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Egbewole appreciates Senate, BCoS, as 2025/2026 session formally ends

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has appreciated the Business Committee of the Senate (BCoS), the Senate Office, the Deans of the various Faculties, Heads of Department, Level Advisers and lecturers as well as all non-teaching staff of the University for their contributions towards the successful completion of the 2025/2026 academic session.

Prof. Egbewole made the

commendation last Friday (September 18, 2026) in his remarks at the Senate Luncheon held at the Multipurpose Hall to mark the end of the 2025/2026 academic session.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Chairman of the Senate, commended the Chairman of the Business Committee of Senate (BCoS), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, and members of the Committee for their contributions to the successful completion of the academic processes.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

TETFund, a lifeline for Nigerian varsities - Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale



■ Prof. Egbewole

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) as a major lifeline for the development and sustenance of university

education in Nigeria.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (September 14, 2026) when the North-Central Representative on the TETFund Board of Trustees (BOT), Dr Hassan Abdulrahman Ocholi, paid a familiarisation visit to the University. (Contd. on page 4)

All is set for Unilorin's 41st Convocation- Fawole

By Tajudeen Babamale

All is now set for the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, with the Ceremonials Committee putting finishing touches to arrangements for the event scheduled for October 16 to 25, 2026.

The Chairman of the

Committee, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, announced this last Friday (September 18, 2026) while presenting the progress report of the Committee at the 313th meeting of the University Senate held at the Senate Chamber.

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■ Prof. Fawole

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UNILORIN joins 2026 millennium Fellowship class

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin has joined the Millennium Fellowship Class of 2026, with 131 undergraduate students selected to participate in the global leadership programme that is focused on advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* penultimate Friday (September 11, 2026), Dr Nusirat Aderinsola Sadiku, who is supporting the Fellows at the University, and who was also nominated as the Campus Point of Contact (POC) and an Associate Member of the Millennium Campus Network (MCN) and Civic Learning Council, said that the selection gives the students of the University an opportunity to join a global network of young leaders working on projects aimed at addressing pressing challenges in their communities and contributing to the achievement of the 17 SDGs.

Dr Sadiku said, "The 2026 cohort comprises more than 5,500 undergraduate



■ Prof. Egbewole

Fellows from over 330 campuses across 60 countries and territories, selected from a record-breaking pool of more than 76,000 applicants from over 6,000 campuses worldwide".

She added, "The four-month fellowship, organised by the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) and Millennium

Campus Network (MCN), brings together young people committed to addressing pressing challenges in their communities while contributing to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals".

She also disclosed that the Fellows in the 2026 class would work on projects collectively advancing all 17 SDGs while gaining leadership experience, global exposure and practical skills.

"Through the Fellowship, the students aim to gain leadership skills, global exposure, and practical experience in advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3 (Health), SDG 6 (Water and Sanitation), and SDG 13 (Climate Action)," he said.

The inclusion of the University of Ilorin in the 2026 cohort places its student Fellows within a global community of young changemakers working to translate ideas into practical action across campuses and communities around the world.

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Prof. Egbewole acknowledged the contributions of the Senate Office, under the leadership of the Deputy Registrar, Mrs Taiwo Afolayan, stating that the various academic processes would not have been successfully completed without the support of the Senate Secretariat.

The Vice Chancellor urged members of the academic community to continue to improve the processes and systems of the institution, noting that Senate had considered several issues aimed at strengthening the University's operations.

While mentioning the University's transition to a paperless system as one of the improvements recorded, he expressed hope that further innovations would be introduced to enhance efficiency and ensure effective delivery of the mandate of the University.

Prof. Egbewole urged members of staff to use the break to rest and return in October with renewed vigour, while reminding them that the successful completion of one session meant that there was more work ahead. He said, "You have done so much, and the reward for hard work is more work. So, be ready for more work while we thank you for what you have done."

Speaking earlier, the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, commended the Vice Chancellor

for his leadership and the innovations introduced into the administrative processes of the University.

Mr Alfania described the Vice Chancellor's coordination of Senate sessions as impressive, noting that his contributions had made the meetings rich and productive. He said that several centres had been established with the approval of Senate and concurrence of Council, while the regular updates on the University's ranking had also become a notable innovation.

The Registrar also commended the introduction of the Memo Manager, describing it as a smart system designed to make administrative processes easier and more efficient.

According to him, the system would reduce the loss of correspondence in transit, while enabling staff to monitor the movement of their mails and identify where correspondence was being held up.

Mr Alfania said, "The Vice Chancellor has demonstrated a very high level of leadership strength", urging members of Senate to continue to support him in his efforts to transform the University.

He also commended the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, and other members of the Senate leadership and Secretariat for their efforts toward the successful completion of the 2025/2026 academic session.

The Registrar appreciated members of Senate for their thorough consideration of minutes presented at meetings, noting that corrections were mostly limited to attendance

rather than the substance of the minutes.

He assured members that the Registry and Senate Secretariat would continue to improve their services in the 2026/2027 academic session, expressing confidence that members of Senate would have further reasons to appreciate their efforts.

On his part, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences and Chairman of the Committee of Deans and Provosts (CoPD), Prof. Muhammed A.N. Adeboye, who spoke through the Dean of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Kolawole Wasiu Wahab, commended the Vice Chancellor and the University Management for their support throughout the 2025/2026 academic session.

Prof. Adeboye particularly appreciated the Vice Chancellor for the unanticipated end-of-session gift of brand-new cars to the Deans and Provost, describing the gesture as a pleasant surprise and a motivation for the beneficiaries to remain more committed to the service of the University.

The Provost expressed gratitude to Prof. Egbewole and the University Management, while praying that the 2026/2027 academic session would be even more successful than the outgoing session.

All is set for Unilorin's 41st Convocation- Fawole

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Prof. Fawole said the Committee was working assiduously on all fronts to ensure hitch-free ceremonies, with particular attention to human and vehicular movement, parking, adherence to time and regulations, security, and effective coordination of stakeholders.

He explained that the award of degrees, which usually takes place over two days, had been expanded to three days to give all graduands better access to the venues of the graduation ceremonies, with the Grand Finale and Founder's Day scheduled for Friday, October 23.

Prof. Fawole, who is also the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), explained that the first day of the degree-awarding sessions, Wednesday, October 21, would feature the graduation of students of four-year programmes and diploma graduands from the Faculties of Education, Agriculture (Home Economics), Communication and Information Sciences, Environmental Sciences (Architecture), Social Sciences and the Institute of Education. A total of 4,443 graduands are expected on the Day.

He said the second day, Thursday, October 22, would feature the graduation of four-year programmes and diploma graduands from the Faculties of Arts, Basic Medical Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences, Management Sciences and Physical Sciences. A total of 4,500 graduands are expected.

The Chairman noted that the

third day, Friday, October 23, would feature the Convocation Lecture and the graduation of five-year and six year programmes from the Faculties of Agriculture, Basic Clinical Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences (Optometry), Law, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine, alongside the conferment of postgraduate degrees. A total of 3,580 graduands are expected.

The Convocation Lecture, according to Prof. Fawole, will be delivered by the Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Sierra Leone, Hon. Dr. Haja Ramatulai Wurie, who will speak on the topic, "From Lecture Hall to Cabinet Room: The Journey from Academia to Public Leadership".

Prof. Fawole said that the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, would hold a press conference and media chat at the University Auditorium as part of the pre-convocation activities to inform the world of the progress made by the University administration in the last one year.

According to the Ceremonials Committee Chairman, the various Convocation activities will take place at the University Auditorium, the marquee at the Pavilion beside the Auditorium and the Multipurpose Hall. He added that, graduands would be seated in the Auditorium and in the marquee, while parents, guardians and other guests would be accommodated at the Multipurpose Hall. He said that giant television screens would be provided at the venues, with a large mounted screen at the roundabout for guests outside the main venues.

On logistics, Prof. Fawole said

that the Committee was paying close attention to security, crowd management, vehicular movement and parking arrangements to prevent rowdiness and minimise inconvenience to stakeholders, saying, access cards would be used to control movement and prevent unauthorised access at the Multipurpose Hall, while the seating arrangements in the Auditorium had been repeatedly reviewed and mapped out.

The Chairman also disclosed that graduation certificates, students' copies of transcripts and copies of the Order of Proceedings would be made available after the degree-awarding sessions each day.

Prof. Fawole assured the Senate that the Committee would continue to work with relevant stakeholders to ensure effective coordination and a hitch-free 41st Convocation Ceremonies.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor and Chairman of Senate, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, commended the Ceremonials Committee for the various innovations introduced into this year's Convocation arrangements.

Prof. Egbewole urged all units whose responsibilities would be required during the Convocation to remain committed and ensure that their duties were effectively carried out.

He stated that the success of the 41st Convocation would be a collective achievement of the entire University community, urging all staff to contribute their quota towards making the ceremonies successful.

Egbewole presents brand-new cars to CoPD members

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has presented brand-new cars to the Chairman and some members of the Committee of Provost and Deans (CoPD) of the University to enhance the effective discharge of their duties.

The beneficiaries of the gesture

are the Provost of the College of Health Sciences; the Dean of Postgraduate School, the Dean of Student Affairs, as well as the Deans of the Faculties Education, Environmental Sciences; Basic Clinical Sciences, Management Sciences, Arts, Physical Sciences and Communication and Information Sciences.

Speaking during the presentation last Friday (September 18, 2026), Prof.

Egbewole said the gesture was part of the Administration's efforts to support the leadership of the various academic units and facilitate the smooth discharge of their duties.

The Vice Chancellor urged the beneficiaries to continue to contribute their quota to the growth and development of the University, as well as support the Administration in achieving its vision for the University.



TETFund, a lifeline for Nigerian varsities - Egbewole

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Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, the Vice Chancellor expressed delight at the visit, noting that interactions with TETFund officials provided the University with opportunities to present firsthand information on its achievements, ongoing projects, challenges and areas requiring further intervention.

The Vice Chancellor assured the visiting team of the readiness of the University to provide relevant information that would enable TETFund to have a proper understanding of the developmental needs and priorities of the University.

Also speaking, the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, commended TETFund on its significant contributions to the survival and development of tertiary education in Nigeria.

Mr Alfania noted that TETFund interventions had helped to prevent the nation's university education system from severe decline, particularly through sustained support for infrastructure and academic development.

While applauding the Board of Trustees and Executive Secretary of TETFund, the UNILORIN Registrar particularly commended President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, for approving various interventions for Federal Universities across the country.

The Registrar observed that the interventions had positively affected both academic and non-teaching staff while also helping to address some longstanding challenges in the University system.

He further commended the



■ Dr Ocholi (right) presenting a souvenir to Prof. Bakare-Odunola

President for giving attention to critical areas of Nigerian university education, noting that the University of Ilorin was among the beneficiaries of the interventions through various infrastructure and academic development projects.

Earlier, Dr Ocholi explained that his visit was part of efforts to familiarise himself with tertiary educational institutions under his immediate watch, following his appointment into the TETFund Board several months ago.

He said the visit was aimed at interacting with the University Management to identify areas of need and challenges, as well as inspecting ongoing and completed projects sponsored by TETFund.

Dr Ocholi added that the exercise was also designed to enable the Federal

Government to obtain a clearer picture of the level of development in tertiary institutions and assess the impact of its various interventions.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to receive the team were the Bursar, who was represented by a Deputy Bursar, Mr M. K. B. Yusuf; the University Librarian, represented by a Principal Librarian, Dr Titilola Aminat Bayero- Abdussalam; the Director of Physical Planning Unit, Mr Toyin AbdulRahaman Jimoh; and the Director of Works, Mr Rahman Amoo, who was represented by Mr Olanrewaju.

On the TETFund team were Mrs Kor Lefcia Kpenbeen, the Zonal Coordinator TETFund North Central Zonal Office; Mr Andrew Adams, Mr Maxwell M.H, Mr Idiabe Abdulmumin, Mr Bello Amen Olaitan, Mr Ishowo Ishaq Oluwatosin and Mr Abdulhameed Abdulmalik.

UNILORIN wins 2026 ANUDC quiz/public speaking championships

By Mustafa Abubakar

...emerges with two national trophies, 10 medals

The University of Ilorin has emerged champion of the 2026 Ultimate NAIJA Quiz Challenge and the Public Speaking category of the 13th All-Nigeria Universities Debating Championship (ANUDC), emerging from the Championship with two national trophies and 10 medals.

The Championship, held between September 7 and 13, 2026, and hosted by Rivers State University in Port Harcourt, represents a significant milestone for the University, which had previously hosted the All-Nigeria Universities Debating Championship on two occasions. This time, away from its home ground, the University produced a remarkable performance across the various competitions to claim the two national championship titles.

The contingent of the University reached the Grand Finale in every category (Debate, Public Speaking and Quiz), winning the Public Speaking and Quiz Championships and returning with 10 medals across open debate, novice debate, public speaking and adjudication.

In the Ultimate NAIJA Quiz Challenge, the UNILORIN team began its journey in the quarter final, competing in Group B alongside LAUTECH, Crawford University and AAUA. The team scored 370 points, recording 200 points in the first question and 170 points in the second, to finish fourth in the group and advancing to the semi-final.

The UNILORIN Quiz team comprised Oniyangi Yusuf Abdulwariz, Zoology; Gbadamosi Fredrick Olasunkanmi, Information Technology; and Olunloyo Shehu Olawale, Computer Science.

In the semi final, UNILORIN competed against the University of Ibadan, University of Uyo and Godfrey Okoye University in a two-leg Rapid Fire Challenge. The team recorded 250 points in the first leg and 100 points in the second leg, finishing with 350 points and securing a place in the final.

The final brought together UNILORIN, Godfrey Okoye University and the University of Ibadan.

UNILORIN delivered its defining performance at the competition in the final. In the Face Off segment, the team accumulated 230 points before producing an outstanding 650 points in the Rapid Fire Challenge.

With a combined final score of 880 points, UNILORIN finished first ahead of Godfrey Okoye University, which scored 820 points, and the University of Ibadan, which scored 790 points.

The road of the University to the title saw the team record 370 points and fourth position in the quarter final, 350 points and qualification for the final in the semi-final, before scoring 880 points to



finish first in the final.

The result marks first championship victory of the University in the Ultimate NAIJA Quiz Challenge and adds another significant achievement to the record of the University's intellectual engagement at ANUDC.

From fourth position in the quarter final to national champions in the final, UNILORIN demonstrated resilience, consistency and the ability to raise its performance when it mattered most.

The success of the University extended to the Public Speaking category, where the UNILORIN team emerged champion. Adio Boluwatife, Biomedical Engineering, emerged champion and Best Speaker, while Sanni Hadiza Oyiza, Common Law, also reached the Grand Final.

UNILORIN also recorded a strong showing in the Open Debate category, with three separate teams advancing into the knockout stages, giving the institution a presence at every elimination round.

The Open Debate Grand Finalists were Adeyemi Haleem Adekunle, Agricultural Extension, and Olowookere Ganiyat Oluwakemi, Common and Islamic Law.

The semi finalists were Popoola Muideen Olasunkanmi, Information Technology, and Tivlumun Sesugh Alexander, Information Technology, while the quarter finalists were Anjorin Teminijesu Success, Microbiology, and Akinjayeju Mitchell Temitope, Microbiology.

Four UNILORIN students were ranked among the top seven in the open speakers tournament. They are Adeyemi Haleem Adekunle, who was ranked second Best Speaker, Olowookere Ganiyat Oluwakemi, third Best Speaker, Popoola Muideen Olasunkanmi, fifth Best Speaker, while Tivlumun Sesugh Alexander was seventh Best Speaker.

In the Novice Debate category, both UNILORIN delegates reached the Grand Finale. They were Adesina David Toluwani, Information Technology, and Adeniyi David, Pharmacy.

Adesina David Toluwani emerged fourth Best Novice Speaker, while Adeniyi David was ranked sixth Best Novice Speaker.

The University also recorded notable achievements in adjudication. Sanni Hadiza Oyiza, Common Law, was the second Best

Institutional Judge in Debate; Ajayi Williams Ayomide, Medical Laboratory Science, was the second Best Novice Judge in Debate; while Popoola Muideen Olasunkanmi, Information Technology, was the fifth Best Judge in Public Speaking.

The 2026 ANUDC was particularly special for UNILORIN because the team made it to the finals across all competitions and secured 10 medals and two trophies.

The achievement reflects the depth of the contingent, with its delegates recording notable performances across the open debate bracket, novice debate, public speaking, quiz and judging pool in the same tournament.

The student contingent comprised Popoola Muideen Olasunkanmi, Information Technology; Tivlumun Sesugh Alexander, Information Technology; Anjorin Teminijesu Success, Microbiology; Akinjayeju Mitchell Temitope, Microbiology; Olowookere Ganiyat Oluwakemi, Common and Islamic Law; Adeyemi Haleem Adekunle, Agricultural Extension; Adesina David Toluwani, Information Technology; Adeniyi David, Pharmacy; Adedokun Yusroh Aderayo, Information Technology; Ajayi Williams Ayomide, Medical Laboratory Science; Sanni Hadiza Oyiza, Common Law; Adio Boluwatife, Biomedical Engineering; Fajimi Eytomilayo Ngozi, Anatomy; Oniyangi Yusuf Abdulwariz, Zoology; Gbadamosi Fredrick Olasunkanmi, Information Technology; and Olunloyo Sheu Olawale, Computer Science.

The leader of the delegation, Prof. Oluyinka A. Iyiola, accompanied by Dr Yahaya Suleiman and Dr Kaseem Laaro, appreciated the University Management, adding that their support has enriched the steadiness of the students

The Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the champions, medalists, delegates and their mentors on the outstanding performance.

The Vice Chancellor, in a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs of University, Mr Kunle Akogun, commended the students for their dedication, intellectual capacity, discipline and commitment to excellence, noting that their achievements further demonstrate the commitment of the University to intellectual development, public speaking, debate, innovation and academic excellence.

He also commended Prof. Iyiola, Dr Suleiman, Dr Laaro and all members of the Quiz, Debate and Innovation Committee of the University, for their roles in preparing and supporting the contingent.

The Vice Chancellor wished the champions and medalists continued success, while congratulating them for representing the University with distinction and making UNILORIN proud.

UNILORIN Ambassador, Olusunle, bags NGE's Fellowship

By Mubarak Oladosu

A distinguished alumnus of the University of Ilorin and one of the 50th Anniversary Ambassadors of the University, Dr Tunde Olusunle, has been penciled for admission into the prestigious Fellowship of the Nigerian Guild of Editors (NGE).

According to a letter dated September 8, 2026 and signed by the Secretary General of the Guild, Mr Onuoha Ukeh, the approval for the Fellowship was given by the Standing Committee of the Guild.

The letter stated that Dr Olusunle's formal induction into the Fellowship would hold on Saturday (September 26, 2026), in Enugu, at the Gala Night/Farewell Dinner marking the conclusion of the 22nd All Nigeria Editors' Conference.

Dr Olusunle, a prolific media personality, media administrator and literary figure, obtained his Bachelor and Master degrees in English and Literature-in-English from the University of Ilorin in 1985 and 1989, respectively.



■ Dr Olusunle

He was among the 17 distinguished alumni honoured by the University during its Golden Jubilee celebration in 2025, as UNILORIN Ambassadors.

A Fellow of the Association of Nigerian Authors (FANA), Dr Olusunle's meritorious career spans journalism, public service and and creative writing. He

served on the Editorial Boards of *Daily Times* and *Leadership* newspapers. He also served as a Special Assistant to President Olusegun Obasanjo from 1999 to 2007, and is the author of three well-received volumes of poetry.

With the new honour, Dr Olusunle joins the exclusive body of Fellows of the Guild, which includes media icons such as Pa Sam Amuka-Pemu, Chief Olusegun Osoba, Chief Ray Ekpu, Alhaji Najeem Jimoh, and Mr Nduka Obaigbena, among others.

Following the nomination, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole SAN, has congratulated Dr Olusunle on this distinguished professional recognition.

In a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, Prof. Egbewole described Dr Olusunle as a worthy Ambassador of the University who embodies the best of the University and continues to inspire generations of Unilortes through his sterling strides.

Alafara honoured at home

By Abubakar Imam

The immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdullahi Alafara Baba, was penultimate Saturday September 12, 2026) honoured with an award by the Alore Central Development Association(ACDA), Ilorin, in recognition of his outstanding contributions, dedication, and services to the development of the community.

The event, which was held at Ansarul Islam Secondary School, Oloje, Ilorin, was presided-over by the Danmasani of Ilorin, Engr Suleiman Yahaya Alapansanpa.

Presenting the Award to Prof. Alafara, Engr Alapansanpa described the renowned don as an hardworking and patriotic person.

Engr Alapansanpa, who is also the Chairman of the Ilorin Emirate Durbar Committee, added that Prof. Alafara has left no one in doubt of his industry and integrity, which he encouraged others, particularly the



■ Prof. Alafara (middle) receiving the Award from Engr Alapansanpa

younger ones, to emulate.

Responding, Prof. Alafara said that he felt highly honoured with the award as he thanked the Association for finding him worthy of being so honoured.

He assured members of the Association that he would continue to serve as a role-model to others as he also promised to continue to work with others

to foster peace and progress of the community.

Prof. Alafara, who is currently on sabbatical at Kwara State University of Education, Ilorin, also thanked all those who attended the event for the honour accorded him and other honourees.

Approach Mentorship Centre for guidance, Ayinla urges Unilorites

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Director of the University of Ilorin Mentoring Centre, Prof. Maryam Toyin Ayinla, has enjoined members of the University community with questions, challenges, or goals to approach the Centre for guidance and support.

Prof. Ayinla stated this last Monday (September 10, 2026) while chatting with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in her office.

She explained that the University established the Centre as a central coordinating unit for all mentoring activities across Faculties, Departments, and units.

According to her, this is in furtherance of the commitment of the University to use mentorship as a strategic mechanism for strengthening academic performance, professional development, leadership capacity, and personal growth among staff and students.

The Director stated that the mandate of the Centre is to provide structured academic and career development for improved performance, productivity, retention, and wellbeing.

She added that the Centre would also support staff retention and succession planning by systematically pairing early and mid-career staff with experienced mentors across both academic and non-teaching cadres.

Prof. Ayinla added that the Centre would enhance career readiness by bridging the gap between classroom learning and workplace requirements through guidance, skills training, and



■ Prof. Ayinla

networking.

To achieve this, the don, who is a Professor of Human Physiology, disclosed that the Centre would translate the approved mentorship policy and handbook into measurable actions across the University.

The Centre, she noted, would also hold periodic orientation, training, and capacity-building programmes for members of Mentorship Committees, Departmental and Unit Mentoring Officers, mentors, and mentees.

The training, according to her, will focus on academic coaching, career guidance, and referral pathways, while outstanding mentors will be recognised annually.

She further revealed that an implementation circular, reporting calendar, and baseline data collection instruments would soon be issued to all Faculties, Departments, and Units. This, she said, is to ensure uniformity in the

running of mentoring activities and timely submission of reports to enable early intervention where necessary.

In line with its commitment to data-driven planning, the Director stated that the Centre would digitise all baseline instruments and log mentoring sessions and mentee interactions as she added that the Centre would work with COMSIT for technical support towards the digital readiness of the Centre.

On collaboration, Prof. Ayinla noted that the Centre would work closely with Deans, Heads of Departments, and alumni to ensure effective delivery.

She said a campus-wide campaign would also be run with the slogan, "Your mentor is your first point of contact."

She emphasised that the mentorship programme only complements supervision, academic advising, and counselling, and does not duplicate the roles of Heads of Departments, lecturers, and supervisors.

Prof. Ayinla further affirmed that the doors of the Centre are open to every member of the University community.

She explained that the primary focus is on undergraduate students, especially freshers who need guidance to settle in and finalists who need direction for life after school.

Postgraduate students, she said, would also receive support on research, thesis guidance, and academic writing.

Academic and non-teaching staff, particularly those in early career and middle cadre, will be supported on institutional culture navigation, career and professional development, and promotional tracks.

According to her, mentors and Departmental Mentoring Officers will receive training, resources, and support, while Faculties, Departments, and Units will get policy guidance and collaboration on student welfare.

Parents and guardians may also be engaged on a referral basis for students who need additional support.

"In summary, if you are a Unilorite with a question, challenge or goal and you need guidance, this Centre is for you. Our duty is to complement the role of lecturers and the Counselling Unit to ensure that every student has a person on campus who is genuinely interested in their welfare," Prof. Ayinla said.

She, therefore, encouraged members of the University community to take advantage of the services of the Centre, optimally.



THISDAY MD tasks media personnel on professionalism

By Isaac Lewu

The Managing Director of THISDAY Newspapers, Mr Eniola Bello, has called on media practitioners and students of journalism to uphold the fundamental principles of accuracy, objectivity, fairness and balanced reporting in the discharge of their professional responsibilities.

Mr Bello made the call last Thursday, (September 17, 2026), while donating copies of his two-volume book, *'SHADOWS'* to the Department of English and Literary Studies, University of Ilorin. The veteran journalist is an alumnus of the Department.

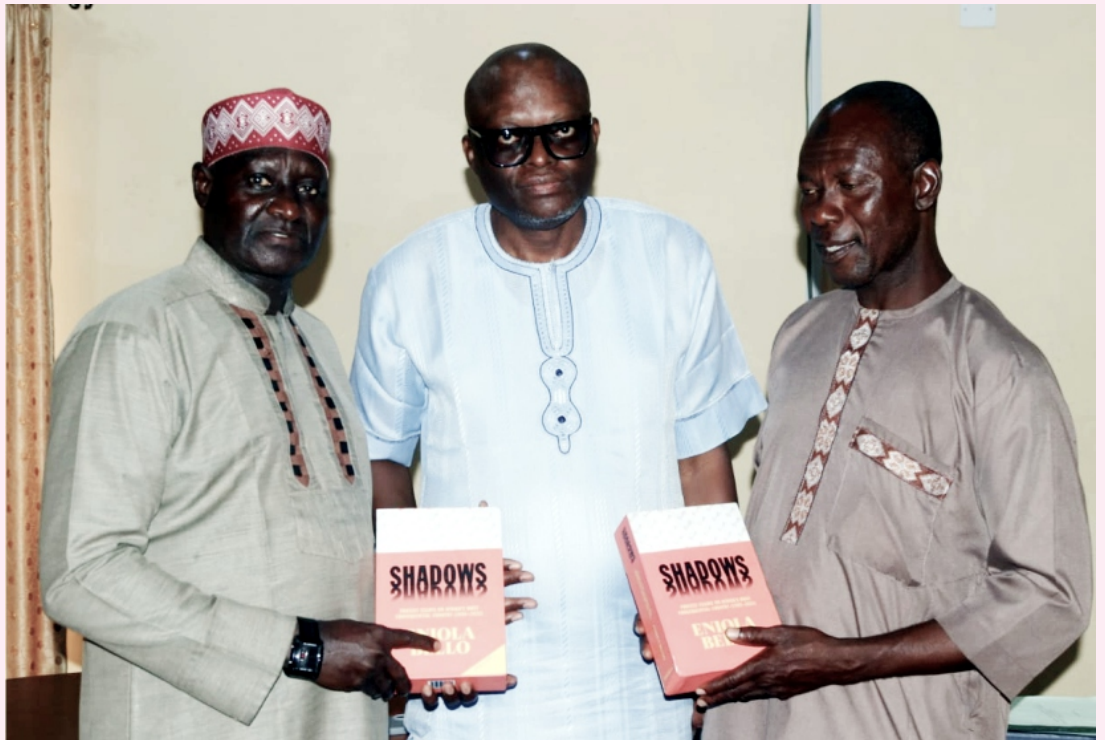
The renowned media executive stressed the need for young people currently undergoing training in media practices to return to the basic principles of journalism.

He decried the growing influence of what he called "street journalism", noting that the development has contributed to the spread of fake news, particularly where reports are published without efforts to verify facts or obtain the sides of those involved.

According to him, journalists must make deliberate attempts to confirm information before publication, as failure to do so could cause unnecessary crises and damage to individuals and society.

Mr Bello said that his career had taken him through various media organisations, including *Vanguard* and the defunct *Concord*, before joining THISDAY, where he rose through different editorial positions and contributed columns to the development of public discourse.

He said his books, which contain a selection of articles written between 1999 and 2023, were compiled to provide a historical account of Nigeria's



■ Mr Bello (middle) flanked by Prof. Ayinde (right), and Mr Akogun (left)

democratic journey and help young people understand the country's past.

The THISDAY helmsman, who is one of the 50 UNILORIN Ambassadors unveiled last year, disclosed that the collection initially ran into more than 1,000 pages before it was eventually divided into two volumes, adding that the decision was informed by the desire to preserve the works while making them useful to students and researchers.

Mr Bello expressed hope that students would gain from both the historical contents and writing styles of the works, as he stressed that "style is as important as the message."

Receiving the books, the Head of the Department of English and Literary Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdullahi Kadri Ayinde, commended Mr Bello for remembering his alma mater and contributing to the enrichment of the Department's academic resources.

Prof. Ayinde expressed delight at the alumnus' return to the Department,

recalling that Mr Bello was a student when the Department was known as Modern European Languages before its evolution into the present Department of English and Literary Studies.

The don said that the Department would continue to be proud of Mr Bello's achievements and grateful for his continued connection with his alma mater, noting that the donated books would further enrich its collections and benefit students and staff. He assured the donor that the materials, as well as the wealth of experience and knowledge associated with him, would be put to positive use for the advancement of teaching, learning and scholarship in the University.

Present at the event were Prof. Sola T. Babatunde, Prof. Olufemi Dunmade, Prof. Oyinkan C. Medubi, Prof. Taofiq A. Alabi, the Director Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun and other staff members of the Department.



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Customer service should not be a department. It should be the entire company. - Tony Hsieh (Taylor Chastain)

CIPM inaugurates UNILORIN Chapter

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM), Kwara State Branch, Mrs Azeezat Quadri Ibrahim, has inaugurated the University of Ilorin Chapter of the Institute with an Interim Executive Committee to steer its affairs for nine months, after which an election will be conducted to elect substantive executive committee members.

The ratification of the Interim Executive Committee and inauguration took place penultimate Thursday (September 10, 2026) at the University Auditorium Basement following a motion moved to that effect by Mr Oroge Adeoye, and seconded by Mrs Shade Feronica Aduloju.

The interim Executive Committee will be led by Mrs Toyin Temitope Adeoti as Chairman while Dr Peter Abogunrin will serve as the Vice Chairman. Others are Mrs Omowumi Azeez, Secretary; Mrs Omobukola Omotoye, Assistant Secretary and Public Relations Officer (PRO); Mr Kudus Na'Allah, Treasurer; Dr Jamiu Idowu Yahaya, Financial Secretary; Mr Moses Opaleke, Ex-Officio (Male); and Mrs Lateefat Sarumi, Ex-Officio (Female).

Earlier in her address, Mrs Ibrahim said that the establishment of the UNILORIN Chapter of the Institute was aimed at building a vibrant professional community of Human Resources practitioners within the University.

She encouraged the Chapter to contribute to improve institutional performance and staff capacity, while positioning the University as a model for professional Human Resources practice in the public sector.

The CIPM Chairman also urged the University Management to make CIPM certification a requirement for the



■ Mr Alfania

promotion of Human Resources practitioners in the University, as she stressed the importance of professional certification in strengthening HR practice.

In a goodwill message, the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, charged the new Chapter to remain active, professional and committed to its growth with a view to

attaining branch status in the nearest future.

Mr Alfania described the approval and inauguration of the Chapter as a significant achievement for both the University and CIPM. He commended Mrs Ibrahim for making the University very proud through her activeness and commitment, as well as for her efforts in promoting the Institute and mobilising members of the University community to identify with the professional body.

The Registrar noted that the strong participation of University staff in CIPM activities demonstrated the institution's commitment to professionalism and provided a solid foundation for the Chapter to thrive.

He urged members to hold regular meetings and participate actively in the Chapter's programmes, stressing that its success would depend largely on their commitment and contributions.

Mr Alfania pledged that the University Management would give appropriate consideration to the interests of CIPM members, particularly in the membership of relevant committees, while noting that professional affiliations would be recognised within the limits of existing University policies.



Oloyede tasks CILS on better service delivery

By Abubakar Imam

A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, and Immediate past Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, has encouraged the Director and staff members of the institution's Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS) to always pursue programmes and projects that would advance the progress of the Ilorin Emirate and its neighbours.

Prof. Oloyede gave this advice penultimate Friday (September 11, 2026) while playing host to the new Director of the Centre, Prof. Ali Arazeem Abdullahi, who led a delegation of the Centre to his private office in Ilorin.

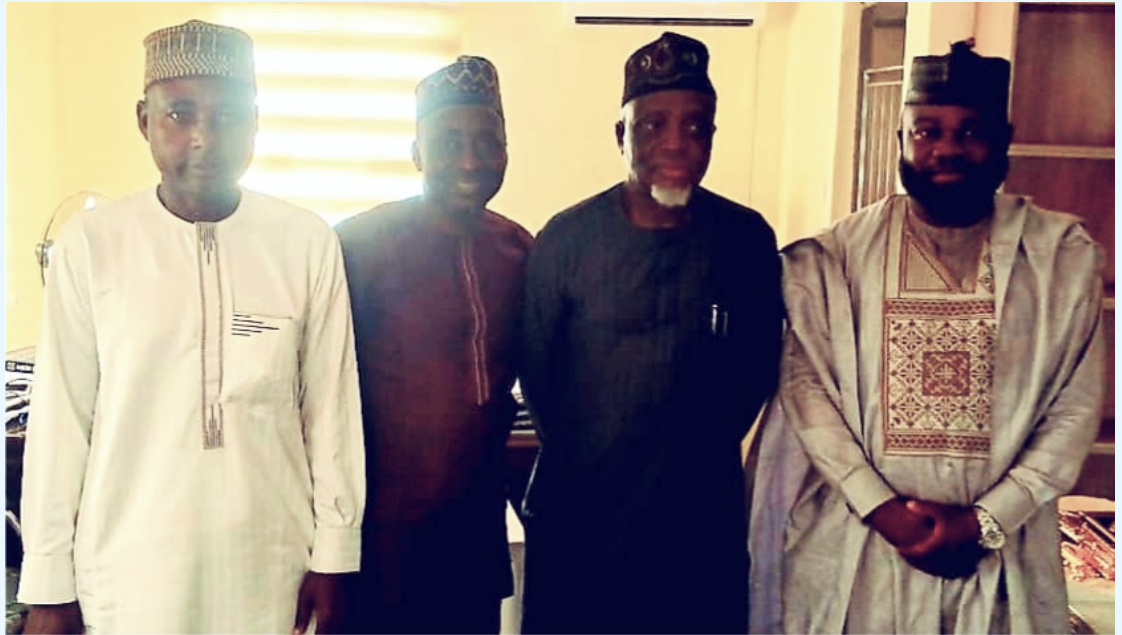
The former Vice Chancellor, whose Administration established the Centre, emphasised the need for the Centre to document the histories of personalities, institutions, religious scholars, traditional leaders and notable events associated with Ilorin.

He observed that many prominent personalities who passed through Ilorin or had strong connections with the city should also have their contributions properly documented by the Centre. Among this category of individuals, according to Prof. Oloyede, are Archbishop Ayo Maria Atoyebi and Bishop John Olorunfemi Onayaiykan, among others.

Prof. Emeritus Oloyede, who is also the Secretary-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), also enjoined the Centre to have both electronic and print media platforms for the promotion of its activities.

According to him, documentaries and other historical materials relating to the past and present development in the Ilorin Emirate should be properly documented and made available to members of the public and researchers.

He specifically suggested that photographs and historical information about the ancient Oke-Suna, including the place where Islamic scholars



reportedly organised prayers in connection with the establishment of Ilorin as a Muslim settlement, should be properly documented and preserved.

He also discussed the need to document the different styles, voices and traditions associated with Islamic scholarship in Ilorin.

Prof. Emeritus Oloyede suggested that the views, photographs and voices of scholars such as the founder of the Ansarul Islam Society of Nigeria, Sheikh Muhammad Kamaludeen and the founder of the Markaz Arabic and Islamic Training Centre, Agege, Sheikh Adam Abdullahi Al-Illory, should be developed into appropriate archival materials to enable future generations to appreciate their contributions.

He observed that if people of England could properly document the histories and contributions of their scholars, there is no reason why similar efforts could not be made to document the history and contributions of Ilorin scholars and personalities by the Centre.

Prof. Emeritus Oloyede also expressed concerns on some contemporary practices which, in his view, differ from the traditional values and practices of the Ilorin community as observed in wedding ceremonies and similar events.

He urged the Centre to embark on a strong public sensitisation programmes through electronic media, print media and social media as he suggested the production of jingles, documentaries and other educational materials to enlighten the public about the history, culture, religious traditions and values of Ilorin.

Prof. Emeritus Oloyede advised that those who question the continued use of the name "Ilorin" should not be allowed to distract the Centre from its core objectives. He stated that people with good ideas and genuine interest in the development of Ilorin should be encouraged to contribute.

He advised the Centre to explore the possibility of discussing the preservation of the late Dr Abubakar Olusola Saraki's family house as a potential archive or heritage centre where materials relating to his life, political career and contributions to Ilorin could be preserved and displayed.

He noted that if such initiatives were successfully established, other prominent families and individuals might also be encouraged to preserve and contribute materials relating to their late parents and notable family members.

He further observed that if the Centre successfully develops these initiatives, the University management would likely recognise its importance and provide greater institutional and financial support.

Speaking earlier, the Director of the Centre said that the purpose of the visit was to seek the advice, fatherly guidance and support of Prof. Oloyede, particularly concerning the vision and mission behind the establishment of the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS) during his tenure as the Vice Chancellor of the University.

Prof. Abdullahi was accompanied on the visit by his Deputy, Dr Mahmud Danjuma and the Secretary to the Centre, Mr B. K. Kuti.

Mustapha urges African varsities to strengthen research culture for global relevance

By Muizdeen Adewole

African universities have been urged to strengthen their research culture, improve quality assurance, and promote innovation as critical drivers of global relevance and sustainable development.

This call was made penultimate Saturday, (September 12, 2026) by the Executive Director of CEREDEMS-Africa and an academic with affiliations to MISIS University and RUDN University, Dr Muhammad Jamiu Mustapha, during his presentation at the September edition of the Association of West African Universities, AWAU, Monthly Colloquium Series.

The Webinar, themed “Research Culture as the Currency of Global Relevance through Quality Assurance and Innovation,” brought together academics and stakeholders in higher education to assess the state of research in African universities and strategies for improving its global impact.

Dr Mustapha challenged institutions to assess whether their research culture was “appreciating or depreciating” in value. He noted that global relevance should be measured not only by research volume, but also by citations, international partnerships, and policy influence.

He expressed concern that Sub-Saharan Africa contributes less than one percent of global scientific output despite accounting for about 14 percent of the world's population.

“The gap is linked to fragmented research ecosystems, overdependence on



■ Dr Mustapha

Western academic frameworks and journals, and inadequate integration of indigenous knowledge into formal research,” he said.

To address the challenge, Dr Mustapha called on universities to develop research agendas that respond to Africa's development priorities rather than relying solely on external frameworks. He also advocated the establishment of clear research clusters and coordinated programmes that are capable of producing knowledge with both local and international relevance.

The Executive Director stressed that quality assurance should go beyond compliance and serve as a strategic tool for promoting innovation and strengthening institutional performance.

Dr Mustapha proposed an “80-20 approach” to institutional research, in which about 80 percent of research should align with institutional priorities while 20 per cent

should remain open to individual academic curiosity and emerging areas.

He also canvassed hybrid knowledge systems that integrate indigenous African knowledge, Western academic frameworks, and global best practices to create a more inclusive academic environment.

The scholar outlined a five-step roadmap for strengthening research across West African universities. The roadmap includes Faculty-led research agendas, establishment of thematic research hubs, and stronger collaboration between universities, industry, and government.

He described the university-industry-government relationship as critical to translating academic knowledge into practical solutions for society.

Dr Mustapha encouraged researchers to maintain consistent research focus while targeting reputable high-impact journals. He further urged academics to develop theories and research questions that address African realities instead of simply reproducing frameworks developed elsewhere.

In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, emphasised the need for sustained dialogue on the development of higher education and research in West Africa.

Prof. Egbewole challenged academics to connect their areas of specialisation to local realities and development needs.

“Beyond academic specialisation, we must ask how our knowledge can solve problems within our communities and across the region,” he said.

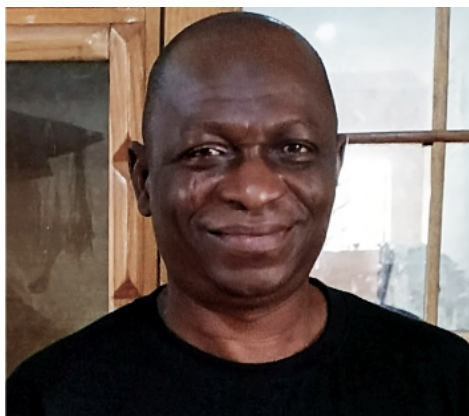
Iyiola appointed ANUDC national quiz coordinator

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Chairman of the University of Ilorin Quiz and Debates Committee, Prof. Oluyinka Iyiola, has been appointed as the National Coordinator of Quiz for the All Nigerian Universities Debate Championship (ANUDC).

Prof. Iyiola's appointment was disclosed to the *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Thursday (September 17, 2026), by the Secretariat of the UNILORIN Quiz and Debates Committee, which added that the appointment further strengthened the representation of the University in the national body governing university level intellectual competitions.

The appointment of Prof. Iyiola, who teaches at the Department of



■ Prof. Iyiola

Zoology, brings to three the number of the University's academic staff serving on the ANUDC Executive Council.

Other University of Ilorin staff

members serving on the ANUDC Executive Council are Prof. Abdulateef A. Owoade, who is the National President, and Mr Ahmed Abiodun Lawal, the National Secretary.

With this development, Prof. Iyiola will be saddled with the responsibility of overseeing the technical preparation of the quiz competition, including question setting and the maintenance of operational standards for the quiz division of ANUDC national championships.

The development has further demonstrated the increasing contribution of the University to the administration and advancement of intellectual competitions among Nigerian universities.



Campus environmental groups honour Ambali with 68-tree memorial grove

By Mustafa Abubakar

Two campus environmental clubs founded under the mentorship and guidance of the People Climate and Livelihood Support Initiative (PeCaLiSI), EcoGreen Gems (EGGs) and BeeTribe Africa (BTA), have honoured the late former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON, with a 68-tree Memorial Legacy Grove.

The initiative, undertaken as part of the clubs' "Tree Legacy Initiative", was established penultimate Friday, September 11, 2026, to commemorate the life, milestones and legacies of outstanding individuals through environmental restoration and sustainable development.

The memorial grove, themed "Memorial Legacy Trees: Honouring a Life of Leadership, Service, and Enduring Impact," was established around the late Professor's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

Speaking on the initiative, the Patroness of the groups, who is also the Cofounder of People, Climate and Livelihood Support Initiative (PeCaLiSI), Dr Nusirat Aderinsola Sadiku, said the 68 trees planted symbolically represent the 68 years of the late Professor's life, service and impact.

She described Prof. Ambali as a distinguished scholar, visionary leader, mentor and administrator whose contributions to higher education, scholarship, institutional development and humanity positively impacted numerous individuals and institutions.

She added that the initiative was also inspired by the Islamic concept of Şadaqah Jariyah (continuous charity), expressing hope that the trees would

continue to provide benefits to people and the environment and, by Allah's mercy, serve as an enduring source of reward for the deceased.

Dr Sadiku explained that as the trees grow, they would provide shade, fruits, shelter and other ecological benefits, while contributing to environmental improvement and biodiversity.

She said, "The trees will be maintained by members of EcoGreen Gems and BeeTribe Africa as part of a long-term environmental stewardship project."

The clubs said the memorial grove was intended to preserve the legacy the late Prof. Ambali as a living tribute that would

continue to benefit people, nature and future generations.

They extended their condolences to the family of the late Professor, joining the University community, friends, colleagues, former students and well-wishers in mourning his passing.

They also prayed that Allah (SWT) would forgive his shortcomings, accept his good deeds, widen and illuminate his grave, grant him peace in the Barzakh and admit him into Al-Jannatul Firdaus, while granting his family strength, comfort and patience.



Olaitan canvasses public health approach to environmental emergency

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan, has described the Federal Government's declaration of a state of emergency on environmental management as a timely and necessary intervention, stressing that the initiative should be treated not only as an ecological rescue mission but also as a critical public health intervention.

Prof. Olaitan, who is of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education, made the observation last Monday (September 14, 2026) while commenting on the declaration and the roadmap to its success.

He said the inseparable relationship between environmental management and public health must remain central to the implementation of the emergency measures.

Prof. Olaitan noted that environmental degradation, evidenced by poor waste disposal, inadequate drainage networks and open defecation, directly contributes to the spread of



■ Prof. Olaitan

preventable infectious diseases such as cholera, typhoid and malaria.

He noted that fixing the environment should, therefore, be regarded as the first line of defence in reducing the medical burden on the country's overstretched healthcare facilities.

The Dean also emphasised the need for community-led behavioural change, stressing that policy

declarations at the federal level would not produce lasting results without aggressive community mobilisation.

He said effective environmental management must rely heavily on health promotion, with systematic health education and engagement of citizens to change entrenched habits relating to waste handling, plastic disposal and neighbourhood hygiene.

Prof. Olaitan further called for decentralisation and stronger intergovernmental cooperation, saying that the success of the emergency directive would depend on seamless collaboration among the Federal Ministry of Environment, State Governments and Local Government Areas.

He stressed that the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education, as well as local sanitation boards, should be empowered and adequately funded to drive university wide and localised waste to wealth initiatives and structured waste collection systems.

The don equally advocated a balance between public education and strict enforcement.

While acknowledging that public health education was essential for creating awareness and encouraging responsible environmental behaviour, he said that institutional enforcement remained necessary to sustain compliance.

He called for the modernisation of environmental laws in Nigeria and the strengthening of fair and consistent enforcement mechanisms to discourage both corporate and individual practices that sabotage the ecosystems of the country.

Prof. Olaitan said that the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education remained committed to researching and advocating sustainable behavioural models that would support the national environmental initiatives.

He stressed that the declaration of a state of emergency must not simply become a reactive campaign, but should serve as a blueprint for a permanent and structural shift in the way Nigeria values its environment and safeguards public health.



Adeboye advocates wider First-aid training

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

The Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Muhammed A. N. Adeboye, has advocated wider access to first aid education and training, describing the skill as a fundamental life saving competency that should be accessible to everyone.

Prof. Adeboye made the call penultimate Saturday (September 12, 2026) in his message to mark the World First Aid Day 2026. The day is usually celebrated globally every year on the second Saturday of September.

The Provost stressed that emergencies could occur anywhere and at any time, including homes, schools, workplaces, roads, places of worship and communities, noting that the few minutes before the arrival of professional medical assistance could be critical.

According to him, the ability of a bystander to recognise an emergency, remain calm and provide appropriate first aid could significantly influence the outcome and, in some circumstances, make the difference between life and death.

The Provost said that the



■ **Prof. Adeboye**

responsibilities of the College of Health Sciences extend beyond producing competent healthcare professionals to contributing to the creation of a health literate and emergency ready society.

He disclosed that the College was looking towards developing a structured programme to empower members of the University community and, ultimately, the wider public with practical knowledge and skills in effective first aid.

“The vision is to ensure that students, academic and non-teaching staff and other members of our community are equipped with the confidence and

competence to provide appropriate assistance during common emergencies while awaiting professional care,” he said.

Prof. Adeboye said such training would promote basic life saving competencies, including appropriate responses to cardiac arrest, choking, severe bleeding, injuries, burns and other emergencies.

He expressed hope that first aid knowledge would become a practical life skill rather than knowledge confined to the classroom or healthcare profession.

He encouraged members of the University community to embrace opportunities for first aid education and training, while commending healthcare professionals, emergency responders, volunteers, humanitarian organisations and others promoting the culture of saving lives through first aid education.

“Our vision is simple: a community in which everyone knows what to do, when to do it and how to do it safely when an emergency occurs,” Adeboye said.

He added that the collective commitment of the College to first aid education would help build a safer, healthier and more resilient University community and society.

Avoid dumping refuse in drainages, Qazeem charges all

By **Bashir Dawodu**

A Senior Lecturer at the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education, University of Ilorin, Dr AbdulRasaq Onaolapo Qazeem, has charged members of the public to desist from dumping refuse in running water, gutters and drainage channels to prevent blockages and ensure free flow of rainwater.

Qazeem gave the charge last Wednesday, (September 16, 2026) while discussing his research work, titled “Environmental Sanitation: A Collective Responsibility,” with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

He described the practice of dumping refuse in drainage channels as a bad habit, noting that uncontrolled water flow and erosion could damage roads, including asphalt surfaces, weaken infrastructure and



■ **Dr Qazeem**

cause significant financial losses to individuals, communities and the government.

Dr Qazeem, who is also the Sub-Dean of the Postgraduate School, added

that stagnant water and accumulated refuse could create breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other disease-carrying organisms, thereby posing serious risks to public health.

According to him, these challenges could be significantly reduced if everyone took responsibility for the proper disposal and management of waste.

Speaking further on environmental sanitation, Dr Qazeem said it is a collective responsibility that requires the active participation of every individual in the society.

He stressed that the safety and cleanliness of the environment affected everyone and should, therefore, be prioritised.

“A clean environment is not the responsibility of a few; it is a shared responsibility that requires the commitment and cooperation of us all,” Dr Qazeem noted.

Raji calls for justice system renewal, greater access to justice

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

The Acting Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Dr Barakat Adebisi Raji, has called for renewed commitment to justice, the rule of law, professional ethics and service to society.

Dr Raji, who stated this last Tuesday (September 15, 2026) in her message marking the New Legal Year while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, said the occasion provides an important opportunity for the legal profession to pause and reflect on the achievements and challenges of the past year, while renewing its collective commitment to strengthening the administration of justice.

According to her, the celebration should serve as a period of honest reflection on the state of the justice system, particularly issues surrounding delay in the determination of cases, access to justice, judicial independence, professional ethics and public confidence in the courts.

She urged legal practitioners and other stakeholders to use the occasion to examine how effectively the justice system is responding to the needs of ordinary citizens.

“Being a member of the legal profession is not merely about earning a livelihood; it comes with a profound responsibility to uphold justice, fairness,



■ **Dr Raji**

integrity and the rule of law,” she said.

Dr Raji stressed that the beginning of a new legal year should inspire judges, lawyers, academics and other stakeholders to recommit themselves to these ideals. She added that it is also an opportunity to recognise and celebrate professional and judicial achievements.

She noted that the contributions of judges, lawyers, academics and institutions to the development of law and the administration of justice deserved to be acknowledged and encouraged.

The don also called for greater attention to access to justice and the protection of vulnerable members of society as she said that legal professionals must continue to explore ways of making the justice system more accessible, affordable and responsive, particularly to

women, children and other vulnerable persons.

Dr Raji further noted that the legal profession is operating in a rapidly changing environment, particularly with the emergence of Artificial Intelligence, digital technology, alternative dispute resolution and other innovations.

She urged members of the profession to embrace useful innovations while ensuring that due process, professional ethics, human rights and the fundamental principles of justice are not compromised.

“For us as academics and legal educators, the New Legal Year is equally a reminder of our responsibility to produce lawyers who are not only knowledgeable in the law but are also conscious of their ethical responsibilities and the changing needs of society,” she said.

She described the New Legal Year as a period of reflection, renewal, recognition and recommitment, stressing that while the profession celebrates its achievements, the occasion should also be used to renew collective determination to strengthen the justice system, restore public confidence and make the law more responsive to societal needs.

Dr Raji prayed that the new legal year would bring wisdom, renewed commitment and greater success to judges, lawyers, academics and all stakeholders in the administration of justice.

Alada loses dad

By **Abubakar Imam**

The death has been announced of Alhaji Yahaya Alada, the father of an Assistant Registrar in the Office of the Provost, College of Health Sciences (CoHS), University of Ilorin, Mr Ismail Yahaya Alada.

The renowned Lagos-based businessman died penultimate Sunday (September 13, 2026) at the age of 96 after an old-age related illness.

The remains of the deceased, who was also the father of a Federal

Commissioner at the National Population Commission (NPC), Dr Isiaka Alada Yahaya, were buried on the same day at his ancestral home, Alada Compound, Pakata, Ilorin, while the 8th day prayer for the repose of his soul was held at the same place on Saturday (September 19, 2026).

Among the dignitaries who participated in the series of funeral rites on the deceased were the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania and a Deputy Registrar and Secretary to the CoHS, Mr Ahmad Rufai Sidiqque.



■ **Late Alada**

Linguistics Dept produces first Hausa Language graduate

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages (DLNL), University of Ilorin has celebrated Mr Isyaku Aliu Muhammed as the first graduate of the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree in Hausa Language and Literature.

This was disclosed penultimate Wednesday (September 9, 2026) by the Head of the Department, Dr Oluwole Tewogboye Okewande, in an interview with *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

He described Muhammed as a pace-setter and beacon of inspiration to students of indigenous Nigerian languages.

He commended Muhammed for his dedication, devotion and perseverance, and urged him to sustain the standard and build on the foundation and history he has laid.

Giving a breakdown of the Department's output for the 2025/2026 academic session, Dr Okewande said that the Department produced 268 graduates.

He noted that aside from the pioneer Hausa graduate, the Department also graduated two first-class students as he said that the Igbo Unit of the Department graduated its third set with five students, while 45 students graduated from the Yoruba Unit. This, he said, is the first session in which all three major Nigerian languages were represented on the Department's graduating list.

He added that many other students also offered the three Nigerian languages as minors and called on government to make the three major languages compulsory for secondary school students in the interest of the nation.

Dr Okewande further disclosed that the Department is working towards the inclusion of more indigenous languages.

He revealed that the Department has also contributed to the development of Tarok, an endangered language spoken in Plateau and neighbouring states, through a linguistics graduate who carried out research on the language recently.

Speaking on his journey to earning a Bachelor's degree in Hausa at the University of Ilorin, Isyaku Aliu Muhammed, whose parents are originally from Share in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, said he



■ Mr Muhammed

gained admission into UNILORIN through JAMB. He said he chose the University for its academic reputation.

On why he studied Hausa, he said: "It was my passion for the language and my interest in its rich culture and history. I also saw it as an opportunity to preserve and promote the language while building skills that can benefit me academically and professionally."

The Kano State-born described his undergraduate journey as a mix of memorable moments, challenges and growth. "There were financial difficulties, academic pressure and moments of self-doubt. But I stayed focused, prayed, worked hard and kept reminding myself of

the goal," he said.

Speaking on being the only student in his class, Muhammed said it had advantages and disadvantages.

"The advantage was that I received more attention from lecturers. The disadvantage was that it sometimes felt lonely because I didn't have classmates to discuss assignments and ideas with. But it made me more independent and determined," he said.

He advised students from all parts of Nigeria to consider studying Hausa and other indigenous languages.

"Studying a Nigerian language is not only about academics. It is about preserving our culture, promoting unity and understanding our diversity. It can also open doors in education, research, translation, media and communication," he said.

On being a history maker, Muhammed said, "I feel grateful, proud and honoured. All thanks to Almighty Allah, and to my lecturers, family and loved ones. I hope my achievement will inspire other students to believe in themselves and pursue their dreams."

He added that his goal is to use his degree in Hausa and Linguistics to impact education and the preservation of indigenous languages and culture, and to pursue further studies.



Don hails DCA on support for students

By **Abubakar Abdulquadri and Bashir Dawodu**

The Acting Head of the Department of Telecommunication Science, University of Ilorin, Dr O. A. Tiamiyu, has commended the efforts of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs (DCA) in promoting the academic activities and achievements of students across the University.

Dr Tiamiyu gave the commendation last Monday (September 14, 2026) during his visit to the Directorate where he acknowledged the Directorate's commitment to publicising academic programmes, research activities, students' achievements, and other initiatives aimed at enhancing the image of the University.

He described the Directorate of Corporate Affairs as an important link between the University and its various stakeholders, noting that effective communication and publicity were essential to showcasing the institution's academic excellence and developmental strides.

According to him, the continuous



■ **Dr Tiamiyu**

coverage and promotion of academic activities by the Directorate have contributed to creating greater awareness of the efforts of students and staff, while also projecting the positive image of the University to the wider society.

Dr Tiamiyu further emphasised the importance of collaboration between academic Departments and the DCA in ensuring that the achievements and

contributions of the University Community receive appropriate recognition.

He, therefore, encouraged the Directorate to sustain its efforts in promoting academic excellence, supporting students' intellectual development, and projecting the commitment of the University of Ilorin to quality education and research.

The don reaffirmed the readiness of the Department of Telecommunication Science to support initiatives that would strengthen communication, academic development, and the overall progress of the University.

While speaking about the weather forecasting equipment, valued at approximately half a million naira, which was donated to *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, by students of the Department, Dr Tiamiyu noted that the Quadrifilar Helix Antenna System would enable the radio station to provide its listeners with first-hand, accurate, and consistent weather reports.

Dr Tiamiyu expressed optimism that the relationship between the academic and non-teaching staff would continue to grow stronger.

CSSD loses staff

By **Abubakar Imam**

The death has been reported of a Principal Signer at the Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf (CSSD), University of Ilorin, Mr Yunus Abdulbaki.

Mr Abdulbaki, who was also an Islamic scholar and President of the Idigba Solidarity And Progressive Association (ISPA), Ilorin, passed away penultimate Saturday (September 12, 2026) after a brief illness at the age of 49.

The remains of the deceased were buried on the same day after a Janazah prayer at Baba Dudu Compound, Idigba Quarters, Pakata Area, Ilorin, while the Fida'u prayers for the repose of his soul were held last Monday (September 14, 2026) at the same place.

Meanwhile, the Director of CSSD, Prof. Grace Fajonyomi, who spoke with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on phone last Tuesday (September 15, 2026), said that the death of the Principal Signer was saddening as she said that Mr Abdulbaki died while she was still getting to know and work with him.

The Director, who assumed duties at the CSSD last month, however, said that her interactions with the colleagues of the deceased showed that Mr Abdulbaki was highly respected, loved and hardworking.

The late Mr Abdulbaki, according

.... Fajonyomi grieves



■ **Prof. Fajonyomi**

to Prof. Fajonyomi, would be profoundly missed by all his colleagues and especially the students that he so professionally provided prompt and confidential roles of guidance as an interpreter.

Prof. Fajonyomi, who teaches at the Department of Educational Guidance and Counselling, added that the series of comments made on the students' platform also showed the level of Mr Abdulbaki's commitment, dedication to duty and service delivery.

The Director added that she and



■ **Late Mr Abdulbaki**

other staff members of the Centre found more consolation in the fact that the deceased lived and died serving special set of people (students with special needs) with dedication, professionalism and competence, which greatly contributed to actualising the vision and mission of the Centre.

She prayed that God would rest his gentle soul in perfect peace and comfort his immediate and extended family members, friends, colleagues and students.

UNILORIN SSANU loses ex-scribe

By Abubakar Imam, Mustafa Abubakar
and Tajudeen Babamale

..... National President, Falowo mourn her demise

The death has been announced of a former Secretary of the University Ilorin Branch of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Dr Wosilat Bimpe Ojulari.

Dr Ojulari, who was a senior nursing staff at the University Health Services, died last Friday (September 18, 2026) at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ilorin, where she was receiving treatment.

Her remains had been committed to mother earth in Ilorin in accordance with Muslim rites at Oke-Oyi Cemetery after a Janazah prayer, led by the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Nasir AbdulSalam

Among those who attended the Janazah were the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla and many members of the University Community including Members of the Governing Council of the University and the National President of SSANU, Mr Mohammed Haruna Ibrahim.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* shortly after joining members of the University community to observe the Janazah on the remains of the deceased, Mr Ibrahim said that the late Dr Ojulari made significant contributions to the Union.



■ Dr Ojulari

He recalled that she served the Union in various capacities, including Acting Chairman, Acting Secretary and Secretary for two terms as well as Women Leader in the Zone.

The SSANU National President said that the late Dr Ojulari would be sorely missed for conducting herself as a true comrade and a good mother to many young and aspiring comrades.

While describing death as an inevitable end that could not be questioned, the SSANU National President advised members to prioritise their health by undergoing regular health checks, exercising regularly and maintaining healthy lifestyles.

He stated that while sickness and other challenges were part of human existence, members could take measures to

reduce the risk of untimely health-related setbacks.

Mr Ibrahim noted that the demands of office work often left workers with little time for physical exercise, as many spent long hours at work and returned home fatigued and exhausted.

He, therefore, urged members to exercise regularly, eat healthy meals and maintain good hygiene at home and in the workplace. He also advised members to avoid lifestyles that could expose them to health risks, particularly heavy drinking and smoking.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the UNILORIN Branch of SSANU, Mr Naheem Olusola Falowo, described Dr Ojulari as a hard-working and dedicated professional who contributed to the greatness of the University throughout her career at the University.

Mr Falowo sympathised with the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN and the Director of the University Health Services, Dr Rasheed Odunola as well as with the Ojulari family and the entire people of Oke-Ode community in the Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State as well as all the colleagues and friends of the deceased.

The SSANU Chairman, while urging the bereaved to take consolation in the fact that the deceased lived a life worthy of emulation, prayed to Allah to comfort them at this trying period and beyond and grant the gentle soul of Dr Ojulari eternal rest.



■ At the Janazah prayer last Friday at UNILORIN Central Mosque

AbdulMalik commends Danjuma's linguistic versatility

By Abubakar Imam

The National President of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, has commended the brilliance of a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies, University of Ilorin, Dr Mahmud Danjuma.

Alhaji AbdulMalik gave this commendation last Wednesday (September 16, 2026) in his remarks at the turbaning ceremony of the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, as the Sardauna of Ilorin, at the Emir's Palace, Ilorin.

The community leader, who is also an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, said that he was impressed with the fantastic performance of Dr Danjuma, who is also the Deputy Director of the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), in the course of the discharge of his responsibilities as the main anchor of the event, saying that he has become a pride of the Emirate.

Alhaji AbdulMalik explained that he was particularly captivated by the linguistic versatility of Dr Danjuma who kept him and other members of the audience spellbound with his good command of Yoruba, English, Arabic, Hausa, Nupe, and other languages.

He also commended the



■ Dr Danjuma

University of Ilorin for producing such a distinguished linguist as he expressed conviction that Dr Danjuma would surely go places.

The IEDPU President equally expressed hope that Dr Danjuma's exceptional erudition would be emulated by the younger ones and reflect positively on the Ilorin Emirate and the society at large.

Dr Danjuma had earlier announced that the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS) is working towards documenting the accomplishments of the patriarch and members of the AbdulRazaq family of Ilorin as a way of preserving their legacies

for the younger and incoming generations. He added that similar efforts would be extended to other prominent families whose members worked for the sustenance of the greatness of the Ilorin Emirate.

The event, which was hosted by the Emir of Ilorin (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari ,CFR; was attended by many dignitaries from all over Nigeria and beyond, including the Vice President of Nigeria, Senator Kassim Shettima, several state governors, the Emir of Zaria, Ambassador Nuhu Bamali; the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, Chief Lateef Fagbemi, SAN; the Kuliya of Ilorin, Prof. Yusuf Ola-Olu Ali, SAN; the Permanent Secretary, Federal Civil Service Commission, Dr Shuaib Lamido Belgore; the Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. Shaykh Luqman Alade Jimoh; the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Prof. Haruna Musa, who was represented by Prof. Aminu El-Gambari of the University's Department of Islamic Studies and Sharia; a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR; the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo; and a former Head of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abubakir Imam Ali-Agan; among several others from far and near.

Renewal of Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. N.S. Njinga,	Pharmaceutical Sciences / Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry	Head, Department of Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Halima B. Giwa	Pharmaceutical Sciences / Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice	Acting Head, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice	1 st August, 2026
Dr. S.A. Atunwa	Pharmaceutical Sciences / Pharmacology and Toxicology	Acting Head, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. K.M. Salawu	Pharmaceutical Sciences / Pharmacognosy and Drug Development	Acting Head, Department of Pharmacognosy and Drug Development	1 st August, 2026
Dr. A. Aliyu	Pharmaceutical Sciences / Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Biotechnology	Acting Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Biotechnology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. A.O. Shittu	Pharmaceutical Sciences / Industrial Pharmacy	Acting Head, Department of Industrial Pharmacy	1 st August, 2026



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Institute of Translation Arts,
University of Ilorin

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**PROF. MASHOOD
MAHMOOD JIMBA**
Deputy Vice-Chancellor
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41st CONVOCATION CEREMONIES

INFORMATION TO GRADUANDS

- A)** This is to inform all graduands of the 2025/2026 Academic Session of the University that the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the University for the award of First and Higher Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, and presentation of Prizes will hold from **Friday, 16th to Sunday, 25th October, 2026** on the Main Campus of the University.

Details of the activities are as highlighted below:

Friday, 16th October, 2026

Event: Special Juma'at Service
Venue: Unilorin Central Mosque
Time: 1.30 p.m. prompt

Sunday, 18th October, 2026

Event: Interdenominational Service
Venue: Chapel of the Light
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt

- (a) **Monday, 19th October, 2026**
Event: Vice-Chancellor's Press Briefing and Media Chat
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 10.00 a.m. prompt
- (b) **Event:** Rehearsals on logistics by Principal Officers and other Stakeholders
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 3.00 p.m. prompt

Tuesday, 20th October, 2026

Event: Convocation Play: Drama, written by Abdulmalik A. Amali
Venue: Performing and Film Arts Theatre
Time: 4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 21st October, 2026 (Convocation Day I)

Event: Faculties of Education, Agriculture (Home Economics), Communication and Information Sciences, Environmental Sciences (Architecture), Social Sciences, and Institute of Education
Venue: University Auditorium
Venue: Various Project Sites
Time: 2.30 p.m. prompt

- (e) **Event:** Convocation Luncheon and Staff Merit Awards
Venue: Multipurpose Hall
Time: 4.30 p.m. prompt
Sunday, 25th October, 2026

Event: Thanksgiving Service
Venue: St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt

Thursday, 22nd October, 2026 (Convocation Day

Event: Faculties of Arts, Basic Medical Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences, Management Sciences, and Physical Sciences.
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt

Friday, 23rd October, 2026 (Convocation Day III)

(a) **Event:** Convocation Lecture
Title: From Lecture Hall to Cabinet Room: The Journey from Academia to Public Leadership
Lecturer: Hon. Dr. Haja Ramatulai Wurie
Honourable Minister Ministry of Technical and Higher Education, Sierra Leone
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt
Graduands are expected to attend the Convocation Lecture and be seated by 8.45 a.m. prompt.

(b) **Event:** Faculties of Agriculture, Basic Clinical Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences (Optometry), Law, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, and Postgraduate Degrees
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt

(c) **Event:** Cocktail for Convocation Lecturer
Venue: Auditorium Basement
Time: 12.00 noon prompt
Event: Special Juma'at Service
Venue: Unilorin Central Mosque
Time: 2.00 p.m. prompt

(d) **Event:** Commissioning of Projects by the Visitor
Venue: Various Project Sites
Time: 2.30 p.m. prompt

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- (e) **Event:** Convocation Luncheon and Staff Merit Awards
Venue: Multipurpose Hall
Time: 4.30 p.m. prompt
Sunday, 25th October, 2026
Event: Thanksgiving Service
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Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt

B) BRIEF FOR GRADUANDS

Graduands are kindly requested to note the following important information that:

- i) The 2025/2026 Academic Session commenced on Monday, 29th September, 2025 and ended on Friday, 18th September, 2026. All graduands who fall within the above dates are advised to check their names and graduation status on the list of graduands displayed on the University Website – www.unilorin.edu.ng.

- ii) It is mandatory for all graduands to pay for the following items irrespective of whether or not they attend the Convocation Ceremonies, except otherwise indicated:

A) Undergraduate Degrees:

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- 1 Student's Copy of Transcript 10,000
 2 Certificate 10,000
 TOTAL 20,000
 3* Hiring of Academic Gown (Non-refundable)
 4* Order of Proceedings
 5* Muffler
 6* Student ID Card (NYSC)
 7* Lapel Pin
 8* Certificate Holder
 9* Service Charge

B) Master's and other Postgraduate Degrees:

- 1 Student's Copy of Transcript 10,000
 2 Certificate 10,000
 TOTAL 20,000
 3* Hiring of Academic Gown (Non-refundable)
 4* Order of Proceedings
 5* Muffler
 6* Lapel Pin
 7* Certificate Holder
 8* Service Charge

C) Ph.D. Degrees:

- 1 Certificate 10,000
 TOTAL 10,000
 2* Muffler
 3* Lapel Pin
 4* Order of Proceedings
 5* Certificate Holder
 6* Service Charge

- D) Diploma
 1 Certificate 10,000
 2 Student's Copy of Transcript 10,000
 TOTAL 20,000
 3* Hiring of Academic Gown (Non-refundable)
 4* Order of Proceedings
 5* Certificate Holder
 6* Service Charge

Please note that asterisk items are to be coordinated by Unilorin Holdings Limited.

- iii) Order of Proceedings, Academic Gowns etc. will be available for collection **from Monday, 19th October, 2026** in the respective Faculties and the Postgraduate School on presentation of evidence of payment of appropriate charges. While certificates shall be distributed from the Convocation Day based on the return of academic gowns at the various Faculties and the Postgraduate School.

- iv) Graduands are expected to attend a rehearsal of the Academic Procession, which will hold at **3.00 p.m.** on **Monday, 19th October, 2026** at the University Auditorium after the Vice-Chancellor's Press briefing.

- v) It is compulsory for all graduands who will attend the Convocation Ceremony to participate in the Academic Procession and wear the approved academic outfits.

- vi) All graduands are expected to be formally dressed in full English wear (i.e. suit, shirt and tie for men and skirt suit/skirt and blouse or gown for ladies) **OR** full national dress.

- vii) All hired gowns should be returned by the graduands to their respective Faculty Officers not later than **Monday, 26th October, 2026**. Gowns returned after that date will attract a **fine of Five Thousand Naira (N5,000.00) only per day**.

C) MODE OF PAYMENT

- i) Graduands should make their payments with Automated Teller Machine (ATM) cards. The acceptable ATM cards for use are **Master** and **Visa cards**. Each graduand should ensure that the amount in their accounts is up to the value of the required convocation charges and prevailing bank charges before logging into "Unilorin Convocation Portal" for payment.

D) PROCUREMENT OF ACADEMIC GOWNS

Please note that purchase of the University's academic gown is mandatory for Ph.D. graduands only and are expected to contact the office below for the purchase of academic gowns:

Technical Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin - +2348065476637.

E) OTHER REQUIREMENT

All graduands are expected to download from the University website the Google Form of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, save evidence of the filled form on their phones as compliance.

(sgd.)

M.A. Alfania

Registrar & Secretary to Council



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 10TH SEPTEMBER TO 17TH SEPTEMBER 2026

RECEIPTS:**N**

Academic Transcript	10,000.00
Administrative Charges Income	28,000.00
Capitation NHIS	2,959,450.00
CCSCA	20,200.00
Clinic Registration	5,000.00
Refund	393,860.00
Sundry/Other Fees & Student Charges	530,800.00
Sundry Other Income	5,367,078.75
Convocation Souvenir	170,200.00
Convocation Undergraduate Charges	19,674,800.00
Hire of University Property	100,000.00
Late Registration Surcharges	6,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	172,838.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	79,338.75
Income from Verification /Screening	480,000.00
CODL - General Payment	20,200.00
Contractors Registration Fees	22,000.00
Staff and student I.D Cards	12,000.00
Tender fees	370,000.00
Rent on University Property	272,000.00
Others	289,800.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	2,130,600.00
Postgraduate School Charges	9,321,710.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	20,200.00
Postgraduate Transcript Payment	140,000.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,041,300.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	126,000.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	809,600.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	202,000.00
Institute of Education School Charges	4,840,121.30
JUPEB Application Form	831,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	806,400.00
Remedial Application Form	106,400.00
Undergraduate School Charges	8,907,730.00
Undergraduate Verification of Results	40,000.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	712,500.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	100,800.00
TOTAL RECEIPT FOR THE PERIOD	61,120,527.55

PAYMENTS**N****PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS & OTHERS:**

CHIEF AKEEM ASANLU NIG ENT	SUPPLY OF EIGHT COMPLETE SET OF INDUSTRIAL STRAIGHT SEWING MACHINE	3,200,000.00
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MACAY CONSTRUCTION NIG LTD	CONSULTANCY SERVICES	706,347.58
NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION	PAYMENT OF OCT/NOV 2026 PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION EXERCISE	86,191,350.00
SCHOOLTRY LTD	PAYMENT FOR REFUND ON REMITA SPLIT TRANSACTIONS	25,106,200.00
Various	Various I.E DTA, IMPREST, REFUND E.T.C	32,197,654.15
Purchase Advance	Various	
TOTAL TSA CHARGES	Various	48,805.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		149,616,356.73

Signed
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Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	IKOBA NEHEMIAH ARGOESERE	STATISTICS	20-Sep
2	OPADERE FELICIA TITILAYO	REGISTRY	20-Sep
3	SANNI SURAJUDEEN ABIODUN	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	20-Sep
4	BALOGUN RASHIDAT BOLANLE	VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL	20-Sep
5	ABDULMUMINI TAWAKALITU IYABO	LIBRARY	20-Sep
6	OMOJARE AWAWU TOPE	REGISTRY	20-Sep
7	ABDULGANIYU ISMAIL	PHARMACOGNOSY & DRUG DEVELOPMENT	20-Sep
8	ZUBAIR SINATU OLANIKE	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	21-Sep
9	SIMON VICTORIA	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	21-Sep
10	ADEBAYO MICHEAL OLATUNJI	LIBRARY	21-Sep
11	OLAREWAJU OLUREMI MARY	REGISTRY	21-Sep
12	OJO JANET BOSEDE	TRAINING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	21-Sep
13	OLUTOYE HAOLAT ADEYEMI	REGISTRY	21-Sep
14	IRIMIYA SALOMI SOLOMON	REGISTRY	21-Sep
15	OMONIYI LUKMAN TEMITOPE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	21-Sep
16	IBRAHIM ZAINAB KAKAIYE	REGISTRY	21-Sep
17	ADUNBARIN OLADEJI OMOLADE	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	22-Sep
18	BOLARINWA CHRISTOPHER OLABODE	ZOOLOGY	22-Sep
19	OLANIYAN JOHN OLAJIDE	AGRONOMY	22-Sep
20	ADEDIMEJI MAHFOUZ ADEBOLA	ENGLISH	22-Sep
21	RAJI ABDULLATEEF	SOCIOLOGY	22-Sep
22	SALAWU KAYODE MURITALA	PHARMACOGNOSY & DRUG DEVELOPMENT	22-Sep
23	AMIN ABDULBASIT	PHYSIOLOGY	22-Sep
24	JAMES JOKE FELICIA	HEALTH PROMOTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDU	22-Sep
25	ADEGBULE ADENIKE LIZZY	REGISTRY	22-Sep
26	IBRAHIM LATIFAT AHUOIZA	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	23-Sep
27	KOLAWOLE ALABA PAULINA	CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	23-Sep
28	OYEDEPO RAPHEAL OMONIYI	SECURITY DIVISION	23-Sep
29	IYANDA RASAQ	SECURITY DIVISION	23-Sep
30	MABAYOJE MEDINAT ABLORE	COMPUTER SCIENCE	23-Sep
31	ATANDA ABUBAKAR	BURSARY	23-Sep
32	OMOKANYE KHADIJAT OLAITAN	HAEMATOLOGY & BLOOD TRANSFUSION	23-Sep
33	FAWOLE OLUYEMISI BOLAJOKO	AGRONOMY	24-Sep
34	ONASANYA SAMUEL ADENUBI	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	24-Sep
35	BABALOLA KUNLE OLADEJI	MATHEMATICS	24-Sep
36	AKIN-OBIREMI ESTHER OLUKEMI	REGISTRY	24-Sep
37	AKINGBADE AFUSAT SHOLA	REGISTRY	24-Sep
38	OMEIZA ISAAC OZOVEHE AVAZI	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	24-Sep
39	OKAFOR IFEOMA PRISCILLA-LILIAN	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	24-Sep
40	ADESHINA IBRAHIM	AQUACULTURE & FISHERIES	24-Sep
41	AJAYI JANET FUNMILAYO	REGISTRY	24-Sep
42	ADEBAYO ADEFUNKE KEHINDE	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	24-Sep
43	ADEBAYO MUHMUD KAYODE	PRIVATE & PROPERTY LAW	25-Sep
44	IBRAHIM OLATUNDE OYEBANJO KAZEEM	PATHOLOGY	25-Sep
45	MUSTAPHA OLANIKE WOSILAT	REGISTRY	25-Sep
46	AWOLOLA OLUFEMI PAUL	ANATOMY	25-Sep
47	ADANA MISTURAH YETUNDE	ANATOMY	25-Sep
48	IGBAYILOYE OLUWATOSIN BUSAYO	JURISPRUDENCE & INTERNATIONAL LAW	25-Sep
49	BANJOKO ALABI WAHEED	STATISTICS	25-Sep
50	KAWU YAKUB KOLA	PHARMACEUTICS & INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY	25-Sep
51	ADEOTI OMOTAYO MORENIKE	CROP PROTECTION	25-Sep
52	AJIDAGBA SAKA AMUDALAT	REGISTRY	25-Sep
53	SALIHU NURAT BASAMBO	ENGLISH	25-Sep
54	ISHOLA YUSUF OLATUNJI	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	25-Sep
55	ABDULBAKI ABDULWAHEED SHOLA	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	25-Sep
56	OYERINOLA DAVID SUNDAY	ECONOMICS	26-Sep
57	ALAO MATHEW OMEIZA	BURSARY	26-Sep
58	OSAGUE GEORGE PRINCE	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	26-Sep
59	AYOKU ABEEB OLAYINKA	BURSARY	26-Sep
60	OYEGOKE RUKAYAT ABIODUN	BIOCHEMISTRY	26-Sep
61	HAMID BASHIR	REGISTRY	26-Sep
62	ONIYE RIDWANULLAHI KOLAPO	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	26-Sep
63	SULEIMAN JAMIU DARE	WATER RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING	26-Sep



UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN NIGERIA

2026/2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR UNDERGRADUATES

- 2 Weeks of Registration - For both Fresh & Returning Students
- 1 Week of Late Registration – For both Fresh & Returning Students
- 15 Weeks of Instruction for the Harmattan Semester
- 1 Week of Lecture Free/Uploading of Continuous Assessment Results (Harmattan Semester)
- 4 Weeks of Harmattan Semester Examinations
- 2 Weeks of Marking and Computation of Results for the Harmattan Semester
- 15 Weeks of Instruction for the Rain Semester
- 1 Week of Lecture Free/Uploading of Continuous Assessment Results (Rain Semester)
- 4 Weeks of Rain Semester Examinations
- 2 Weeks of Marking and Computation of Results for the Rain Semester
- 3 Weeks of End of the Session Break

S/NO.	ACTIVITY	PROPOSED DATES
1	Commencement of 2026/2027 Academic Session for both New and Returning Students	Monday 5 th October 2026
2	Registration of New and Returning Students	Monday 5 th – Friday 16 th October, 2026
3	Commencement of Late Registration: Returning Students and New Students	Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd October, 2026
4	Certificate Clearance for the Penultimate Level	December Tuesday 1 st to Tuesday 22 nd , 2026
5	Commencement of Lectures for the Harmattan Semester (New and Returning Students)	Monday 19 th October, 2026
6	Faculty Board to consider List of Registered Students (Returning and Freshers)	Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th November, 2026.
7	Business Committee of Senate to consider the List of Registered Students	Tuesday 17 th – Thursday 19 th November, 2026.
8	Special Senate to consider List of Registered Students	Monday 23 rd November, 2026.
9	Matriculation	Friday 27 th November, 2026.
10	Semester Break	December 24 th - January 4 th 2027.
11	CBT and Written Continuous Assessment (Harmattan Semester)	Tuesday 1 st – Tuesday 15 th December, 2026
12	End of Harmattan Semester Lectures	Friday 22 nd January, 2027.
13	Lecture Free/Uploading of Continuous Assessment Results	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th January, 2027.
14	Commencement of Harmattan Semester Examinations	Monday 1 st February, 2027.
15	End of Harmattan Semester Examinations	Friday 26 th February, 2027.
16	Mid-Session Break	Friday 26 th – Friday 14 th March, 2027
17	Commencement of Rain Semester Lectures	Monday 15 th March, 2027
18	Faculty Board of Examiners to consider Final Year Results (Presentation I)	Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th March, 2027
19	Business Committee of Senate to consider Final Year Results (Presentation I)	Monday 22 nd – Wednesday 24 th March, 2027
20	Senate to consider Final Year Results (Presentation I)	Monday 29 th March, 2027
21	CBT and Written Continuous Assessment (Rain Semester)	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th April, 2027
22	End of Rain Semester Lectures	Friday 18 th June, 2027
23	Lecture Free Week/Uploading of Continuous Assessment Results (Rain Semester)	Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th June, 2027
24	Commencement of Rain Semester Examinations	Monday 28 th June, 2027
25	End of Rain Semester Examinations	Friday 23 rd July, 2027
26	Faculty Board of Examiners to Consider Final Year Results	Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th August, 2027
27	Business Committee of Senate to Consider Final Year Results (Presentation II)	Monday 16 th – Thursday 19 th August, 2027
28	Senate to Consider Final Year Results (Presentation II)	Monday 23 rd August 2027
29	Faculty Board to consider Goodstanding Results	Wednesday 25 th – Friday 27 th August, 2027
30	Business Committee of Senate to Consider Goodstanding Results	Monday 30 th – Tuesday 31 st August, 2027
33	Special Senate to consider Goodstanding Results (End of 2025/26 Academic Session)	Monday 6 th September, 2027
34	End of the Session Break	Monday 6 th September, 2027
35	Teaching Practice by Faculty of Education	15 th September – 31 st October, 2027
36	Commencement of the 2027/2028 Academic Session	Monday 5 th October, 2027
37	Resumption of New Students	Monday 5 th October, 2027

Note

Wednesdays 4pm – 6pm: Lecture Free for Sports Activities



Oloyede, a rare Nigerian-Jimoh

By Abubakar Imam

A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, has been described as a rare Nigerian whose dispositions to life is positively remarkably different.

This assertion was made penultimate Friday (September 11, 2026) by a former Deputy Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Dr Yusuf Kolawole Jimoh, while speaking at a special prayer organised in honour of Prof. Emeritus Oloyede following the successful completion of his two-terms tenure as the Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

The programme, which was well-attended, was organised by the Kuliya of Ilorin and former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Osun State University, Osogbo, Prof. Yusuf Ola-Olu Ali, SAN, at his Adewole Housing Estate Residence in Ilorin.

Dr Jimoh, who retired from the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, said that Prof. Ali has proven to be an exceptional personality whose life epitomises service and integrity.

He described Prof. Emeritus Oloyede as an uncommon ambassador of his ancestral community, the University of Ilorin and the Nigerian Muslim community as well as the nation at large.

Dr Jimoh said that Prof. Emeritus Oloyede has proven to be higher than his social and economic environment, pointing out that the Former JAMB Registrar refused to succumb to the influence of his environment.

He recalled that instead of sharing revenue or using such to execute white elephant projects like many public officials would have done, Prof. Emeritus Oloyede was motivated by nothing but patriotism to return the huge sums of money to public treasury every year throughout his tenure at JAMB.

Dr Jimoh, who also taught at Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, encouraged Prof. Emeritus Oloyede to continue to serve as a role-model as he urged other Nigerians to emulate him for the nation to witness the much anticipated national rebirth.

Also speaking, the organiser of the event, Prof. Ali described Prof. Emeritus Oloyede as his personal friend of many decades.

He described the former JAMB Registrar as a self-made man who worked tirelessly to become the celebrity he



Prof. Emeritus Oloyede and Prof. Ali at the event
has become.

Prof. Ali said that from every account, it was very clear that the honouree deserves all the encomiums poured on him in view of his exemplary attributes, which his life epitomises.

The event was attended by several dignitaries including the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Managing Director of UNILORIN Holdings, Prof. Bashiru Raji; a former Vice Chancellor of the Summit University, Offa, Prof. H. O. B. Oloyede; the Director of the Central Research Laboratories, Prof. Ibraheem Adeola Katibi; a former Director of the Centre for International Education, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem; the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Technology, Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. Isiaka Zubair Aliagan; and the Registrar of the Kwara State University, Malete, Dr Wasilat Kikelomo Sallee.

Also in attendance were the National President of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik; the Olojoku of Ojoku, Oba AbdulRazaq Iyiola Olaseni and the Daudu Ballah in Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State, Alhaji Kolapo Aliyu Abdulkadir, among several others.