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UNILORIN congratulates Oloyede, as ex-VC completes JAMB assignment

By Latifat Raji



The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulwahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated Emeritus Prof. Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede on the successful completion of his tour of duty as Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), saying that the University is extremely proud of the achievements of one of its former Vice Chancellors.

Prof. Egbewole made the remarks last Friday (July 31, 2026) at a send-off ceremony in Abuja, where Emeritus Prof. Oloyede handed over the baton of JAMB leadership to his successor, Prof. Segun Aina, having completed his two-terms of 10 years (five years each) as the helmsman of the renowned matriculations examination body.

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■ **Change of baton: From Oloyede (left) to Aina (right) last Friday**

UNILORIN announces Post-UTME dates

By Temitope Omoniye

The University of Ilorin has fixed its 2026/2027 Pre-Admission Screening (Post-UTME) exercise for Thursday, August 13, to Saturday, August 15, 2026.

This was disclosed by the University Admissions Officer, Mr AbdulKareem Kunle Sanni, in an interview with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Friday (July 31, 2026).

Mr Sanni confirmed that candidates who have completed their screening application can begin printing their scheduled examination slips from Monday, August 10, 2026.

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Egbewole congratulates 3 student-winners of N150m venture grants

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated three undergraduate students of the University who won the Federal Government Students Venture Capital Grant (FG-SVCG), describing their feat as another demonstration of the commitment of the University to

innovation and entrepreneurship.

The Director of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem, presented the beneficiaries, who secured ₦50 million each, amounting to a total of ₦150 million, to the Vice Chancellor at a brief ceremony held at the Vice Chancellor's Committee Room last Tuesday (July 28, 2026).

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VC charges COMSIT on Blueprint implementation

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged staff members of the Directorate of Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT) to remain committed to implementing its newly unveiled Blueprint.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Monday (July 27, 2026) at the University Auditorium during the unveiling of the Blueprint, which he described as a strategic framework for sustaining excellence, strengthening institutional performance and advancing the global aspirations of the University.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

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He had earlier served as the 8th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin from 2007 to 2012 before proceeding to national service, where he earned wider spread recognition for his reforms and commitment to excellence.

Prof. Egbewole commended the immediate past JAMB Registrar on his exemplary commitment, professionalism, and unwavering dedication to public service, describing him as a "total Unilorite" and a symbol of integrity whose remarkable leadership has continued to bring honour to the University of Ilorin.

He noted that Emeritus Prof. Oloyede successfully concluded a decade of transformative service at JAMB before handing over to Prof. Segun Aina.

Prof. Egbewole, alongside other academic leaders, and other dignitaries, praised Emeritus Prof. Oloyede's courage, transparency, leadership, and enduring legacy of leaving every public institution he served stronger and more impactful. He added that the honouree's legacy of excellence and integrity would continue to inspire members of the University of Ilorin community and future generations of leaders.

The colourful ceremony featured goodwill messages, presentation of gifts, and heartfelt tributes from colleagues, associates, friends, and admirers in celebration of Emeritus Prof. Oloyede's years of dedicated service and remarkable contributions to education and national development.

Speaking at the event, the Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa, commended the University of Ilorin for producing Emeritus Prof. Oloyede, describing him as an exceptional leader with a remarkable ability to solve challenges. He also praised his

contributions to strengthening the integrity of public examinations through reforms that curbed examination malpractice for both WAEC and NECO.

Guests described the occasion as a fitting celebration of a distinguished career marked by impactful service, integrity, and an unwavering

commitment to excellence.

In his valedictory remarks, Emeritus Prof. Oloyede declared that he was leaving behind a stronger, more transparent and globally respected admissions body than the one he inherited in 2016.

Reflecting on what he described as "a decade of landmark reforms driven by technology, transparency, discipline and staff welfare", the erudite Professor of Arabic and Islamic Jurisprudence urged Nigerians to support the new Registrar, Prof. Segun Aina, as, according to him, "the future of JAMB depends on continuity rather than individuals."

Emeritus Prof. Oloyede pointed out that his administration strengthened the Computer-Based Test (CBT) system, expanded biometric verification, introduced the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS), improved digital payment systems and enhanced surveillance measures, significantly reducing examination malpractice and restoring confidence in the admissions process.

He also highlighted improvements



in staff welfare, revealing that JAMB invested over ₦8 billion in retirement savings, introduced a 13th-month salary, increased duty allowances, provided free transportation and medical support, and rewarded retiring staff with packages ranging from ₦3 million to ₦10 million.

He said that discipline remained a key part of his administration, noting that several staff members were prosecuted for misconduct. He referenced the widely publicised case in which a staff member claimed that a snake swallowed ₦36 million, saying the board never compromised on accountability.

He also noted that JAMB reduced the cost of UTME forms by 30 percent, expanded support for candidates living with disabilities and continued funding tertiary institutions through annual merit awards.

While acknowledging that mistakes were made during his tenure, Emeritus Prof. Oloyede accepted responsibility for any shortcomings and expressed confidence that Prof. Aina's leadership would take JAMB to even greater heights.



Egbewole tasks statisticians on data automation

By Abubakar Imam
and Bashirat Omotosho

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged statisticians across the country to champion data automation through harmonised data collection processes in order to enhance security, good governance and national development.

Prof. Egbewole made the call last Tuesday, (July 28, 2026) while declaring open the 10th International Conference of the Professional Statisticians Society of Nigeria (PSSN), held at the University Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the Society for sustaining the Conference over the years, describing its consistency and commitment as a testament to the growing relevance of Statistics in addressing national challenges.

Speaking on the Conference theme, "Statistical Intelligence for National Security and Good Governance in a Data-Driven Economy," the Vice Chancellor observed that the theme aptly reflects the critical role of universities as centres for knowledge creation and problem solving.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also a member of the Nigerian Body of Benchers, further urged professional statisticians to take the lead in harmonising data collection processes across institutions and sectors to facilitate regular updates and improve data quality.

According to him, such harmonisation would pave the way for automated data systems where information can be seamlessly integrated, updated, and utilised for informed decision-making, thereby strengthening



■ Prof. Egbewole

governance, national security, and sustainable economic development.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the National President of the PSSN, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, maintained that the Society remains committed to advancing statistical research and practice as a strategic tool for national development.

Prof. Yahya noted that in keeping with the Society's tradition, the 10th International Conference was preceded by a pre-conference workshop on "Regularised Sufficient Dimension Reduction for High-Dimensional Data: Theory, Implementation, and Application in R" and "Design and Analysis of Parametric and Plasmode Simulation Studies in Biostatistics."

He commended the facilitators, Dr Kabir Opeyemi Olorede of the Kwara State University, Malete; and Dr Lateef Babatunde Amusa of the University of Ilorin, for equipping participants with practical skills that will strengthen statistical research and innovation.

Prof. Yahya explained that the Conference theme, "Statistical Intelligence

for National Security and Good Governance in a Data-Driven Economy," was carefully chosen to address Nigeria's growing security and governance challenges through the effective deployment of quality data.

He added that the Society has continued to advocate for improved national statistical systems, citing its recent memorandum to the House of Representatives Committee on National Planning and Economic Development on the proposed Statistics Bill 2025.

According to him, the memorandum recommended expanding official data collection to cover critical areas such as sports and physical activities, arts and the creative economy, gender-based violence, road traffic safety, mental health, urban and peri-urban development, as well as statistics on internally displaced persons and refugees.

He expressed confidence that strengthened statistical intelligence would enhance policy formulation, national security and sustainable development in Nigeria.

The keynote speaker, the Executive Secretary of the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Idris Muhammed Bugaje, who was represented by Mr. Babangida Alibaba, underscored the indispensable role of statistical intelligence in promoting national security and strengthening good governance in an increasingly data-driven economy.

He explained that credible, timely, and well-managed data remain the foundation for effective policy formulation, strategic planning, and evidence-based decision-making, stressing that governments and institutions must prioritise data integrity to address emerging socio-economic and security challenges.

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UNILORIN threatens to sanction hostel owners over early rent collection

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has warned private hostel owners operating within the University campus against the collection of new accommodation fees from students until the University Senate firms up arrangements for the next academic session.

Prof. Egbewole gave the warning last Tuesday (July 28, 2026) during a meeting with private hostel owners, where he cautioned that the University would not tolerate any action capable of undermining its established processes and regulations.

He explained that collecting accommodation fees from students before the Senate's decision on their academic status amounts to disregarding the authority of the University, adding that appropriate actions would be taken against any operator found violating the directive.

The Vice Chancellor, who reminded the private hostel owners that their businesses exist in the University because of the presence of students in the institution, noted that students remain the

most important stakeholders in the University community, as their presence sustains both academic and commercial activities within and around the institution.

Prof. Egbewole expressed concern over reports that some hostel owners had started collecting accommodation fees from students and even prospective students who were yet to gain admission into the University, describing the practice as unacceptable.

He stressed that the University would not allow any activity that could compromise its admission and academic processes.

The Vice Chancellor recalled that the University had honoured its agreement with private hostel owners to review hostel charges every three years, despite facing criticisms from members of the public over such adjustments.

He, however, maintained that while private hostel owners have the right to operate businesses, such businesses must function within the rules and regulations guiding the University environment.

Prof. Egbewole stated that financial obligations arising from loans obtained by hostel owners could not serve as justification for violating existing agreements or policies of the institution.

He directed any hostel owner who

had collected accommodation fees from students for the 2026/2027 academic session to refund such money within 72 hours, warning that failure to comply would attract stiff penalty from the University.

The Vice Chancellor also cautioned hostel operators against rushing students into renewing accommodation payments when their existing tenancy agreements had not expired, noting that students' accommodation arrangements remain valid until the formal termination of the extant academic session.

He further advised them to prioritise students' welfare rather than focusing solely on business interests, stressing that the University would not allow its reputation to be affected by practices that put students under unnecessary pressure.

On the issue of single-room accommodation, Prof. Egbewole said the University encourages students to experience communal living, which promotes social interaction, responsibility and exposure to diverse backgrounds. He added that university education extends beyond classroom learning, as students are expected to interact with colleagues from different social and economic backgrounds.

The Vice Chancellor, however, advised parents who prefer exclusive accommodation for their children to consider off-campus hostel options, while encouraging students within the University environment to embrace the values of cooperation and community living.

He reaffirmed the commitment of the University to maintaining peaceful relationships with all stakeholders but stressed that compliance with established rules remains mandatory.

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Egbewole congratulates 3 student-winners of N150m venture grants

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While welcoming the winners to his office, the Vice Chancellor described the students as worthy ambassadors and illustrious representatives of the University, noting that they distinguished themselves in a highly competitive national exercise involving over 36,000 applicants.

Prof. Egbewole said the University took pride in the students' remarkable accomplishment, stating that their emergence among the finalists reflected their resilience, creativity and determination.

He, however, encouraged the beneficiaries to mentor other aspiring student innovators while continuing to learn from experienced entrepreneurs, saying that, the University of Ilorin Innovation Hub thrives on mentorship, collaboration and the transfer of knowledge.

While urging the students to maximise the opportunity by developing unique products capable of remaining competitive and sustainable in the marketplace, the Vice Chancellor advised them to sustain the discipline, commitment and innovative spirit that earned them the grants, noting that consistency would position them for even



greater successes.

Prof. Egbewole also advised them to adhere strictly to the budgets and business plans they submitted for the competition, reminding them that they owed a responsibility to themselves, their families, the University and Nigeria, which had provided them with the opportunity.

The Vice Chancellor expressed confidence that the beneficiaries would, in the coming years, become successful entrepreneurs who would give back to the society by supporting other students, creating opportunities for young people and contributing meaningfully to national development.

While presenting the students to the Vice Chancellor, the Director of TEC, Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem, said the

beneficiaries distinguished themselves in a highly competitive national exercise that attracted over 36,000 applications from students across the country.

He explained that after a rigorous screening process, only 65 applicants advanced to the pitching stage, while 45 finalists eventually emerged as grant recipients. He noted that the University of Ilorin recorded an impressive outing, producing four of the 65 finalists and three of the eventual winners with each of them receiving a ₦50 million venture grant.

Prof. Raheem disclosed that the beneficiaries had already received the first tranche of the grants and had commenced implementation of their respective business projects, stating that they would

utilise the funds judiciously to build sustainable enterprises.

The TEC Director attributed the students' success to the University's deliberate investment in entrepreneurship, innovation and mentorship, adding that the achievement further reinforced the position of the institution as a leading hub for student enterprise development in Nigeria.



UNILORIN announces Post-UTME dates

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The Admissions Officer also reminded all prospective candidates, including both Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) candidates and Direct Entry (DE) applicants, that the portal for screening registration will officially

close on Sunday, August 9, 2026.

He said, "Candidates are advised to print their examination slips promptly once available to verify their scheduled test dates and times."

Summary of Important

Dates:

* Registration Deadline

(UTME & DE): Sunday, August 9, 2026

* Printing of Scheduled Slips Begins: Monday, August 10, 2026

* Post-UTME Screening Tests: Thursday, August 13 – Saturday, August 15, 2026

Egbewole charges COMSIT on Blueprint implementation

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He commended the Directorate for producing the document through a broad consultative process involving its Deputy Directors, heads of units and members of staff, stressing that collective ownership remains the foundation for its successful implementation.

The Vice Chancellor explained that the Blueprint, which outlines key performance indicators for the Directorate's 12 units, represents an enduring legacy that should guide COMSIT beyond the tenure of its current leadership.

He expressed confidence that whoever succeeds the present Director would build on the foundation already laid and move the Directorate to greater heights.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also a member of the Nigerian Body of Benchers, urged staff to translate the Blueprint from a well-written document into practical results, noting that policies only become meaningful when faithfully implemented. He reminded members of staff that every office holder would one day leave office, adding that the true measure of leadership lies in the positive legacies left behind.

The Senior Advocate of Nigeria also urged staff members of COMSIT to remain committed to the effective implementation of the Blueprint, stressing that its success would be measured by how well it transforms the operations of the Directorate and contributes to the overall strategic goals of the University.

He said the document should serve as a practical guide for improved service delivery, accountability and innovation, expressing confidence that its faithful execution would strengthen the capacity of the Directorate to meet the evolving technological needs of the University and sustain its reputation for

excellence.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the convener and Chairman of the Consortium of Kwara Universities(KU8+), also appreciated the Director, Deputy Directors and members of the implementation committee for their dedication to the assignment and called on all COMSIT personnel to place the interest of the University above personal considerations. He maintained that sustained commitment, teamwork and accountability are essential to preserving the reputation of the institution as a globally competitive University.

The outgoing Director of COMSIT, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, explained that the restructuring of the Directorate into 12 specialised units was designed to simplify operations, enhance efficiency and ensure faster service delivery to members of the University community. He noted that the new structure clearly defines the responsibilities of each unit, thereby promoting accountability, improved coordination and prompt response to the ICT needs of staff, students and other

stakeholders.

Prof. Jimoh, who teaches at the Department of Computer Science, disclosed that the Directorate developed a comprehensive operational blueprint during a management retreat, where Deputy Directors and Heads of Units critically reviewed global best practices and adapted them to the unique operational environment of the University.

According to him, the document has since passed through the University's approval processes and now serves as the official guide for the Directorate's activities.

Prof. Jimoh, who is also a former Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, added that the Blueprint would provide stakeholders with a better understanding of the services offered by the newly created units and the appropriate channels for accessing them. He expressed confidence that the document would strengthen collaboration across the University and improve the quality of ICT support available to all users.

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UNILORIN threatens to sanction hostel owners over early rent collection

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In his remarks, the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, said the meeting was convened to warn private hostel owners on the need to prioritise students' welfare and understand that operating a business within the University environment comes with responsibilities.

Dr Akanmu noted that the mindset of "I am in business" should not be used as a justification to engage in practices that could negatively affect students or undermine the policies of the University, saying that while the University recognises the role of private hostel owners in complementing its accommodation efforts, such operations must align with the rules and guidelines established by the institution.

The Ag. Dean, however, warned

that any private hostel found violating the University's regulations would face appropriate sanctions, including possible close-down.

Dr Akanmu explained that the University Management has continued to make deliberate efforts to maintain peace and provide a conducive environment for students, adding that the students' cooperation and obedience should not be taken for granted by any business owner.

In their separate remarks, the Chairman of Private Hostel Owners in the University, Mr. Williams Adedeji, and his Deputy, Mr Baruwa Tunji, pledged their commitment to working closely with the management of the University to ensure full compliance with the rules and regulations of the institution.

The duo acknowledged the concerns raised by the University and assured the management that private hostel

owners would continue to operate within the framework of its policies.

They, however, noted that some members of the group were facing pressure from parents who were eager to secure accommodation for their children and wards ahead of the new academic session, as well as pressure from financial institutions where some hostel owners obtained loans to develop their facilities.

Despite these challenges, the representatives of the hostel owners pledged that the welfare and interest of students would remain paramount in their operations.

They assured the University that they would continue to support efforts aimed at maintaining a peaceful and conducive environment for teaching, learning and student development within the institution.

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The Director, who is also the Pioneer Vice Chancellor of Muhammad Kamalud-deen University, Ilorin, further announced that COMSIT would commence University-wide training on electronic mail and the e-ticketing platform before the end of the week to further enhance digital service delivery.

He commended the Deputy Directors, Heads of Units and members of staff of the Directorate for their dedication and contributions towards the successful development and implementation of the Blueprint.

Prof. Jimoh added that as part of

efforts to enhance operational efficiency and improve service delivery, the Centre for Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT) operates through 12 specialised functional units. These include the Portal Unit, Network Unit, Support Unit, Training Unit, Cybersecurity and Multimedia Unit, Email Unit, Hardware and Repair Unit, Web Services Unit, Computer-Based Test (CBT) Unit, Webmaster Unit, IT Officers Unit, and Innovation Unit, with each unit playing a strategic role in supporting the University's digital infrastructure, ICT services, research, training, and technological innovation.

Also present at the event were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi; the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Research Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the University Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal, the outgoing Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi; Deans, Directors of various units and staff members of the Directorate and the University.

VC charges statisticians on data automation

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Also speaking, the Statistician-General of the Federation, Prince Adeyemi Semiu Adeniran, said that national security goes beyond prevention of violence.

Prince Adeniran, who was represented by Dr Anthony Andrew Ayo, said that any economic development plan that is devoid of data is useless.

He, therefore, urged stakeholders to make use of data to ensure that informed decisions are always taken.

Speaking on the sidelines of the event, a former Head of the Department of Statistics, Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, Dr Dahood O. Beki, thanked the University of Ilorin for hosting the

Conference.

Dr Beki, who is an alumnus of the University, also commended the quality of attendance by members of the University of Ilorin community, particularly its Principal Officers.

He explained that presentations from various speakers were quite educative and enlightening as he said that the event would remain memorable in the minds of participants who were drawn from all over the world.

The event was attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza

Etudaiye; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla and the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, who was represented by Dr Abdulsalam.

Also in attendance were a former Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. B. L. Adeleke; the Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi; the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Admissions Committee, Prof. AbdulAzeez Muhammad-Lawal, and a Federal Commissioner of the National Population Commission (NPC), Dr Isiaka Alada Yahaya, who was represented by Mr Ogunrinola of the Kwara State Office of the NPC as well as some traditional rulers.

VC challenges Deans to spearhead research for global recognition

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has challenged the Deans of Faculties across the University to personally lead the research teams in their respective Faculties, saying that as academics, they must champion the University's research drive from the front to enhance its global visibility and ranking.

Prof. Egbewole, who gave the charge last Tuesday (July 28, 2026) at the Vice Chancellor's In-House Committee meeting held at the Auditorium Basement, explained that the University's aspiration of becoming one of the world's leading institutions can only be achieved through quality research driven by committed academic leadership at the Faculty level.

Reaffirming the commitment of the University to research excellence, Prof. Egbewole said the institution had earmarked ₦50 million as the Senate Research Grant to support groundbreaking and impactful research projects by members of staff.

He, however, noted that the University places greater emphasis on the quality and relevance of research than on the number of beneficiaries, adding that even if only one proposal secures the grant, it would be worthwhile provided it produces groundbreaking results capable of making significant contributions to knowledge and society.

The Vice Chancellor also assured members of staff of the continued support of the University for publication in reputable open-access journals. He said that any researcher whose manuscript has been accepted for publication in a credible open-access journal should notify him of the publication charges, assuring that once the request is properly verified, the University would pay the required fee to facilitate global dissemination of quality research findings.

Speaking on international university rankings, Prof. Egbewole, who doubles as the Secretary General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), observed that global ranking is influenced by political and economic factors in many instances. He, however, maintained that the University of Ilorin would continue to pursue excellence through quality, merit



■ Prof. Egbewole

and impactful scholarship.

According to him, the greatest strength of the University lies in producing groundbreaking research capable of addressing societal challenges, improving the profile of its researchers and strengthening the reputation of the University within the global academic community.

Prof. Egbewole pointed out that the University must deliberately tailor its research agenda towards areas that attract international attention and funding if it intends to compete effectively with leading universities across the world.

The Vice Chancellor further

expressed concern that the University has not adequately showcased its numerous achievements, a development he said has limited its global visibility despite its remarkable accomplishments in research, teaching and innovation.

He, therefore, called on the Directorate of Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), the New Media Team, the Ranking Unit, the Centre for Research Development and In-house Training (CREDIT), the Centre for Internationalisation and Strategic Partnership, and the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation) to work in close collaboration to promote the achievements of the University.

Prof. Egbewole explained that ensuring real-time updates on the University's website and strategically publicising its achievements on professional platforms would generate greater international engagement than relying predominantly on conventional social media platforms.

Reflecting on the vision of his Administration, Prof. Egbewole said he remained committed to laying a solid foundation that would continue to benefit the University long after the expiration of his tenure. He noted that when another Vice Chancellor assumes office on October 16, 2027, he would leave office at peace with himself, knowing he had done his utmost to advance the University's vision and strengthen its global standing.



Egbewole tasks UNILORIN Man O' War on discipline, integrity

By Muizdeen Adewole

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged members of the Man O' War Nigeria, University of Ilorin Cadet Unit, to uphold discipline, integrity and service as they represent the institution in all spheres of life.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Director of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin, Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem, gave the charge last Monday (July 27, 2026), at the 39th Passing Out Parade of the Cadet Unit held at the Main Bowl of the University Stadium Complex.

Addressing the newly passed-out cadets, the Vice Chancellor described the parade as both a celebration of endurance and a call to higher responsibility. He noted that the training received through Man O' War was designed to build character that would extend beyond the parade ground into the classroom, the community and the nation at large.

"You are not just passing out. You are passing into service. The uniform you wear today is a symbol of sacrifice, order and patriotism. Let discipline, selflessness and integrity be your daily uniform, even when no one is watching," he said.

The Vice Chancellor urged the cadets to see themselves as ambassadors of the University, stressing that their conduct would either promote or diminish the image of the institution. He encouraged them to lead by example and to deploy the skills of emergency response, civic education and security awareness acquired during training to promote peace on campus and beyond.

Prof. Egbewole also emphasised the need to balance practical training with academic excellence. He charged them to remain diligent in their studies and to develop their minds to match the physical fitness they had attained.

"Let your brain be as sharp as your drill. The world will respect a cadet who can both command a squad and defend an idea in the lecture hall," the Vice Chancellor added.

Prof. Egbewole further advised

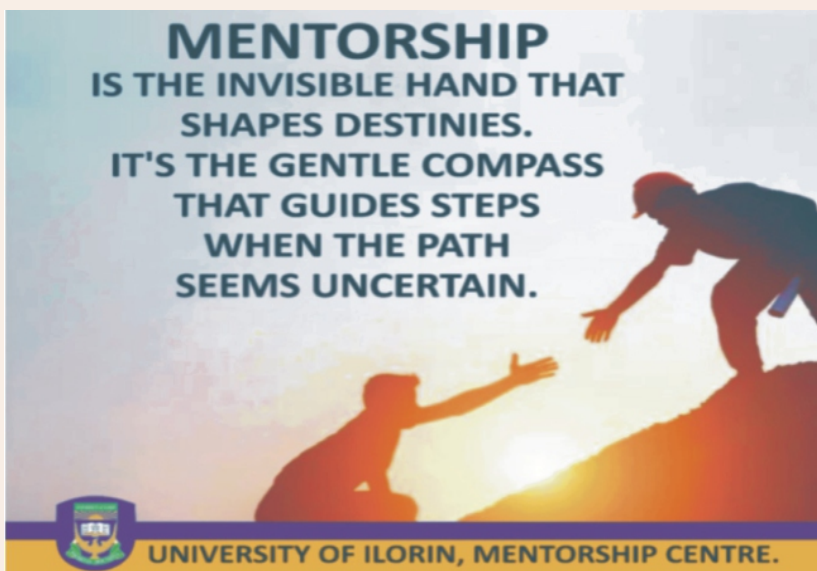
the new cadets to embrace resilience, adaptability and continuous learning as they navigate life after training. He reminded them that as products of Unilorin, they carry the responsibility to uphold the law and protect constituted authority.

He commended the Commandant, officers and instructors of the Unit for their commitment to moulding responsible youths. He assured the cadets of the University management's continued support for programme that promote leadership, service and national development.

In his remarks, the State Commander, Man O' War Nigeria, Kwara State Command, MC Hussein Abdullahi, who was represented by the Deputy State Commander, DMC Abdullahi Yusuf Babatunde, noted that the University of Ilorin Cadet Unit is rated among the best campus-based units in the state.

He commended the University management for its consistent support for the Unit and urged the newly passed-out cadets to be good ambassadors of both Man O' War Nigeria and the University. He charged them to deploy the discipline, emergency response skills and civic consciousness acquired during training to support national security efforts and community development. He also called on them to uphold the core values of the organisation and to remain loyal, dedicated and service-oriented in all their engagements.

The event featured march past, drills, and the presentation of awards to outstanding cadets. Among the dignitaries in attendance were the Acting Director of the Security Division, Mr Paul Ogidi, represented by the Deputy Chief Security Officer, Mr Olarewaju Yahaya Shuaib; the Staff Adviser, Man O' War, University of Ilorin Cadet Unit, Dr (Mrs.) T. A. Akangbe; the Chairman, NASU, UNILORIN Chapter, Comrade Suberu Ibrahim; the Director of Sports, Prof. T. O. Ibrahim; and the Chief Operating Officer, Craft Innovation, Mr. Abdulrasak Ahmed Abiodun, among others.



Adam Inaugurated as 39th UNILORIN SU President

...Egbewole calls for purposeful service

By Mustafa Abubakar
and Esther Yusuf

The former Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the University of Ilorin Students' Union, Mr Mozeed Adam, has been inaugurated as the 39th President of the Union, succeeding Comrade Adelu Idris Ayomo.

Mr Adam, a 400-level student of the Faculty of Law, was inaugurated last Tuesday (July 28, 2026) alongside other members of the Central Executive Council, Senators and Hall Representatives, while Muritala Sayi (Senator Sarali), Senator Ola, Senator Amir (Capacity) and Senator Hamdallah were inaugurated as Senate President, Deputy Senate President, Clerk and Deputy Clerk, respectively, for the 2026/2027 Students' Union Administration.

Presenting the keynote address, titled "From Election to Impact: A Call to Purposeful Leadership," the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, congratulated the new officers and reminded them that leadership is measured not by electoral victory but by the quality of service rendered after assuming office.

He described the inauguration as the beginning of a new responsibility, saying that the confidence reposed in the new officers by thousands of students must be justified through responsible and purposeful leadership.

Prof. Egbewole noted that the new administration was the fourth Students' Union government during his tenure and commended previous administrations for sustaining the "Better by Far" tradition of the University. He urged the officers to shun the distractions of popularity and social media, embrace dialogue, accountability and integrity, and focus on leaving a legacy of impactful service while assuring them of the continued support of the University management.

Also speaking, the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Morenikeji Alex Akanmu, congratulated the newly inaugurated officers and charged them to serve with humility, discipline, transparency and accountability. He urged them to maintain cordial relations with the University Management, promote peace and unity among students, and always embrace dialogue in resolving issues affecting students' welfare.

Dr Akanmu also commended the outgoing Administration and expressed confidence that the new leadership would consolidate on its achievements.

In his valedictory speech, the immediate past President, Comrade Adelu Idris Ayomo, described his Administration as one driven by responsive leadership,



accountability and collaboration with the University Management. He highlighted his achievements as including the introduction of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses, a 50 per cent reduction in school charges for Pharmacy students, renovation of the Students' Union Building with a 24-hour solar-powered electricity supply, improved hostel facilities, establishment of the



Students' Union Cheap, Neat and Nice (CNN) Spot, 24-hour library services during examinations, free training in Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, Web Development and Product Design, health and entrepreneurship programmes, sporting activities and improved documentation and communication.

Mr Adelu urged the incoming Administration to preserve institutional memory, uphold transparency and prioritise students' welfare, while appreciating the University Management, members of staff, student leaders, volunteers, development partners, members of the press and students for their support throughout his tenure.

In his inaugural address, Mr Mozeed Adam unveiled "The Legacy" Administration, describing it as a vision to build enduring institutions, create opportunities and positively impact students' lives. He said the Administration would address welfare challenges through innovation, competence, empathy and responsible leadership.

He announced a five-point governing philosophy anchored on empowerment, coordinated governance, welfare-driven representation, communication and engagement, and responsible leadership. He pledged to expand access to scholarships, entrepreneurship, mentorship, digital skills, leadership development and career opportunities while strengthening collaboration with Faculty associations, student organisations and the University Management. He also promised

transparent governance, improved welfare, support for sports, talent development and innovation.

According to Mr Adam, "Our aspiration is that when this administration concludes its stewardship, Unilorites will remember not merely those who held office, but the opportunities that were created, the institutions that were strengthened, the lives that were touched and the values that were restored. That is the legacy we seek to build."

Also in his acceptance speech, the Senate President of the 13th Assembly, Muritala Sayi (Senator Sarali), thanked fellow senators for the confidence reposed in him and pledged to lead the Assembly with integrity, fairness and diligence. He promised to promote unity, collaboration and effective legislative oversight. He commended the University Management for fostering academic excellence and leadership development, and urged senators to place service above self and work together to build a lasting legacy for students.

The ceremony was attended by Principal Officers of the University, members of staff of the Student Affairs Unit, members of the Legal Unit of the University, members of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), Kwara State Axis, led by its Chairman, Comrade Yussuf Abulkodri Eleburu, past Students' Union leaders, alumni, and student leaders, among others.

Etudaiye tasks AWS graduands on continued learning

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, has charged graduands of the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Student Builder Club to embrace

continuous learning and remain committed to developing their digital competencies in order to enhance their relevance in the rapidly evolving technology ecosystem.

Prof. Etudaiye, who is the Patron of the Club, gave the charge last Monday (July 27, 2026) while addressing participants at the Club's graduation ceremony held at the University Auditorium.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor commended the graduands for successfully completing the programme and encouraged them to ensure they possess a deep understanding of the skills they have acquired.

He stressed that beyond earning certificates, students must be able to apply their knowledge to solve real-world challenges and create innovative solutions.

According to him, true mastery comes from continuous practice, curiosity and a willingness to keep learning as technology continues to evolve.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor noted that the Club aligns perfectly with the vision of his Office, which seeks to nurture students into digitally inclined innovators capable of driving technological advancement.

He explained that the DVC (RTI) Office is committed to supporting initiatives that expose students to emerging technologies and prepare them for the demands of the global digital economy.

He further urged the graduands to serve as ambassadors of digital innovation by sharing their knowledge with others and continually seeking opportunities for

professional growth.

Prof. Etudaiye expressed confidence that the skills gained through the Club would position the students to make meaningful contributions to their careers, the University and the technological development of the country.

Joining the Bootcamp finale virtually, Mr Ayodele Usman made a presentation on "Positioning Yourself in the Global Space," where he encouraged participants to cultivate a mindset of continuous growth and resilience.

Mr Usman urged the students to take calculated risks, maintain an unquenchable desire for knowledge, and set realistic, achievable goals that would position them for global opportunities.

According to him, success in today's digital economy requires intentional learning, adaptability and the courage to step beyond one's comfort zone.

Also speaking virtually, Mr Williams Olasunwo delivered a lecture on "Career Paths and Opportunities in Cloud Computing".

He exposed participants to the diverse career prospects available within the cloud computing ecosystem, highlighting the increasing global demand for cloud professionals across various industries.

He encouraged the graduands to leverage the knowledge acquired during the bootcamp as a foundation for obtaining professional certifications, building practical experience and pursuing rewarding careers in cloud technologies.

In his remarks, the General

Manager of the UNILORIN Innovation Hub, Dr Mutahiru Oloyede, described the Bootcamp as a practical demonstration of the Hub's commitment to equipping students with relevant digital skills and fostering innovation.

He commended the Captain of the Club, Mr Abolaji Abdulrahman, for his dedication, describing him as a wonderful and industrious leader whose efforts culminated in the successful organisation of the programme.

Dr Oloyede assured students that the Innovation Hub remains open to nurturing and scaling up innovative ideas from students, urging them not to relent in pursuing excellence despite challenges.

The Central Point of Contact (CPOC) for AWS, Dr. Temitayo Caroline Adeniran, noted that the Bootcamp was designed to prepare students for opportunities beyond the four walls of the University by equipping them with globally relevant digital skills.

She encouraged participants to remain committed to continuous learning and self-development while expressing appreciation to the AWS Student Builder Club and everyone who contributed to the success of the initiative.

The ceremony also witnessed the unveiling of the top three outstanding participants of the Bootcamp, with Usman Abdulmujeeb Opeyemi emerging as the second runner-up, Aderounmu Azeezat Adejoke finishing as the first runner-up, while Abiodun Emmanuel Olabisi was crowned the overall winner of the competition.





COMSIT fetes retirees, honours outstanding staff members

By Isaac Lewu

The Directorate of Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), University of Ilorin, has celebrated its retirees as it also honoured its Director and outstanding staff members at a colourful ceremony.

The event, which was held last Monday (July 27, 2026) at the University Auditorium Basement, was well attended by staff members of the University and well wishers.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee and Deputy Director/Head, Mail Services and Help-desk Unit, Mrs Medinah Tanwa Salman, described the event as a two-in-one programme designed to appreciate retired officers, celebrate excellence and motivate staff members to remain committed to the vision of the Directorate.

Mrs Salman commended the Director for initiating the programme, noting that the recognition would inspire greater dedication and strengthen teamwork within the Directorate.

The Director of COMSIT, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh expressed gratitude to the management of the

University for providing him with the opportunity and platform to transform his vision for the Directorate into reality.

Prof. Jimoh said every achievement recorded by the Directorate was made possible through the collective support of members of staff.

The Director, who is also a former Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences added that the awards were instituted not only to celebrate excellence but also to motivate hardworking staff members, saying that every recipient had contributed meaningfully to the growth and success of COMSIT.

Paying glowing tributes to the retirees, the Director described Mr Sunday Ayinla Fadesere as a distinguished staff member who served the University diligently and selflessly.

He noted that Mr Fadesire's commitment and loyalty would remain a source of inspiration to younger members of staff.

He also commended Alfa Mohammed who was represented by his wife, Mrs Halikat Adeniji Mohammed, for his years of devoted service to the University and the Directorate.

According to him, both retirees left behind remarkable legacies of dedication, professionalism and integrity worthy of emulation.

The ceremony also featured the presentation of motivational awards to deserving serving and former members of staff in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

Among those honoured were Dr Rasheed Adekola Tomori, and Dr Adenyola Dunmade, who served COMSIT for over two decades.

Other honourees included Mr Mubarak Opeyemi Abdulraheem, recognised as the Directorate's Best IT Support Staff; Mr Adeleke Temitope Adeoye, Mr Zakariah Bolakale, Adedeji Lawal, while the Director of COMSIT was also honoured for his outstanding leadership and contributions to the growth of the Directorate.

Also present were the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu; the Director of the Centre for Laboratory to Product (LABTOP), Prof. Mohammed Jimoh Saka; the Ag. Manager of the UNILORIN Innovation Hub, Dr Muhtahir Oluwaseyi Oloyede, and other staff members of the Directorate and well wishers.



Gov. AbdulRazaq hosts two outstanding UNILORIN Law graduates ...promises PG sponsorship

By Abubakar Imam

The Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, last Tuesday (July 28, 2026) hosted two outstanding alumni of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, who excelled at the 2026 final bar examinations of the Nigerian Law School.

The two Unilorites, who were hosted at the Government House, Ilorin, are Mr Israel Adekunle Adeniyi and Miss Oluwatomisin Promise Daniel, both of whom were also indigenes of Kwara State. While Mr Adeniyi emerged as the best graduating student, Miss Daniel was the second best graduating student in Criminal Litigation for the same year.

Mallam AbdulRazaq, who is also the Chairman of the Nigeria Governors Forum (NGF), explained that he felt that it was necessary for him to personally honour the hard work, commitment, and brilliance of the duo in order to motivate others to also do well and make their families and our state proud.

The Governor added that he was fascinated by the plan of the two young lawyers to immediately pursue their Master degrees at some Ivy League institutions.

In addition to the cash gifts of



■ Governor AbdulRazaq (middle) flanked by the two Law graduates, and Prof. Bakare-Odunola (extreme left) as well as Dr Ajakaye (extreme right)

N5m given to each of the duo, Mallam AbdulRazaq also pledged to fund their Master degree programmes once they secure their admissions.

Mallam AbdulRazaq, who is also the Sardauna of Ilorin, added that the token represents his appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the honourees as he promised that he would continue to recognise excellence and hard work in any

field.

Mallam AbdulRazaq wished the two ex-Unilorites all the best that life can offer.

At the event were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola and the immediate past Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Dr Rafiu Ajakaye.

Alaro urges financial responsibility at UNILORIN ethical finance conference

By Bashir Dawodu

The Director of the Quality Assurance Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRazaq AbdulMajeed Alaro, has urged staff and students of the institution, particularly members of the University of Ilorin Islamic Banking and Finance Society (UIBFS), to exercise caution in their financial dealings, reminding them that they would be accountable for all their transactions.

Prof. Alaro gave the charge last Monday, (July 27, 2026) at the maiden edition of the Ethical Finance Conference (Ethicon 1.0) organised by the UIBFS held at the Faculty of Management Lecture Theatre. The conference was themed, "From Classroom to Industry: The Relevance of Islamic Finance Across Fields."

Represented by a lecturer in the Department of Islamic Law, Fountain University, Osogbo, Mr Muhammad Jamiu Ayinla Edun, Prof. Alaro stressed that engaging in business activities prohibited in Islam is sinful before Allah. He reminded participants that life is temporary and that material wealth cannot



be taken beyond this world.

Prof. Alaro explained that the core principles of Islamic finance include justice and equity in wealth distribution, sincerity, poverty eradication, and the promotion of brotherhood.

According to him, financial management is an essential life skill, adding that those who lack financial expertise should seek guidance from knowledgeable individuals.

"Some people possess wealth but lack entrepreneurial skills, while others have

entrepreneurial skills but limited resources. They need to collaborate for mutual benefit," he said.

Prof. Alaro, who is also the grand patron of the UIBFS, also emphasised that the growth of Islamic finance requires technical expertise, as well as continuous training and retraining for students. He described financing as an act of worship when conducted in accordance with Islamic principles, noting that righteous financial practices attract divine rewards.

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UNILORIN Statistics Dept. best in Nigeria-Bamiduro

By Abubakar Imam

A retired Professor of Statistics at the University of Ibadan, Timothy Adebayo Bamiduro, has described the Department of Statistics, University of Ilorin as second to no none in Nigeria.

Prof. Bamiduro stated this last Tuesday (July 28, 2026) while making his remarks at the 10th International Conference of the Professional Statisticians' Society of Nigeria (PSSN) held at the University Auditorium.

He said that the Department is blessed with highly resourceful personnel who are busy building great statisticians for national and human development.

Prof. Bamiduro, who was honoured with the Fellowship of the PSSN at the event, explained that the Department had produced highly respected and impactful academics who are teaching Statistics in other universities, including the University of Ibadan.

He added that, apart from the production of versatile University academics, the Department has equally



■ Prof. Bamiduro

produced teachers who are training upcoming professionals in other institutions of higher learning as well as many other statisticians who are working in other establishments.

The 81 year-old retired don said that he would remain proud of the Department and the University of Ilorin as he recalled that he taught Statistics at the University on part-time basis when it was newly established over 50 years ago.

Speaking earlier, the President of the PSSN, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, described the honouree as one of the unsung heroes of the profession in Nigeria.

Prof. Yahya said that Prof. Bamiduro was one of those who built the profession to what it is today, noting that despite his advanced age, the honouree has continued to serve as a teacher, public speaker and role-model to younger compatriots across and beyond Nigeria.

He added that the Society decided to honour Prof. Bamiduro in recognition of his lifetime contributions to the development of the PSSN, the nation and humanity at large.

The event, which attracted distinguished Statisticians from all over Nigeria and beyond, was attended by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and other Principal Officers of the University as well as traditional rulers and students from the University of Ilorin and sister institutions of higher learning across Kwara State.

NUJ UNILORIN Chapel appreciates varsity management's support for secretariat project

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), University of Ilorin Chapel has expressed heartfelt appreciation to the University Management for its support towards the construction of the Union's Secretariat on campus.

The appreciation was conveyed to the management in a letter issued penultimate Saturday (July 26, 2026) and signed by the Chairman, Mr Adewoyin Tijani Adekola, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

According to the Chairman, the

secretariat project is progressing steadily in line with the approved procedures of the University.

Mr Adewoyin also expressed the Chapel's profound appreciation to the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun; the General Manager of *UNILORIN FM*, Mr Idris Alooma; the Deputy Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Segun Alabi; Mr Mubarak Oladosu; and all members who have continued to support and encourage the Chapel towards the successful execution of the project.

The Chapel Chairman also thanked the Director of the Physical Planning Unit (PPU), QS Toyin Jimoh and



■ Mr Adewoyin

his team for their professional guidance on the project.



On a flight to Accra, Ghana, recently, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (left), met two alumni of the University from The Gambia: Joseph Oluwaseun Osatuyi and Fatima Musa. Joseph read Educational Technology while Fatima read Economics

UNILORIN FM hails graduating students on ₦.5m equipment donation

By Abubakar Imam

The General Manager of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), last Monday (July 27, 2026) commended some final-year students of the Department of Telecommunications, University of Ilorin, for donating weather forecast equipment worth about half a million naira to the radio station, describing the gesture as laudable and a clear demonstration of impact and community service.

Mr Alooma said the donation, a Quadrifilar Helix Antenna system, will enable the radio station to provide first-hand, accurate, and consistent weather reports to its listeners. He explained that the equipment works by receiving low-rate picture transmission signals from satellites in space at 137.9 megahertz, which can then be decoded to produce images used for weather monitoring and prediction.

Speaking during the presentation, the project lead, Idowu Peter Divine, said the system was built by a group of six students under the supervision of Dr O. E. Tiamiyu of the Telecommunications Department. He listed other members of the group as Solomon Sunday Oluwasomidotun, Akira Mercy, Ishola Odunayo Mary, Bello Abdulwadud, and Anuwa Ezekiel Olanrewaju. He noted that they chose



UNILORIN FM because the project could best serve the University community even after their graduation.

Joining the ace broadcaster to receive the equipment ahead of installation were the Head of the Production Unit, Mr Tolu Jolayemi, and an Assistant Director in the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Mubarak Oladosu.

Mr Alooma assured the students that the station would take proper care of the equipment and liaise with the Telecommunications Department for maintenance and technical support. He added that the station would continue to

partner with both internal and external stakeholders of the University of Ilorin for the growth and development of the institution.

The ace broadcaster further used the opportunity to charge other Unilorites to emulate the spirit of giving back demonstrated by the Telecommunications students. He said that in whatever capacity students find themselves, they should strive to contribute meaningfully to the community, adding that the management and staff of **UNILORIN FM** are profoundly grateful for the donation.

Unilorin Students Union honours Akanmu, Alooma, 23 others

By Muizdeen Adewole

It was encomiums galore last Tuesday, (July 28, 2026) at the Multipurpose Hall of the University of Ilorin as the Students Union honoured 25 distinguished personalities for their contributions to student welfare and the growth of the university community.

Among the honourees were the General Manager of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr Idris Alooma, Mr Yinka Soliu Mogajinda; the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, Toyes Tech; student leaders; friends of the Union; and other stakeholders.

The epoch-making event was organised by the immediate past Students Union Executive Committee led by Mr Adelu Ayomo Idris to appreciate individuals and groups that supported the Union.

In his remarks, the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Morenikeji



Akanmu, praised the immediate past Students Union leaders for their innovation. He described the University of Ilorin as a distinct ivory tower where management always considers the wellbeing of students and staff before taking decisions. He said the all-round qualities of the University are why the "Better By Far" mantra reflects on all its graduates, and that every member of the

University community is its ambassador.

He advised the newly inaugurated Students Union leadership to emulate the good virtues of their predecessors.

In his remarks, the immediate past President, Mr Adelu Ayomo Idris, said the event was organised to appreciate the contributions of those who made the success of the union possible.

Surajudeen-Bakinde secures VC tenure extension in The Gambia

By Mubarak Oladosu

A distinguished scholar from the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, University of Ilorin, Prof. Nazmat Toyin Surajudeen-Bakinde, has successfully concluded a two-year volunteer assignment under the Directorate of Technical Aid Corps (DTAC) in The Gambia, during which she served as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Applied Science, Engineering and Technology (USET), Brikama.

The assignment, which ended in June 2026, was undertaken alongside 24 other Corps members deployed by the Federal Government of Nigeria to The Gambia and Sierra Leone.

Following her distinguished service, the government of The Gambia and the Governing Council of USET have extended Prof. Surajudeen-Bakinde's tenure as the substantive Vice Chancellor of the institution under a separate arrangement.

The University of Ilorin alumna was deployed by the Federal Government of Nigeria through DTAC, an agency of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to provide technical and academic assistance to USET. During the deployment, she was selected, after a rigorous competitive screening exercise, as the first female substantive Vice Chancellor of USET on the heels of the institution's upgrade from the Gambia Technical Training



■ Prof. Surajudeen-Bakinde

Institute, GTTI.

In her first two years in office, Prof. Surajudeen-Bakinde, working with other key stakeholders, produced the first cohort of home-grown engineers across various engineering specialisations in The Gambia to drive national infrastructure and industrial development. Her administration also secured full accreditation for all degree programmes from the National Accreditation and Quality Assurance Authority, NAQAA, of The Gambia.

In addition, the don championed the establishment of the Entrepreneurship Hub and Innovation Lab, EHIL; the Entrepreneurship Research, Innovation and Development Clusters, ERID; and

the USET Development, Services and Training, DST, initiatives. These platforms are designed to foster youth empowerment and commercialise research outputs. She further facilitated international postgraduate and professional development opportunities for academic and technical staff of USET in institutions across the world.

Prior to her international assignment, Prof. Surajudeen-Bakinde served the University of Ilorin in several capacities, including Acting Head, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering; Assistant Director, Administration, Centre for International Education; and member of various Senate and Faculty committees.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, commended Prof. Surajudeen-Bakinde on her successful TAC assignment and the tenure extension.

In a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor noted that her outstanding accomplishments on the international stage reinforce the status of the University of Ilorin as a foundry for global leadership and academic excellence.

The Vice Chancellor wished her continued wisdom and success as she consolidates her transformational agenda at USET, The Gambia, on behalf of the University of Ilorin.

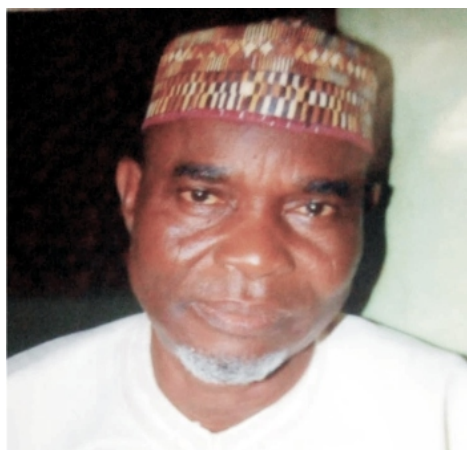
IEDPU hails Sanusi on successful tenure

By Abubakar Imam

The Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU) has acknowledged the impacts of Prof. Issa Olanrongbe Sanusi as Director of the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin.

The National President of the Union, Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, gave the commendation while assessing the tenure of Prof. Sanusi, which ended last Friday (July 31, 2026). Prof. Sanusi assumed the position in 2023.

Alhaji Abdulmalik recalled the efforts of Prof. Sanusi, which attracted the support of the Union and several other stakeholders to the Centre.



■ Prof. Sanusi

He added that the Director did his best in ensuring that the Centre becomes a

warehouse of knowledge on issues, events and personalities that have to do with the University's host community.

The community leader, who is also an alumnus of the University, expressed the hope that Prof. Sanusi would be succeeded by an equally hardworking and dedicated scholar who possesses all that would be needed to take the Centre to greater heights.

A lecturer at the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, Prof. Sanusi is the fifth Director of the Centre, which was established by the administration of Prof. Emeritus Ishaq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, about two decades ago.

Alhaji Abdulmalik wished Prof. Sanusi success in his future endeavours.

UCJ's 30th anniversary: Adisa tasks journalists on truth, integrity

By Isaac Lewu

A Professor at the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Rasaq Muhammed Adisa, has charged students and young journalists to always uphold truth, fairness, accuracy and public interest.

Prof. Adisa gave the charge last Tuesday (July 28, 2026) while delivering the 30th Anniversary Lecture of the Union of Campus Journalists (UCJ), University of Ilorin Chapter.

The don stressed that while Artificial Intelligence (AI) may transform news production, it can never replace empathy, critical thinking and the relentless search for truth.

Prof. Adisa described campus journalism as a training ground for competence, integrity and professional excellence, noting that UCJ remains an incubator that moulds undergraduates into responsible intellectuals capable of holding leaders accountable. He also urged the Union to strengthen collaboration with the Department of Mass Communication in order to provide students with practical newsroom experience before graduation.

Speaking on the future of journalism, Prof. Adisa observed that technology has changed news consumption but maintained that AI cannot cover court proceedings, interpret non-verbal communication, build trust with vulnerable communities or undertake investigative journalism.

He, therefore, encouraged young

journalists to embrace solution journalism, fact-checking, media literacy and original reporting.

In her welcome address, the President of UCJ, Miss Waleeyah Ayomide Ambali, described the anniversary as a celebration of growth, impact and enduring legacy. She urged members to uphold truth, courage and service, while appreciating alumni, partners, sponsors and members whose support has sustained the Union over the past three decades.

In his remarks, the Chairman of *UNILORIN Bulletin* Editorial Board, Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, recalled that UCJ was established in 1996 to nurture responsible campus journalism.

He urged members to remain committed to excellence, discipline and professionalism, adding that students must continually improve themselves as the world moves from artificial intelligence to synthetic intelligence, where competence outweighs mediocrity.

Prof. Adedimeji encouraged UCJ members to build a strong digital presence, write their way to success and think beyond the classroom, noting that journalism opens opportunities in the newsroom, classroom and boardroom. He commended the organisers on sustaining the Union's legacy over the past three decades.

Also in his remarks, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, who was represented by the General Manager of *UNILORIN FM 89.3*, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), described the anniversary as a celebration of

excellence in grooming future media professionals.

He commended UCJ for producing outstanding journalists and assured the Union of the continued support of the University management for campus journalism.

Also speaking, the Chief Executive Officer and Publisher of Informant247, Mr. Salihu Shola Taofeek, urged members to remain committed to ethical journalism by embracing innovation, developing digital storytelling skills and verifying information before publication.

The Guest of Honour on the occasion, Chief Raheem Adedoyin, the Oloriewe of Oro Kingdom, who was represented by the General Manager of *The Herald Newspapers*, Mr Yomi Adeboye, called for stronger collaboration between the town and the gown, stressing that digital and print journalism should complement each other.

The anniversary featured the launch of the Union's annual magazine and the conferment of honours on distinguished individuals and organisations, including *UNILORIN FM 89.3*, for their contributions to campus journalism.

The event brought together academics, media professionals, students and other stakeholders, including the South-West Zonal Commissioner of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON), Dr Tajudeen Oladejo Abefe, and the Chairman of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), University of Ilorin Chapel, Comrade Tijani Adewoyin.

Alaro urges financial responsibility at UNILORIN ethical finance conference

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Delivering the keynote address, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. AbdulWahab Muhammad Jamiu Elesin, encouraged members of the society to develop entrepreneurial skills and leadership qualities, noting that today's students would become tomorrow's regulators.

Speaking on the topic, "The Future of Islamic Finance: Youth Involvement and Leadership," Prof. Elesin said the Islamic finance industry offers numerous opportunities for young professionals. He urged students to acquire relevant skills and knowledge while maintaining integrity in their careers.

He explained that although both Islamic and conventional financial institutions seek profitability, Islamic

finance operates within ethical and religious guidelines, unlike conventional finance, which has fewer such restrictions. He also reminded participants that wealth is a trust from Allah and should be managed responsibly.

Earlier, the Staff Adviser of the UIBFS, Dr A. O. Fahm, congratulated the Executive Committee members of the society on successfully organising the Conference.

He described finance as a discipline founded on justice and truthfulness and urged participants to apply the knowledge gained to practical life situations.

In his welcome address, the President of the UIBFS, Mr Moshood Abdulrasheed, appreciated their sponsors, patron, staff advisers, executives and members for their support in ensuring the success of the event.

He stated that the society's mission is to educate individuals on Islamic banking and finance, emphasising that Islamic finance is not limited to Muslims but is open to everyone interested in ethical financial practices. According to him, the conference was organised to deepen participants' understanding of risk and profit-sharing principles, where parties in financial transactions share both risks and rewards to promote fairness and shared responsibility.

Highlights of the event included the presentation of awards to the keynote speakers, a panel discussion, an interactive question-and-answer session, and the distribution of giveaways.

The Conference was attended by staff and students of the University of Ilorin, as well as students from Kwara State University, Malete.

UNILORIN Vet. Medicine lecturer gets global appointment

By Mubarak Oladosu

A lecturer in the Department of Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Dr Arinnie Deborah Adah, has been nominated as a member of the Technical Working Group on Medicine Stewardship of the World Veterinary Association (WVA).

The development, which is an international recognition of Dr Adah's professional contributions to the field of Veterinary Medicine, was communicated by the nominee through a letter to the University Management penultimate Thursday (July, 23, 2026).

According to the notification, the WVA is the global body representing the veterinary profession and it is committed to promoting animal health and welfare, public health, One Health, and the advancement of veterinary



■ Dr Adah

medicine.

The appointment will give Dr

Adah the opportunity to contribute to global efforts in responsible medicine use, antimicrobial stewardship, and to the fight against antimicrobial resistance through the One Health approach.

Describing the nomination as a significant achievement for both herself and the University, Dr Adah noted that it reflects the growing visibility of the University and its contribution to global veterinary education, research, and policy development.

The don expressed appreciation for the enabling environment and support provided by the University, reaffirming her commitment to representing the institution with distinction while strengthening teaching, research, international collaborations, and community engagement.

Emah, Unilorin Catholic Cleric, marks 10 years of Priesthood

By Isaac Lewu

The Chaplain of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy (STACC), University of Ilorin, Rev. Fr Celestine Emah, has marked the 10th anniversary of his priesthood.

Speaking at the Thanksgiving Mass to mark the occasion penultimate Sunday (July 26, 2026), the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Ilorin, Most Rev. Anselm Pendo Lawani, charged priests to remain steadfast in their vocation by focusing on eternal rewards rather than worldly success, stressing that they are called to serve God faithfully because true success belongs to Him.

The cleric urged the celebrant to keep his eyes fixed on eternity, noting that the priestly vocation is one of selfless service, sacrifice and total commitment to God's work.

Most Rev. Lawani explained that every act of generosity offered in the service of God is continuous and would certainly receive divine reward at the appropriate time. He, therefore, encouraged the faithful to continue supporting priests in their mission, adding that genuine happiness is found in contentment, generosity and giving oneself for the good of others.

The Bishop also called for more courageous men to respond positively to priesthood, urging young people not to be afraid of embracing the vocation. He thanked God for choosing, sustaining and strengthening Rev. Fr. Emah throughout the past decade, while appreciating his



■ Rev. Fr Celestine Emah

parents, family, spiritual mentors, brother priests and everyone who had contributed to his journey in the priesthood. He

described the priesthood as one of God's perfect gifts deserving of gratitude and faithful stewardship.

Speaking on behalf of the Church Council, the Chairman of STACC Prof. Lemuel Odeh, described Rev. Fr. Emah's 10 years of priestly ministry as a blessing to the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy, noting that his commitment to the service of God and humanity has inspired the faithful and strengthened the spiritual life of the community.

Prof. Odeh commended the priest's humility, dedication and selfless service, saying that his faithful celebration of the Holy Eucharist, compassionate pastoral care and inspiring homilies have continued to nurture unity, spiritual growth and a deeper commitment to Christian values within the Chaplaincy.

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Team Unilorin wins conference sponsorship, cash prize at Hackathon

By Mubarak Oladosu

A team of University of Ilorin students led by a 200-Level student of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, Abdul-Rahman Anthony Bolaji, has emerged as one of the winners at the 2026 Engineering Muslim Students' Society (EMSS) Research Hackathon and Annual Engineering Lecture held at the University of Lagos (UNILAG).

At the event, held on Sunday, July 18, 2026, the UNILORIN team, named AquaCycle, impressed judges with an innovative project titled "Engineering a Sustainable Eggshell-Derived Hydroxyapatite-Biochar Ceramic Filter for Affordable Household Water Purification in Nigeria."

The project researched and explored the conversion of eggshell waste into a gravity-driven ceramic water filter capable of providing affordable household water treatment using locally sourced materials.

The event brought together engineering students from across the country to develop practical solutions to contemporary challenges through research and innovation.

The competition required participants to review existing literature, refine their concept, make technical presentations and pitch their project before a panel of judges, in addition to attending the Annual Engineering Lecture.



For its outstanding performance, Team AquaCycle was named among the winning teams and received a cash prize of ₦50,000.

The team's success also earned it complimentary sponsorship to participate in the NGM 5.0 Conference which comes up in October.

At the conference, the students further showcased their innovation and interacted with industry experts, researchers and other stakeholders in the innovation ecosystem.

Speaking on the impact of the programme, Bolaji said the experience broadened his knowledge of research-driven engineering, sustainable product development, teamwork, technical pitching and the transformation of research outcomes into practical solutions. He also expressed

gratitude to the University of Ilorin Student Affairs Division for granting him and his team mates permission to participate in the national event.

He added that the exposure had further inspired Team AquaCycle to continue refining its innovation with the goal of improving access to safe and affordable household water purification solutions in Nigeria.

Other members of the Unilorin team are Ahmed Bilal, a 300 level student of the Faculty of Agricultural Science, Badamasi Muzammil who is a 200 Level student of Biomedical Engineering; Faruk Adedeji, a 500 level student of Computer Engineering and Muhammad Salisu, a 200 level student of Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

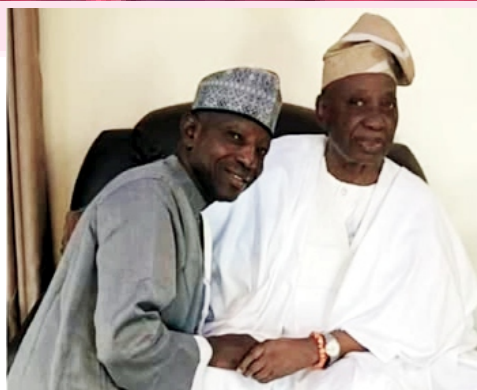
You are a worthy founding father, Jawondo hails Balogun at 90

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, has paid glowing tributes to the pioneer Head of the Department of History and International Studies, University of Ilorin, Dr Saka Adegbite Balogun, on the occasion of his 90th birthday as he described him as a worthy founding father and outstanding statesman.

Prof. Jawondo, who is also a former Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, made the remarks last Wednesday (July 29, 2026) when he paid the renowned historian a congratulatory visit at his Ogbomoso, Oyo State residence. Dr Balogun attained the age of 90 penultimate Wednesday (July 22, 2027).

The Dean explained that Dr Balogun is not just the pioneer Head of the UNILORIN Department of History but also one of the surviving founding fathers of the University.



The Dean, who is also a former Head of the Department, thanked Dr Balogun for his services and sacrifices, which not only made the Department one of the best in the country but also a most visible and viable institution.

He said that the name of Dr Balogun would remain imperishable in the history of the University, including that of its Muslim Community under whose Chairmanship the first mosque on the main campus was built.

Aside his contributions to the growth and development of the better by far University, Prof. Jawondo recalled that Dr Balogun also served Oyo State and the nation in different capacities. He explained that Dr Balogun gave a very good account of himself as a one-time Chief of Staff to a former Governor in Oyo State.

Prof. Jawondo said that it was a pleasure that Dr Balogun is still mentally and physically strong at 90, saying that the celebrant has become a walking encyclopaedia of not just the Department, the Faculty and the University of Ilorin at large but also that of Ogbomoso and Yorubaland, and indeed Nigeria.

The Dean assured Dr Balogun and all those who retired from the services of the institution that the University would continue to relate with them and follow the progress they are attaining even in retirement.

While wishing Dr Balogun many happy returns, Prof. Jawondo prayed to Allah to grant him longer life, sound health and happiness to enable him reap the fruits of his labour to the fullest.

UNILORIN INSU marks silver jubilee

By Bashir Dawodu
and Muizdeen Adewole

The Igbomina National Students' Union, University of Ilorin Chapter penultimate Saturday (July 25, 2026) marked the silver jubilee of its establishment.

Themed "Celebrating Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future," the event, which held at the University Auditorium, brought together stakeholders, community leaders, students and distinguished guests.

Speaking at the event, the National President of Omo Ibile Igbomina, Sir Bisi Fakayode, congratulated the students for promoting unity and development across Igbomina land. He urged them to remain worthy ambassadors of the community wherever they find themselves.

He said, "While we are still on the tree of life, we must make our season count by leaving our communities better than we met them."

Sir Fakayode encouraged students to inspire their families and friends in the diaspora to reconnect with their roots and contribute to the development of Igbomina communities.

The guest speaker at the events, Dr T. S. Arinde, commended the Igbomina students for their achievements and urged them to remain united in advancing the interests of Igbomina land.

Dr Arinde, who teaches at the Department of the Performing and Film Arts, University of Ilorin, advised the students never to lose touch with their



roots, noting that those who forget their heritage often regret it.

Speaking earlier, the President of INSU, University of Ilorin Chapter, Comrade Ajibaye Mashood Olanrewaju, urged the new leaders of the Union to build on the achievements of the previous administration as he called on members to remain united by focusing on issues that promote collective progress.

Major highlights of the event included cultural displays, ewi rendition, and the conferment of awards on some outstanding individuals including the Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. Abdullateef Oladimeji; the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun; the Deputy Registrar, Academic Support Services, Records and Verification University of Ilorin, Mrs Toyin Temitope Adeoti; a former Chief Press Secretary to the Kwara State Governor, Dr

Rafiu Ajakaye; the Deputy Director of Information, University of Ilorin, Mr Segun Alabi; the Assistant Director of Information, University of Ilorin, Mr Mustafa Muhammad Abubakar; the former Special Assistant on Digital Innovation to the Kwara State Governor, Hon. Ishola Kayode; INSU Staff Adviser, Dr T.S. Arinde; and the National President of NAKSS, Comrade Ibrahim Wakeel Ayinde.

Also honoured were the immediate past National President of the Igbomina Youth Assembly, Mr Segun Ajibola Olugbenga; the Kwara State Coordinator of the Reserved Seat for Women Campaign, Mrs Titilope Tawakaltu Anifowoshe; a former National President of INSU, Mr Sodiql Olalekan Bolaji; a former Senior Special Assistant to the Kwara State Governor on New Media, Akeweje Olayinka Fafoluyi; and Prince Lekan Adewoye, among others.

KWSG begins rehabilitation of UNILORIN-Tanke Road

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Kwara State Government (KWSG) has commenced the rehabilitation of the University of Ilorin-Tanke Road, bringing relief to residents and motorists, particularly members of the University community, who have long appealed for intervention on the busy corridor.

The rehabilitation project, being executed by AIB Engineering Consultants on behalf of the Kwara State Ministry of Works, covers both sides of the road from the Tipper Garage Flyover bridge to the Main Gate of the University.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Wednesday (July 29, 2026), the Site Engineer, Mr Usman Omola Sulaimon, said the firm is committed to delivering the project within the stipulated timeframe.

According to him, the rehabilitation work is expected to be completed within two weeks, with work progressing continuously to ensure timely



delivery.

Mr Sulaimon noted that the work goes beyond filling potholes, as it involves patching, rehabilitation of failed sections, desilting of drainage channels and cutting operations where necessary before the final asphalt patching.

"We are fixing the road through patching and rehabilitation. We are also carrying out desilting of drainage channels

and cutting operations in areas that require attention before completing the patching up to the University of Ilorin Main Gate," he said.

Mr Sulaimon assured the Kwara State Government and members of the public that the project would be delivered in line with engineering best practices and completed as scheduled.

Uphold higher standard of safety, Akinyala charges pioneer MLS graduands

By Mustafa Abubakar

A Professor of Medical Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Jos, A. I. Akinyala, has challenged the newly inducted graduands of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science (MLS), University of Ilorin, to become solution providers, uphold the highest standards of safety, embrace innovation and remain committed to giving back to their alma mater as they prepare to shape the future of healthcare.

Delivering the keynote address, titled "Paving the Unbeaten Path: The Responsibilities and Opportunities of Pioneer Medical Laboratory Scientists at the University of Ilorin," at the Induction and Oath-Taking Ceremony of the pioneer graduating class held penultimate Friday (July 24, 2026), at the University Auditorium, Prof. Akinyala described the graduation as a historic milestone, saying that the pioneer class would define the reputation of the programme for generations to come.

He noted that the graduands had become standard-bearers whose competence, integrity and professionalism would determine how future graduates of the University would be perceived nationally and internationally.

Prof. Akinyala urged the graduates to remain resilient despite infrastructural deficits, limited resources and systemic challenges confronting the nation's healthcare sector.

"Be a solution provider who improves safety and advocates for systemic improvement. And then, give back to your alma mater," he charged.

According to him, the pioneer graduates had successfully navigated rigorous academic training, practical laboratory exercises and accreditation processes and now bear the responsibility of setting the standard for every Medical Laboratory Science graduate the University would produce.

He explained that Medical Laboratory Science remains the bedrock of modern healthcare, noting that more than 70 per cent of clinical decisions depend on accurate laboratory investigations. He, therefore, urged the inductees to uphold quality assurance, ethical standards, patient confidentiality and interprofessional collaboration while serving as worthy ambassadors of the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Akinyala reminded them that every laboratory result has direct implications for patient care, stressing



■ Prof. Akinyala

the importance of strict adherence to Internal Quality Control (IQC), External Quality Assessment (EQA) and internationally accepted laboratory procedures.

"In the laboratory, an error is not a simple mistake; it is a life altered," he cautioned.

He encouraged the graduates to explore opportunities in public health, epidemiology, antimicrobial resistance, vaccine development, biosafety, biosecurity, Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS), biotechnology and global health, expressing confidence that many of them would build successful careers with organisations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, ECOWAS, the West African Health Organisation and Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC).

He also urged them to embrace entrepreneurship by establishing accredited diagnostic laboratories, molecular diagnostic centres and biotechnology enterprises rather than depending solely on paid employment.

Prof. Akinyala appealed to the University Management and Governing Council to upgrade the Department of Medical Laboratory Science into a Faculty of Medical Laboratory Sciences, describing the graduation of the pioneer class as sufficient justification for the elevation.

He also recommended a review of the curriculum to include Laboratory Management and Bio-enterprise, explaining that graduates should possess entrepreneurial and managerial skills in addition to scientific competence.

He further advocated the establishment of a modern molecular

diagnostic laboratory capable of serving hospitals and other healthcare institutions while generating sustainable revenue for the University.

Drawing from the experience of Nasarawa State University, Keffi, he disclosed that a molecular laboratory established in the institution generated more than ₦320 million in revenue in 2025. He expressed confidence that the University of Ilorin could replicate the feat and offered his support towards establishing a similar facility.

Prof. Akinyala equally called for the commencement of specialised postgraduate programmes in Biosafety and Biosecurity, Vaccine Design, Laboratory Information Management Systems and Molecular Diagnostics, saying that such programmes would distinguish the University of Ilorin as a leading institution in Medical Laboratory Science education and research.

He predicted that within the next decade members of the pioneer class would emerge as professors, chief executive officers, laboratory managers, vaccine scientists, biosafety experts and globally recognised researchers.

Sharing a personal experience, Prof. Akinyala recalled donating laboratory equipment to the University of Jos after completing his Ph.D., an initiative that contributed to the establishment of the institution's first molecular laboratory.

He urged the graduands to remember the Department that nurtured them by supporting it through mentorship, equipment donations, collaborative research and active alumni participation. He also proposed the institutionalisation of an annual Medical Laboratory Science Alumni Week to strengthen ties between graduates and the Department.

Prof. Akinyala commended parents, guardians, lecturers and members of the Faculty for their sacrifices and dedication in nurturing the pioneer graduates into qualified professionals.

He urged the newly inducted Medical Laboratory Scientists to walk the unbeaten path with confidence, professionalism and integrity.

"The unbeaten path is now before you. It may be demanding, but it is rich with promise. Walk in it with pride, execute your duties with precision and lead with unwavering integrity. Go forth and show the world what it truly means to be Better by Far", he said.



UNILORIN student leaders charged on purposeful leadership, service

By Mustafa Abubakar

New student leaders at the University of Ilorin have been urged to embrace leadership founded on service, accountability, integrity and competence as essential ingredients for effective representation and sustainable student unionism.

The charge was given during a two-day Youth Leadership and Parliamentary Training organised for the 2026/2027 academic session newly elected student leaders by the Ameliorators International Initiative in collaboration with the Students' Affairs Unit of the University of Ilorin. The training aimed to equip them with the knowledge, skills and values required for purposeful, responsible and effective leadership.

Held penultimate Friday and Saturday (July 24 and 25, 2026), it brought together members of the newly elected Students' Union Central Executive Council (SU CEC), parliamentary officers and Faculty president-elects for intensive sessions on leadership philosophy, legislative procedures and modern student unionism.

Delivering the keynote presentation on "Modern Unionism and Purposeful Student Leadership," the Ag Dean of the Students' Affairs Unit, Dr Morenikeji Alex Akanmu, challenged participants to redefine contemporary student leadership beyond protests and agitation. He said today's student leaders must function as activists, diplomats, influencers and problem-solvers capable of balancing advocacy with dialogue and negotiation.

According to him, while students expect union leaders to protect their welfare, provide academic support, create opportunities for career development and remain accessible, University management expects them to maintain peace and stability, engage authorities through dialogue before confrontation, communicate institutional policies effectively, build productive partnerships and protect the image of the University.

Dr Akanmu identified emotional intelligence, digital communication,



■ Dr Akanmu

barrier."

Speaking on "The Act of Law Making," Dr Adebola Bakare exposed participants to legislative processes and parliamentary practice, stressing that the legislature's primary responsibilities are law-making, oversight and representation.

He emphasised the importance of maintaining cordial Executive-Legislature relationships founded on cooperation, mutual respect and institutional checks and balances, warning that cordiality should never result in legislative inactivity or compromise oversight responsibilities.

Dr Bakare defined a bill as a written draft of a proposed law and explained the recognised categories of bills, including Executive Bills, Member's Bills (Private Members' Bills) and Judicial Bills, while noting that Public Bills become legislative proposals only after sponsorship by elected lawmakers. He also introduced participants to parliamentary concepts such as the Order Paper, the Committee of the Whole and the Mace as the symbol of legislative authority before engaging participants in an interactive discussion on legislative accountability and the law-making process.

In another presentation, Mr Tajudeen Habeeb, a former NANS Kwara JCC Chairman, examined the practical realities of student leadership. He said successful leadership begins with a clear vision and is sustained through accessibility, effective communication, adaptability and commitment to measurable results. He encouraged participants to pursue constructive engagement with university authorities, explaining that dialogue and strategic stakeholder engagement often produce more sustainable solutions than

project management and negotiation skills as essential competencies for effective student leadership, urging participants to become solution-oriented leaders. He concluded with the charge: "Be a bridge, not a

unnecessary confrontation. He urged aspiring leaders to remain purpose-driven, accessible and committed to delivering meaningful results for those they represent.

Earlier, a former University of Ilorin Students' Union President, Dr Shehu Usman Akanbi, described leadership as a trust bestowed by the people rather than a privilege, urging participants to uphold integrity, accountability and selfless service while prioritising the collective interest above personal ambition.

Dr Akanbi explained that effective leadership is rooted in service, justice, courage, humility, fairness and public trust. He urged them to cultivate discipline, creativity, emotional intelligence, adaptability and continuous personal development while embracing responsible representation through transparency, regular consultation, inclusive leadership, evidence-based advocacy, constructive dialogue, collaboration, innovation and lifelong learning.

Speaking earlier on behalf of the organisers, another former University of Ilorin Students' Union President, Mr Ibrahim Ishowo, said the training was conceived to equip newly elected student leaders with the knowledge, values and practical skills required to provide purposeful, responsible and effective leadership within the university community. He said the initiative reflects the commitment of the Ameliorators International Initiative to raising a new generation of leaders committed to service, integrity, accountability and excellence.

Mr Ishowo urged participants to regard the programme as the beginning of a lifelong leadership journey, encouraging them to apply the lessons learnt, build bridges across constituencies, embrace dialogue in resolving challenges and remain worthy ambassadors of the University of Ilorin. He appreciated the Students' Affairs Unit, facilitators, partners and participants for their contributions to the success of the programme and urged participants to translate the knowledge acquired into impactful leadership within their respective constituencies.



Renewal of Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. A. S. Alabi	Basic Medical Sciences / Anatomy	Renewal of Appointment as Head, Department of Anatomy	1 st August, 2026
Prof. K. A. Adeniji	Basic Clinical Sciences / Pathology	Renewal of Appointment as Head, Department of Pathology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. A. Z. Lawal	Basic Clinical Sciences / Medical Biochemistry	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Medical Biochemistry	1 st August, 2026
Dr. A. Nyamngee	Basic Clinical Sciences / Medical Microbiology and Parasitology	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. A. B. Ola	Environmental Sciences / Urban and Regional Planning	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Urban and Regional Planning	1 st August, 2026
Dr. M. I. Abdulazez	Basic Clinical Sciences / Chemical Pathology and Immunology	Renewal of Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Chemical Pathology and Immunology	1 st August, 2026

Open Ph.D. Theses Defence

S/NO	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1	ADEWOYE, Kunle Bayo	Physical Sciences / Statistics	A Modified Exponentiated Distribution using Odd Exponentiated Half-Logistic Technique	Tuesday, 4 th August, 2026 10:00 a.m.	Department of Statistics Board Room
2	ONYENEKWE, Chukwuenyem Enoch	Physical Sciences / Statistics	Development of Bayesian Kappa and Scott Pi for Interrater Agreements in 2x2 Contingency Table	Wednesday, 5 th August, 2026 10:00 a.m.	Postgraduate School Board Room





UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, NIGERIA

SCHOOL OF PRELIMINARY STUDIES

ADVERTISEMENT OF SPS PROGRAMME FOR 2026/2027 ACADEMIC SESSION

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the School of Preliminary Studies (SPS) of the University of Ilorin for the 2026/2027 academic session.

Successful candidates who complete the programme and pass the final SPS examinations, in addition to meeting the minimum UTME cut-off point approved by the University, shall be considered for admission into degree programmes. Admission shall be based on academic performance and departmental quotas.

In line with the University's commitment to academic excellence and merit, the top ten (10) students in each of the subject areas—Sciences, Arts, and Commercial—who meet the University's entry requirements are eligible for admission into highly competitive programmes, including: Anatomy, Physiology, Doctor of Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Doctor of Optometry, Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, Economics, Accounting, Banking and Finance and English Language

Please Note: This opportunity **does not apply to the MB; BS and Law programmes.** These opportunities are in addition to the standard courses offered at the School of Preliminary Studies.

Admission Requirements**Category 1: Arts and Arts Education:**

Applicants must pass five subjects at credit level at not more than two sittings in the SSCE/GCE conducted by WAEC, NECO or NABTEB, which should include the major subjects of study. Two of the five subjects must be from Arts while the other subjects may be from the Social Sciences. Note that credit grades in English Language and Mathematics are compulsory for eventual admission into any programme at the University of Ilorin.

Note: There is no preliminary programme for B.A. (Hons.) English

Category 2: Agriculture, Arts, Engineering and Technology, Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences, Management Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Science Education, and Technology Education

Applicants must pass the following subjects at credit level: English Language, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics at **NOT** more than two sittings in the SSCE/GCE conducted by WAEC, NECO or NABTEB

Specific requirements: The Faculty of Agriculture will accept a credit grade in Agricultural Science in place of a credit grade in Biology.

Category 3: Social Sciences

Applicants must pass the following subjects at credit level: English Language, Mathematics and three from Economics, Government, Geography and Commerce at **NOT** more than two sittings in the SSCE/GCE conducted by WAEC, NECO or NABTEB.

Specific requirements: Department of Psychology requires a credit grade in Biology at O' level and candidates choosing the course must sit for Biology at UTME. The UTME Subjects' combination for other Social Sciences courses is English, Economics, Government and any one of Geography and Commerce.

Duration of Programme:

The programme lasts for one academic session.

Eligibility:

The preliminary studies programme is primarily open to applicants

from the Catchment States of the University of Ilorin (i.e., Benue, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Niger, Plateau, Sokoto, and Zamfara). However, applicants from other states of the Federation are also given considerable opportunities.

General Conditions:

1. Without prejudice to the admission requirements stated above, the Board of the School, in its policy thrust of inclusiveness in university education, has approved that applicants who have credit pass in minimum of three (3) O' Level subjects may apply for the programme; PROVIDED that they MUST have registered for and obtained credit pass in the deficient subjects before being considered for admission into degree programme.
2. Candidates who want to study Engineering must obtain credit grades in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics at O'level and sit for English Language, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics at UTME.
3. Candidates MUST write the 2027 UTME with a relevant subject combination to any programme in either Arts or Sciences and MUST obtain the minimum UTME cutoff point approved by the University.
4. Consideration for admission into programmes shall be based on performance and quota for each programme.
5. Students who passed the school's end of the programme examinations but could not obtain the minimum JAMB/UTME cutoff point approved by the university can BANK the Remedial result for use the following year only; PROVIDED that the minimum JAMB/UTME cutoff point approved for the following year is obtained.
6. Applicants are to note that the programme is residential.

Venue of Programme:

The venue of the programme shall be at the School of Preliminary Studies, Fufu, Ilorin South Local Government Headquarters, Kwara State.

Method of Application:

Candidates are to visit the University of Ilorin website www.unilorin.edu.ng and follow the link for the 2026/2027 Remedial Application. Application forms are to be completed online after a payment of ₦15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Naira) only, aside from application fee charges for using an Interswitch-enabled ATM card (Master or Verve card) by the concerned body.

After the completion of the form, each candidate MUST download a Local Government Confirmation Form, which MUST be endorsed by the Chairman/Secretary of his/her local Government Area.

A candidate who is offered admission will be expected to bring the form and SSCE/GCE certificates/result slips during registration.

Classes will begin on Monday, 19th October 2026.

Mr. M. A. Alfanla
Registrar



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UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, NIGERIA

(INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT)

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified individuals to fill the following positions below.

S/N	POST	QUALIFICATIONS
1	MANAGING DIRECTOR	i. A Master of Business Administration (MBA) or a relevant master's degree (e.g., in Finance, Economics, or Management) is highly preferred and often required ii. Typically 10 to 15+ years of progressive management experience, with at least 5 -7 years operating at a senior executive level (e.g., as a CEO, COO, MD) iii. Industry Expertise: Deep, demonstrable experience and understanding of the specific industry the company operates in (e.g., FinTech, Manufacturing, Healthcare) iv. P&L Management: A proven track record of managing Profit and Loss (P&L), driving revenue growth, and optimizing operational costs
2	MANAGER (FINANCE)	i. Advanced Degrees: A Bachelor's degree in Finance, Accounting, Economics, or Business is required. An MBA or Master's degree is highly preferred and expected for executive-level roles ii. Professional Accreditations: Certifications such as Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), ACCA, or Certified Management Accountant (CMA) iii. Senior Management: 10 to 15-plus years of experience in senior financial roles, such as VP of Finance, Director of FP&A, or Controller. iv. Direct experience in capital management, investment appraisal, corporate governance, and scaling financial operations.
3	MANAGER (OPERATIONS)	i. A Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA), Operations Management, Supply Chain Management, or Industrial Engineering. ii. 10 to 15+ years of progressive experience in operations, with at least 5 years in a senior executive or director-level position. iii. Relevant experience in the specific industry (e.g., manufacturing, logistics, tech, or retail), understanding its unique regulatory and market challenge.
4	MANAGER (WATER FACTORY)	i. A Higher National Diploma (HND) or Bachelor's Degree (B.Sc.) in relevant disciplines such as Food Science and Technology, Microbiology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Chemical/Industrial Engineering. ii. Credentials like the Certified Production Management Professional (CPMP) or other Nigerian Institute of Production Management (NIPM) certifications show expert-level competence. iii. Industry Experience: At least 2 -5 years of hands-on experience in manufacturing, production management, or supervising a water treatment facility.
5	MANAGER (ZOO)	i. A Bachelor's degree in Zoology, Biology, or a related field, combined with at least 5 years of experience in captive wildlife management. They must possess strong operational, financial, and team leadership skills ii. Degrees: Bachelor's or Master's degree in Zoology, Biology, Animal Science, or Veterinary Medicine with 5 or more years of experience caring for exotic species in accredited facilities. iii. Leadership & Management: A minimum of 2 -3 years in a supervisory role (such as Zoo Curator or Operations Manager), overseeing staff, budgets, and public exhibits.
6	HOSPITALITY MANAGER	i. A Bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management, Hotel Administration, or Business Administration is highly preferred. ii. Industry-recognized credentials such as the Certified Hotel Administrator (CHA), Certified Hospitality Manager (CHM), or ServSafe (for food and beverage). iii. The ability to manage P&L (Profit and Loss) reports, revenue management, cost control, and strategic budgeting iv. Exceptional capability in handling complaints, exceeding guest expectations, and maintaining
7	HEAD, MEDICAL SCREENING CENTER	i. A Master's degree, such as an MHA, MPH, or MBA in Healthcare, is highly preferred for larger or multi-site screening center ii. 3 to 5 years of proven experience in a medical setting, with at least 2 years in a supervisory or administrative capacity iii. In-depth understanding of local healthcare laws, public health guidelines, and patient privacy (e.g., HIPAA)

Interested and eligible applicants must submit their applications with complete CV and academic documents within six weeks of the date of this publication to:

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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 23RD TO 30TH July, 2026

RECEIPTS:	
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	262,300.00
Sundry Other Incomes	13,656,877.00
Income from Verification /Screening	320,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	5,000.00
Capitation NHIS	26,100.00
Boarded Property	190,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	6,000.00
CODL- Undergraduate Charges	101,680.00
Convocation Souvenir	175,000.00
Hire of University Property	5,000.00
Insurance Claims/Others	1,450.00
Administrative Charges Income	24,000.00
Rent on University Property	1,171,875.00
Refund (Salary)	500,000.00
University of Ilorin- 1000115 Fees	18,000.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	575,700.00
Undergraduate Post UTME	1,312,200.00
Undergraduate School Charges	4,200.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	121,200.00
Postgraduate School Charges	34,790,669.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	175,500.00
Postgraduate School Verification of Results	20,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,130,000.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	25,200.00
Institute of Education School Charges	1,750,939.40
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	570,400.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	46,900.00
Institute of Education Application Form	298,400.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,490,600.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦58,775,390.40
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Rockfield Petroleum Product Ltd Supply of Fuel	1,094,550.00
Deen-Aleem General Merchant Nig Ltd Construction and Furnishing of a Storey Block (CBNTETFUND)	139,364,989.51
Noab Global Concept Ltd Replacement of Collapsed Fuel pump On the 100KVA Generator	198,875.00
Luke Gbenle Jolayemi Nigeria Ltd Supply of 2500A ABB Breaker University Central Power Station	263,375.00
HM Network Co Ltd Supply and Installation of Inverter Panels	3,177,500.00
Rajab and Amid Nig Ltd Landscaping and Beautification of the Innovation Hubs	2,811,125.00
Cyteck Engineering Construction Limited Construction and Furnishing of Animal Houses (CBNTETFUND)	19,789,431.22
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	22,269,072.55
Purchase Advance Various	475,400.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	30,071,819.55
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	2,170,798.00
Unilorin Press Printing Job	267,540.00
Student Loan NELFUND Loan 2025/2026	505,676,614.00
Unilorin Researchers Lodge Accommodation	3,165,400.00
Unilorin Holding Ltd Printing of Payment Voucher and Supply Of Fuel	2,942,000.00
Town Planner Registration Council Accreditation	1,000,000.00
Total TSA Charges Various	462,572.50
Total payment for the period	₦735,201,062.33

Signed
Abiodun Lawal FCNA
Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	JIMOH MUSBAU OLALEKAN	REGISTRY	02-Aug
2	BALOGUN SHAMUSIDEEN ALAO	REGISTRY	02-Aug
3	OBINIYI MOSES	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Aug
4	JOSEPH ISAAC SUNDAY	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	02-Aug
5	AMALI ADAKOLE ABDULMALIK	THE PERFORMING ARTS	02-Aug
6	ABUBAKAR MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	02-Aug
7	HABEEB OLUFEMI GBENGA	SURGERY	02-Aug
8	SIKIRU ISMAEEL ABIODUN	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	02-Aug
9	OBA BUSARI	VETERINARY MEDICINE	02-Aug
10	ANIFOWOSE AISHAT ADETOLA	CROP PROTECTION	02-Aug
11	OLADIMEJI BOLAJI SAMUEL	ARCHITECTURE	03-Aug
12	AWELEWA VICTORIA ODUNAYO	REGISTRY	03-Aug
13	OMAR DAHIR MUAAZU	SURVEYING & GEO-INFORMATICS	03-Aug
14	OLADELE RUFUS OLALERE	COMPUTER SCIENCE	03-Aug
15	ALIYU TAIYE HUSSEIN	CROP PROTECTION	04-Aug
16	MUHIBBU-DIN ISMAIL ENIOLA	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	04-Aug
17	YUSUF IBRAHIM TUNDE	CIVIL ENGINEERING	04-Aug
18	JOSEPH SUNDAY	WORKS: PARKS & GARDENS	04-Aug
19	FASAN ELIJAH ADEBAYO	SECURITY DIVISION	04-Aug
20	JEGEDE OLANREWaju HENRY	VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL	04-Aug
21	MOJUBA MODUPE OMONALE	REGISTRY	04-Aug
22	ADETORO JACOB TAIWO	ANATOMY	04-Aug
23	HASSAN-ABDULRAHMAN KHADIJAT MOBOLANLE	BURSARY	04-Aug
24	IMAM HAWAU AHMAD	REGISTRY	04-Aug
25	ANAFI TAOFIQ	REGISTRY	04-Aug
26	ALABI HAFSAT IMAM	SCIENCE EDUCATION	04-Aug
27	AZEEZ AMINAT OLOBUKOLA	SECURITY DIVISION	04-Aug
28	MUKADAM ABDULRAHMAN ABDULLAHI	CHEMISTRY	04-Aug
29	SAMBO SURAJUDEEN	REGISTRY	04-Aug
30	ABDULRAHEEM MUYIDEEN	COMPUTER SCIENCE	05-Aug
31	BABA BOLAKALE SAHID	WORKS: ESTATE	05-Aug
32	JIMOH KHADIJAT BOLA	SECURITY DIVISION	05-Aug
33	LERE VICTORIA MODUPE	CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY & IMMUNOLOGY	05-Aug
34	ABDULBAQI SALIHU ZAKARIYA	SOCIOLOGY	05-Aug
35	LATEEF ADEBOLA AZEEZ	PLANT BIOLOGY	05-Aug
36	SAKA TOYIN SHUAIB	QUANTITY SURVEYING	05-Aug
37	OJEWOLA JOSEPH KAYODE	REGISTRY	05-Aug
38	JIMOH RAFIU ONIMISI	SECURITY DIVISION	05-Aug
39	OLABIYI JAMES OLUWATOBA	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	05-Aug
40	HANAFI QOZEEM OMOTOSHO	VETERINARY SURGERY & RADIOLOGY	05-Aug
41	ADEKUNLE KOLADE	SECURITY DIVISION	06-Aug
42	OYINLOYE MURTALA OLAYINKA	REGISTRY	06-Aug
43	ARIYOOSU DAUDA ADEYEMI	BUSINESS LAW	06-Aug
44	ENIOWOFE EZEKIEL	WORKS: PARKS & GARDENS	06-Aug
45	JIMOH AMUDA	SECURITY DIVISION	06-Aug
46	JIMOH SAHEED BOLAJI	SECURITY DIVISION	06-Aug
47	DAUDA ADEGBOLA OLADELE	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	06-Aug
48	HAMED ABDUL AZEEZ	REGISTRY	06-Aug
49	YAHAYA WASIU OLAYINKA	SCIENCE EDUCATION	06-Aug
50	SALAWU ZAINAB HASSAN	REGISTRY	07-Aug
51	AROWOLO CAROLINE TAIWO	REGISTRY	07-Aug
52	AROWOLO IDIAT BOLA	CLINICAL PHARMACY & PHARMACY PRACTICE	07-Aug
53	AMUTU ISHAKU IBRAHIM	VETERINARY THERIOGENOLOGY & PRODUCTION	07-Aug
54	ADEKEYE DEBORAH SHADE	SOCIOLOGY	08-Aug
55	KAYODE ROWLAND MONDAY OJO	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	08-Aug
56	DADA OLANIKE OLABISI	REGISTRY	08-Aug
57	ARIYO ABDUL YEKINI	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	08-Aug
58	OJELABI ABIOLA TENIGBOLA	CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	08-Aug
59	YUSUF SALIU DANLAD	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	08-Aug
60	OSUNSANYA KOLAWOLE OLUSEGUN	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	08-Aug



● The management of Unilorin Holdings Limited has placed a newspaper advertisement, calling on applicants to fill some vacant positions in the organisation, (*The Punch*, Friday, July 24, 2026, p.26)

A photograph of the 304th Inaugural Lecturer of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Akiti Alamu with the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Bakare-Odunola and the Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, has been published

(*The Nigerian Pilot*, Monday, July 27, 2026, p.5)

● The Kwara State Government has commenced the rehabilitation of the road linking the Tipper Garage Flyover, Oke-Odo and the University of Ilorin Gate, bringing relief to motorists, residents and members of the University community who have long appealed for intervention on the busy corridor.

("Kwara government begins rehabilitation of Tipper Garage, Oke-Odo -UNILORIN roads contractor assures timely completion", <https://tgeproximanews.blogspot.com>)

● A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Emeritus Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who has been the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) since the past 10 years, has handed over the baton of JAMB leadership to his successor, Prof. Segun Aina, <https://blueprint.ng>; "As Is-haq Oloyede exits JAMB...", *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, July 29, 2026, p.10; "What Ishaq Oloyede's tenure says about JAMB", *Vanguard*, Friday, July 31, 2026, p.25; "We are proud of you, I E D P U t e l l s O l o y e d e", <https://theproxiannews.com>; "Oloyede's class act in public relations", *The Punch*, Wednesday, July 29, 2026, Back page)

● The Igbomina National Students Union, University of Ilorin, Chapter (INSU-UNILORIN), has honoured three illustrious sons of Igbominaland, Mr Kunle Akogun, Mr Oluwasegun Timothy Alabi, and Mallam Mustafa Abubakar, with Awards of Appreciation in recognition of their outstanding excellence and selfless service.

("INSU honours illustrious sons of Igbomina: Akogun, Alabi,

Abubakar", <https://WordPress.com>; "INSU Silver Jubilee: Igbomina leaders rally youths for homeland development as Akogun, Mustafa, Alabi, others honoured", *The Herald*, Wednesday, July 29, 2026, p.8; "Igbomina Students' Union Honours Akogun, UNILORIN Spokesman at 25th INSU Anniversary", <https://nationspride.ng>; "Igbomina Students Honour Akogun, UNILORIN Spokesman at 25th INSU Anniversary", <https://timenigeria.com>; "Igbomina Students' Union Honours Akogun, UNILORIN Spokesman at 25th INSU Anniversary", <https://dailyinfolinks24.wordpress.com>; "Igbomina Students Honour Akogun, UNILORIN Spokesman at 25th INSU Anniversary", <https://thepromimanews.blogspot.com>; "Igbomina Students Honour Akogun, UNILORIN Spokesman at 25th INSU Anniversary", <https://decency.home.blog>; "INSU @ 25: Igbomina leaders inspire students to reconnect, rebuild homeland", <https://dailylinks.ng>.

● The management of the University of Ilorin has fixed its 2026/2028 Pre-Admission Screening (Post-UTME) exercise for Thursday August 23, to Saturday, August 25, 2026

(UNILORIN announces August 13 –15 dates for 2026/2027 Post-UTME screening", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "UNILORIN announces Post-UTME Screening, See Closing Date", <https://fellowpress.com>; "Unilorin announces Post-UTME dates", <https://blueprint.ng>; "UNILORIN Announces 2026 Post-UTME Screening Dates", <https://sundiatapost.com>)

● The Union of Campus Journalists, University of Ilorin, honoured the Chairman of the Nigerian Union of Journalists, UNILORIN Chapel, Mr Tijani Adekola Adewoyin, with an award of Excellence and Journalism Support.

("Adewoyin Receives UCJ Unilorin Award of Excellence for Journalism Support", <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1E3cNfCWsB>; "Adewoyin Receives UCJ Union Award of Excellence for Journalism Support", <https://theidealnresworld.blogspot.com>)

Emah, Unilorin Catholic Cleric, marks 10 years of Priesthood

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The renowned historian prayed that God would grant the celebrant greater wisdom, good health and renewed strength for greater service in His vineyard, while expressing confidence that his priestly ministry would continue to bear abundant fruits for the Church and humanity.

In his remarks, the President of the STACC Alumni Association, Mr Adedeji Anthony Tolulope, described the 10th priestly anniversary as a celebration of unwavering faith, selfless service and dedication to God's vineyard.

He commended the celebrant's exemplary leadership and commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth of God's people over the past decade.

Mr Tolulope prayed that God would continue to strengthen the priest with wisdom, good health and greater grace for more fruitful service, while urging him to remain steadfast in his sacred calling for the benefit of the Church and humanity.

Speaking on the significance of the milestone, the celebrant, Rev. Fr. Celestine Emah, C.S.Sp., described his 10th anniversary in the priesthood as a moment of gratitude and sober reflection.

He attributed his journey entirely to God's sustaining grace, noting that remaining faithful in the vocation was not by personal merit but by divine mercy. He added that each anniversary offers him an opportunity to assess his ministry, reflect on past experiences and identify areas for personal and spiritual growth.

Rev. Fr. Emah expressed appreciation to God for the gift of life and the privilege of serving His Church over the

past decade, assuring the faithful of his commitment to continue giving his best in the service of God and humanity. He prayed for greater grace to remain steadfast in his calling and to serve with renewed dedication in the years ahead.

The celebrant also advised young people aspiring to the priesthood to ensure that their motivation is rooted in genuine love for God and a desire to serve His people rather than worldly ambition.

Describing the priesthood as a life of sacrifice, Rev. Fr. Emah urged intending seminarians to shun materialism and embrace the selfless spirit required for faithful and fruitful priestly ministry.

Also in attendance were Prof. Uche Basil Eke, Prof. Peter Folorunsho Adebayo, Prof. Felix Takim, family members of the celebrant, friends and well wishers.



Ambali rallies staff behind UNILORIN ranking vision

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Project Manager in-charge of Ranking at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali, has appealed to members of staff of the University to regard the institution's ranking as a personal responsibility, stressing that achieving greater global recognition requires the collective commitment of every member of the University community.

Prof. Ambali, who made the call last Tuesday (July 28, 2026) while addressing members of the University community at the Vice Chancellor's In-House Committee Meeting (VCHC) held at the Auditorium Basement, appreciated the University community for their dedication and contributions to the impressive performance of the institution in various global

ranking exercises, noting that it has continued to record significant progress despite stiff international competition.

The Project Manager, who is also a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), explained that although the University has gained considerable momentum in recent years, it is yet to fully realise the ambitious vision of positioning the University among the world's leading universities as envisioned by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

According to Prof. Ambali, one of the major challenges confronting the University's ranking efforts is that most international ranking organisations do

not assess universities based on a single year's performance but rather evaluate cumulative achievements over a period of five to six years.

While explaining that since the present administration assumed office in late 2022, many of the rankings currently being released still reflect data from years preceding the administration, the Project Manager cited the SCImago Institutions Rankings, Times Higher Education and Webometrics as examples of ranking bodies that rely on multi-year data for their assessments.

He explained that the 2026 SCImago ranking, for instance, was based on institutional performance between 2020 and 2024, meaning that many of the reforms and strategic initiatives introduced by the current administration are yet to be fully reflected in the results.

According to him, challenges inherited from previous years continue to influence the University's current standing, adding that it will take some time before the impact of the present administration's interventions become fully visible in global rankings.

Prof. Ambali, therefore, stressed the need for a sustainable and long-term strategy, noting that other universities are also making deliberate efforts to improve their positions in international rankings. He observed that members of the University community have not yet embraced institutional ranking with the same seriousness they accord their personal achievements, urging staff to see the University's success as their own collective success.

The Project Manager, who is also a former Dean of the

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, expressed optimism that the University would record a stronger performance in its transparency ranking when the next edition of the Webometrics Ranking is released in January 2027.

While mentioning the impressive performance of the University in the latest SCImago Institutions Rankings, Prof. Ambali announced that the institution's Aquatic Science programme was ranked first in Nigeria and 18th in Africa, while Veterinary Science emerged third in Nigeria and 36th in Africa. He added that Mathematics ranked third in Nigeria and 43rd in Africa, Computer Science was placed fourth in Nigeria and 73rd in Africa, while Animal Science and Zoology ranked second in Nigeria and 50th in Africa.

Similarly, he said Surgery was ranked second in Nigeria and

10th in Africa, Library and Information Science placed third in Nigeria and 10th in Africa, while Physics and Astronomy ranked sixth in Nigeria and 69th in Africa.

Prof. Ambali further revealed that Arts and Humanities was ranked sixth in Nigeria and 47th in Africa, a performance he said demonstrates that the University is excelling not only in STEM disciplines but also in the broader STEAM ecosystem.

The Professor of Environmental and Veterinary Toxicology, who maintained that the institution has the capacity to attain even higher rankings if identified areas of

weakness are systematically addressed, however, assured members of staff that the Ranking Implementation Unit remains open to constructive suggestions and innovative ideas that could help overcome existing limitations and strengthen the University's global competitiveness.

He also noted that this was the first time the SCImago Institutions Rankings had comprehensively ranked the University of Ilorin, describing the feat as a clear indication that the quality, relevance and impact of the University's researches are gaining international recognition.

The Project Manager, Ranking also announced that the U.S. News Best Global Universities Rankings, which traditionally focused on universities in the United States, recently expanded its coverage to include Nigerian universities.

According to him, only seven Nigerian universities met the criteria for inclusion in the latest ranking, with the University of Ilorin emerging fifth nationally, a development he described as another testament to the institution's growing international reputation.

He, therefore, urged new Deans and Directors to work closely with the University Ranking Unit by supporting initiatives aimed at improving research output, institutional visibility, international collaborations and digital presence.

Prof. Ambali expressed confidence that with sustained commitment from all stakeholders, the University would record even more remarkable improvements in subsequent ranking exercises. He added that the various reforms being implemented by the University management would begin to yield more visible results as newer ranking cycles increasingly capture the achievements of the current administration.



■ Prof. Ambali



New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. A. A. Abdulrahman	Life Sciences / Plant Biology	Election as Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences	1 st August, 2026 to 31 st July, 2028
Prof. A. Giwa	Pharmaceutical Sciences / Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice	Election as Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	1 st August, 2026 to 31 st July, 2028
Prof. M. O. Ameen	Physical Sciences / Chemistry	Appointment as Head, Department of Chemistry	1 st August, 2026
Prof. O. A. Onasoga	Clinical Sciences / Nursing Science	Appointment as Head, Department of Nursing Science	1 st August, 2026
Prof. L. S. Ojulari	Basic Medical Sciences / Physiology	Appointment as Head, Department of Physiology	1 st August, 2026
Prof. A. O. Shittu	Basic Clinical Sciences / Haematology	Appointment as Head, Department of Haematology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. H. A. Saliu	Social Sciences / Criminology and Security Studies	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Criminology and Security Studies	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Modupe B. Ake	Social Sciences / Political Science	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Political Science	1 st August, 2026
Dr. B. E. Agesin	Social Sciences / Psychology	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Psychology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. M. S. Yusuf	Social Sciences / Social Work	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Social Work	1 st August, 2026
Dr. S. J. Akor	Social Sciences / Sociology	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Sociology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Tolu walope M. Agaja	Social Sciences / Geography & Environmental Management	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Geography & Environmental Management	1 st August, 2026
Dr. I. O. Folorunso	Physical Sciences / Geophysics	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Geophysics	1 st August, 2026
Dr. T. D. Adeniyi	Basic Clinical Sciences / Medical Laboratory Science	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Medical Laboratory Science	1 st August, 2026
Dr. A. O. Alli-Oluwafuyi	Basic Clinical Sciences / Pharmacology and Therapeutics	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Aisha T. Abubakar-Kamar	Environmental Sciences / Architecture	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Architecture	1 st August, 2026
Dr. H. Y. Agava	Environmental Sciences / Estate Management	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Estate Management	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Ranti T. Adebisi	Environmental Sciences / Quantity Surveying	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Quantity Surveying	1 st August, 2026
Mr. A. Yusuf	Environmental Sciences / Surveying and Geoinformatics	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics	1 st August, 2026