bursar



1	BASHORUN MUSEDIQ TUNJI	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	09-Aug
2	OLARONGBE SHUAIB AGBOOLA	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	09-Aug
3	OGUNGBAYI PETER ROPO	CENTRAL WORKSHOP:ENGINEERING	09-Aug
4	ABU TAOFIQAT OMOTAYO	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	09-Aug
5	BELLO RONKE HADIYAT	PHARMACEUTICAL MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY	09-Aug
6	IDRIS SOLIU	QUANTITY SURVEYING	09-Aug
7	SANUSI ABDULRAZAQ	PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY	09-Aug
8	AYODELE GRACE YEMISI	REGISTRY	10-Aug
9	OGUNDELE COMFORT OYELADUN	REGISTRY	10-Aug
10	ALABI OLUWASEGUN TIMOTHY	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	10-Aug
11	AJALA LYDIA BOLA	REGISTRY	10-Aug
12	SUBAIR MUTIAT KEHINDE	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	10-Aug
13	ADEBAYO RASHEEDAT ADERONKE	REGISTRY	11-Aug
14	POPOOLA MOBOLAJI OLUShOLA	WORKS: MECHANICAL	11-Aug
15	SANUSI NURUDEEN ADEBOWALE	BURSARY	11-Aug
16	LAWAL SURAJ SHOLA	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	11-Aug
17	IBRAHIM TAIYE QASIM	MICROBIOLOGY	11-Aug
18	ALABIDUN TAWAKALITU BOLANLE	REGISTRY	11-Aug
19	OBA AREMU ABDULRASHEED	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	12-Aug
20	ADEBAYO PETER FOLORUNSHO	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	12-Aug
21	OKPARAKWU FRANCIS EBI	REGISTRY	12-Aug
22	OLAWUMI HANNAH OLUWAYEMISI	HAEMATOLOGY & BLOOD TRANSFUSION	12-Aug
23	BAMIDELE ABDUL-LATIFU AKANO	SECURITY DIVISION	12-Aug
24	OPAKUNLE MURITALA ADENEKAN	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	12-Aug
25	IBRAHIM JAMIU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	12-Aug
26	OGUNLADE OLUWABUNMI RACHEAL	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	13-Aug
27	FATOBA PAUL OJO	PLANT BIOLOGY	13-Aug
28	ALIYU USMAN	SECURITY DIVISION	13-Aug
29	YAHAYA TAIWO	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	13-Aug
30	GAMBARI-AMBALI RABIAT OLARONKE	MICROBIOLOGY	13-Aug
31	OLAWUYI EMMANUEL TEMITOPE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	13-Aug
32	ADAM MOHAMMED	VETERINARY PATHOLOGY	13-Aug
33	AKANJI TOLULOPE PAUL	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	13-Aug
34	ABUBAKAR MUSA IDI-OGEDE	AQUACULTURE & FISHERIES	14-Aug
35	ABUBAKAR HUSSAIN OLANREWAJU	GEOPHYSICS	14-Aug
36	AGHALINO SAMUEL OUVETE	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	14-Aug
37	SABONKUDI SULEIMAN SADIQ	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	14-Aug
38	OBAFEMI MICHEAL OJO	REGISTRY	14-Aug
39	AJISAFE COMFORT MODUPE	REGISTRY	14-Aug
40	WURAOLA OLUWABUSAYO TEMITOPE	PRIVATE & PROPERTY LAW	14-Aug
41	MEJABI HASSAN TAIWO	LIBRARY	14-Aug
42	DAUDA ABDULFATAI	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	14-Aug
43	OKOJI OLUFEMI ONWEAZU	ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION	15-Aug
44	TOMORI RAHEED ADEKOLA	WEB SUPPORT SERVICES	15-Aug
45	ADAM IBRAHIM KAYODE	BUSINESS LAW	15-Aug
46	JAIYEGBA MICHAEL OLAWALE	SECURITY DIVISION	15-Aug
47	WAHEED AZEEZ	SECURITY DIVISION	15-Aug
48	TAIWO ISAAC TOYIN	CHEMISTRY	15-Aug
49	BABALOLA RISIKAT OLADUNNI	REGISTRY	15-Aug
50	EMMANUEL SABASTINE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	15-Aug
51	SHITTU ADIJAT FOLASHADE	PHYSICS	15-Aug
52	MOHAMUDU AFUSAT ARIKE	REGISTRY	15-Aug
53	AGBOOLA OLAYINKA MICHAEL	REGISTRY	15-Aug
54	ATATA JAMILA ABDULHAMID	VETERINARY PATHOLOGY	15-Aug
55	BABA BOLAKALE SAHID	WORKS: ESTATE	15-Aug
56	NURUDEEN RUKAYAT	PHARMACOGNOSY & DRUG DEVELOPMENT	15-Aug



The tenure of a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and the immediate past Registrar of Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Emeritus Prof. Is'haq Oloyede, has proved that the Board has transformed from a snake-infested wasteland of corruption and mediocrity into one of Nigeria's most responsive and better-run public institutions.

("What Is-haq Oloyede tenure Says about JAMB", Vanguard, Friday, July 31, 2026, p.25)

The New Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Segun Aina, has pledged that he would build on the achievements of his predecessor, Prof. Ishaq Oloyede through innovation stronger institutional system and improved service delivery.

("New JAMB Registrar unveils reform agenda, targets digital transformation", *The Nation*, Tuesday, August 4, 2026, p.27; "FIRST DAY IN OFFICE: Prof. Segun Aina unveils Five Pillar Agenda to Drive JAMB's Next Digital Era",

<https://rectitudenrwsng.wordpress.com/>)

The University of Ilorin Islamic Banking and Finance Society (UIBS), has held the maiden edition of ETHCON, bringing together students, professionals, academic and industry experts to explore the relevance of Islam finance across different fields.

("UIBFS Holds Maiden ETHICON 1.0, Charges Youths to Embrace Islamic Finance", <https://esanadnews.blogspot.com/>)

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated Emeritus Prof. Ishaq Olanrewaju Oloyede on the successful completion of his tour of duty as Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB). He said the University is extremely proud of the achievements of one of its former Vice Chancellors.

("Egbewole Congratulates Oloyede, as ex-UNILORIN VC completes JAMB assignment", <https://theproximanees.blogspot.com/>)

A special tribute has been published in *The Guardian* newspaper on the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, describing

him as one of Nigeria's foremost legal scholars and university administrators whose leadership is anchored on integrity, discipline, accountability and service.

("Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN: A Vice Chancellor Driven by Integrity, Vision and Excellence', *The Guardian*, Sunday, August 2, 2026, p.31)

In an opinion article, the General Manager of UNILORIN FM, Mr Idris Alooma, has noted that the campus radio station has transformed from merely airing programmes to shaping minds, refining voices and raising leaders.

("Beyond the Microphone: How UNILORIN FM Became a Leadership Training Factory", *The Herald*, Friday, August 7, 2026, p.15; "Beyond the Microphone: How UNILORIN FM Became a Leadership Training Factory", <https://high-profile.com.ng/>; "Beyond the Microphone: How UNILORIN FM Became a Leadership Training Factory", <https://theproximanees.blogspot.com/>; "Beyond the Microphone: How UNILORIN FM Became a Leadership Training Factory", <https://emirateradio.ng/>; "Beyond the Microphone: How UNILORIN FM Became a Leadership Training Factory", <https://toowritersmagazine.wordpress.com/>; "Beyond the Microphone: How UNILORIN FM Became a Leadership Training Factory", <https://dailyaffairs24.wordpress.com/>; "Beyond the Microphone: How UNILORIN FM Became a Leadership Training Factory", <https://solidmedia974482948.wordpress.com/>)

The Muslim Ummah of South West Nigeria (MUSWEN), University of Lagos Muslim Alumni (UMA), and the Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria (MSSN), Lagos State Area Unit, have commended the immediate past Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede on his outstanding records at the agency.

("MUSWEN, UMA, MSSN hail Oloyede's outstanding JAMB's record", *The Nation*, Friday, August 7, 2026, p.14)

Egbewole: A leader driven by vision, integrity and excellence

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He therefore, acknowledges that challenges remain inevitable but rather than dwelling on them, however, he believes challenges exist to stimulate creativity and problem solving. He often distinguishes between professionals and amateurs by observing that professionals focus on finding solutions while amateurs spend their time complaining about problems.

Funding remains one of the realities confronting universities across the world, yet he insists that prudent management and strategic allocation of available resources can still produce remarkable results. His administration has continued to prioritize spending that delivers maximum value while exploring collaborative partnerships capable of supporting institutional development. Infrastructure presents another challenge, particularly with a student population exceeding fifty thousand and limited accommodation capacity. Instead of allowing the situation to become a permanent obstacle, the university has actively pursued partnerships and collaborative initiatives that continue to expand available facilities and improve students' learning environment.

He also identifies the structure of Nigeria's university governance system as an external challenge. Lengthy administrative procedures required for staff recruitment, approvals, and institutional decision making often slow the pace at which universities can respond to emerging needs. Professor Egbewole believes twenty first century universities require greater operational flexibility to attract quality personnel promptly and remain globally competitive. Nevertheless, he remains optimistic that ongoing reforms will eventually

strengthen university autonomy across the country.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable aspects of his leadership is the consistency with which he applies his personal values. Interestingly, he says he has never faced a defining moment where his integrity was tested because he settled those issues long before assuming leadership positions. One example is his personal policy against accepting gifts or expressions of appreciation for simply performing his official responsibilities. While many may consider such gestures culturally acceptable, he believes public officers should faithfully discharge their duties without expecting personal rewards. For him, service remains an obligation rather than a favour.

This principled approach has gradually influenced the culture of the University of Ilorin. Under his leadership, timeliness has once again become an important institutional value. Meetings and official programmes begin as scheduled, reflecting respect for people's time and reinforcing discipline across the university community. Equally, he encourages openness, honesty, and constructive disagreement. Staff members are free to express their opinions without fear, provided such views are presented respectfully and truthfully. According to him, genuine leadership requires listening even to uncomfortable truths.

Looking to the future, Professor Egbewole has articulated an ambitious vision he describes as "Vision 1, 10, 500." His goal is to position the University as the number one university in Nigeria, among the top ten universities in Africa, and within the top five hundred universities globally. Achieving this

vision requires continuous investment in academic excellence, research, innovation, digital transformation, and institutional efficiency.

His administration has already accelerated the digitalization of university operations, ensuring that processes from admission to graduation become increasingly seamless and technology driven. He envisions a university where students and staff can complete virtually every administrative process electronically regardless of their location. Beyond digital transformation, the university has established a Sustainable Development Unit to align research activities with global development priorities while encouraging innovations capable of addressing pressing societal challenges. Through its Innovation Hub, the institution also seeks to nurture young innovators, commercialize research outcomes, and develop products that can compete internationally.

On his advice to young Nigerians, he emphasizes that integrity begins at home, urging parents to return to the traditional values of honesty, discipline, and merit. Communities, he argues, must also reclaim their role in nurturing responsible citizens rather than remaining indifferent to unacceptable behaviour. At the national level, he advocates a renewed commitment to integrity in public life and a leadership recruitment process that allows individuals to grow through progressive responsibility and practical experience.

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Egbewole: A leader driven by vision, integrity and excellence

Prof. Abdulwahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, has earned a reputation as one of Nigeria's foremost legal scholars and university administrators whose leadership is anchored on integrity, discipline, accountability, and service. Since assuming office, he has continued to consolidate the institution's long standing tradition of excellence while charting a bold course toward global competitiveness through innovation, digital transformation, research, and sustainable development.

For Prof. Egbewole, integrity is not simply one of several leadership virtues, it is the foundation upon which every aspect of life and leadership rests. According to him, integrity defines who a person truly is. It shapes one's convictions, influences decisions, determines relationships, and guides conduct in both public and private life. In his view, integrity admits no middle ground. A person either lives by integrity or does not. There can be no convenient compromise.

This conviction equally informs his assessment of Nigeria's developmental challenges. While many attribute the country's difficulties solely to political leadership, he believes the challenge of integrity cuts across



■ Prof. Egbewole

every segment of society. From leadership to followership, from families to communities and institutions, he argues that the erosion of ethical values has contributed significantly to the nation's present realities. He likens the situation to a society where the few who uphold integrity appear abnormal simply because the majority have accepted the opposite as the norm. It is a trend he describes as unfortunate, one that demands a collective return to honesty, accountability, and responsible citizenship.

His understanding of leadership reflects the same clarity. Leadership, according to the Vice Chancellor, is fundamentally about service. It is not defined by titles or positions but by the ability to inspire others, communicate a clear vision, and guide people from one point to another with purpose and conviction. A true leader must earn the trust of

followers through consistency and transparency while possessing the foresight to think beyond immediate circumstances. In his opinion, effective leaders should plan not merely for years or decades but for generations. He believes many contemporary leadership challenges stem from short term thinking rather than long term institutional planning.

These principles have continued to shape his administration at the University of Ilorin, an institution he describes as unique in Nigeria's higher education space. He

attributes the university's remarkable stability and consistent academic achievements to a culture deliberately built by successive generations of visionary leaders who placed institutional interests above personal ambitions. According to him, the University's enduring strength lies in a leadership recruitment culture that consistently prioritizes merit, discipline, dialogue, and service to the institution.

He points to the University's tradition of responsible students, dedicated academic and non-academic staff, strong unions, and a management philosophy built on consultation rather than confrontation as some of the

factors responsible for its enviable reputation. Above all, the institution remains committed to merit, excellence, and continuous improvement, qualities that have sustained its position as one of Nigeria's most respected universities.

Professor Egbewole regards the opportunity to serve as Vice Chancellor as both an honour and a responsibility. Having spent his academic career within the University of Ilorin, he considers the institution the platform that gave him the opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and contribute meaningfully to national development. That sense of gratitude continues to inspire his determination to ensure that the university grows even stronger for future generations.

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