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World varsity ranking: UNILORIN rated No 1 in research quality ... it's a reflection of years of patient, disciplined scholarship, says Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam and Mustafa Abubakar



■ Prof. Egbewole

The University of Ilorin has emerged as Nigeria's number one University in the realm of Research Quality in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2027, scoring 69.4 per cent, the highest by any Nigerian university ranked this year.

In his reaction to the latest ranking result released last Wednesday (September 30, 2026) at the World Academic Summit hosted

by the University of Cape Town, South Africa, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, noted that "this outcome is

not accidental but a reflection of years of patient, disciplined scholarship by colleagues who publish work that the world reads and cites."

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2026/2027 academic session begins

By Abubakar Imam

As prospective students are receiving the notification of their admissions into the University of Ilorin, the management of the University has announced that all is set for the commencement of the institution's 2026/2027 academic session.

According to a copy of the academic calendar of the University, sighted last Monday (September 28, 2026) by **UNILORIN Bulletin**, the new Session will formally commence this Monday (October 5, 2026) when both new and returning students are expected on campus.

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UNILORIN gets 13 new professors

...Egbewole tasks them on mentorship, inaugural lectures

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Governing Council of the University of Ilorin has approved the promotion of 13 academic staff members of the University to the professorial rank.

The promotion was one of the major highlights of the Council's meeting held between Tuesday, September 29 and Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

The newly promoted professors are Dr Mary O. Ologe, Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics; Dr Oluwabunmi I. N. Buhari, Professor of Behavioural Sciences; Dr Hafsat A. Ameen, Professor of Epidemiology and Community Health; and Dr A. Saidu, Professor of Arts Education.

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CVCNU hails UNILORIN on 37th Confab

By Mubarak Oladosuk

The Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU) has commended the University of Ilorin on successfully hosting the Committee's recent 37th Annual Conference and General Assembly.

The commendation was contained in a letter of appreciation dated September 9, 2026, addressed to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and signed by the Secretary-General of the CVCNU, Prof. Haruna Andrew.

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■ Prof. Andrew

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UNILORIN rated No 1 in research quality

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Speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin** on the development last Friday (October 2, 2026) in his office, the Project Manager, University Ranking Implementation, Prof. Suleiman Folorunso Ambali, said that the ranking assesses universities on five pillars such as teaching, research environment, research quality, international outlook and industry.

Prof. Ambali noted that research quality is UNILORIN's strongest turf, and that the University aims to convert it into wider international recognition and work towards the 801–1000 band in the next edition.

He added that an analysis of the results shows that the University of Ilorin has been "lifted from the 1201–1500 band in 2026 into the 1001–1200 world band".

Prof. Ambali, who is a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), noted that the University is now one of the seven Nigerian universities in the global top 1,200.

He added that the University is ahead of the University of Lagos, Bayero University, Kano and the University of Ibadan on quality research, which carries 30% of the overall score and measures how widely a university's research is cited by scholars worldwide.

Prof. Ambali, who is also a former Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, explained that UNILORIN ranks ahead of the University of Lagos (67.8), Bayero University (66.5) and the University of Ibadan (64.9), saying that the result of UNILORIN is 26 points

above the national average of 43.3.

The score, according to Prof. Ambali, combines four field-normalised measures: citation impact, research strength, research excellence and research influence.

He added that "in plain terms, when UNILORIN scholars publish, the world reads and cites their work"

The former Deputy Vice Chancellor said that the results are analysed in a report by the Nigerian Tertiary Education Ranking Advisory Committee (NiTERAC), which is chaired by a former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Peter A. Okebukola.

He added that the report confirms that the University of Ilorin is one of the seven Nigerian universities that moved up this year, and one of the five federal universities now in the global top 1,200.

Prof. Ambali said that Prof. Okebukola's scientific analysis of the result shows that Nigeria has 29 ranked universities, the most in sub-Saharan Africa, up from 24 in the 2026 edition.

He added that focused improvement plans could lift the University of Ilorin and Ahmadu Bello University into the 801–1000 band in the 2028 edition.

On the overall table, Prof. Ambali said that the University of Ilorin is joint fourth in Nigeria, alongside Ahmadu Bello University, Bayero University and Landmark University.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in a statement titled "A Tribute to Our

Scholars", congratulated the entire University community, especially the academic staff.

Prof. Egbewole explained that "this outcome is not accidental but a reflection of years of patient, disciplined scholarship by colleagues who publish work that the world reads and cites."

The Vice Chancellor thanked every lecturer, researcher, postgraduate supervisor and student whose work contributed to the positive rankings of the University.

He described the achievement as "a milestone, not a destination", noting that the results also show where more work is needed, notably in global academic reputation, research funding and doctoral output.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Vice President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), called on all staff to sustain the effort, publish in indexed outlets, collaborate internationally and support the accurate documentation of the University's work.

Reiterating the commitment of the University to Vision 1:10:500, which aims to make it first in Nigeria, among the top ten in Africa and within the global top 500, the Vice Chancellor said, "With the support of the entire University community, we shall get there."

On his part, Prof. Ambali joined the Vice Chancellor in congratulating the staff, especially the academic staff, saying that "Our research is already cited by the world." He added, "The next step is for the world to know where it comes from."

BREAKING NEWS!

Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji elected NSCIA Deputy Secretary General

Translate constitution, policies into local languages, Jimba charges FG

By Muizdeen Adewole

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) of the Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete, Prof. Moshood Mahmood Jimba, has charged the Federal Government to ensure the translation of the Nigerian Constitution and other key public policies into major indigenous languages as a deliberate strategy for inclusive governance and national development.

Prof. Jimba gave the charge last Wednesday, (September 30, 2026), while delivering the keynote address at the 2026 International Translation Day commemoration organised by the Institute of Translation Arts (ITA), University of Ilorin. The event, with the theme, "Linguistic Diversity and Language Rights: The Power of Being Understood," was held at the Faculty of Arts Boardroom.

The Keynote Speaker, who was represented by a Deputy Director of the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), Dr Mahmud Danjuma, noted that Nigeria's linguistic diversity is a great cultural asset, but it becomes a barrier to development when citizens cannot understand government policies, legal documents and public communication because they are predominantly in English.

He asked, "How can citizens meaningfully participate in national development if important information about their rights, responsibilities and public policies is communicated predominantly in a language they do not fully understand?"

Prof. Jimba, who is a specialist in Arabic Language and Literature, noted that while English remains Nigeria's official language, proficiency is not evenly distributed, and even among those who speak it, complex legislative, financial and policy documents are not easily comprehended. He said translating important civic and legal information would not eliminate the need for the authoritative English text but would significantly improve public access to constitutional knowledge.

He, therefore, called on governments at federal, state and local levels to institutionalise translation by



■ Prof. Adeyemi

making government documents, public-health messages, civic education materials, agricultural programmes, electoral education and emergency communication available in major indigenous languages such as Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo, Fulfulde, Kanuri and Nupe.

Such a policy, he argued, would expand access to public information, improve civic awareness, promote inclusion, strengthen communication between government and citizens, preserve indigenous languages, create employment for professional translators and promote cultural dignity.

Tracing the history of translation from ancient Mesopotamia and Alexandria to the House of Wisdom in Baghdad, Prof. Jimba said translation has never been peripheral but central to the preservation and expansion of knowledge. He stressed that translation is not mere word substitution but an act of communication, interpretation and cultural negotiation.

Declaring the event open, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chief Host, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, lauded the Institute of Translation Arts for its role in fostering global understanding and unity and commended the Faculty of Arts and the Institute for organising the programme.

Prof. Egbewole said that language is central to human existence and translation is what connects the world, illustrating with an anecdote of how misinterpretation of a simple Yoruba greeting could change the entire meaning of an interaction if not properly interpreted. He noted that with over 5,000 languages in the world, mutual understanding made possible by translation remains what bridges humanity, adding that "If you understand my language and I understand your language, there will be more unity."

He reaffirmed the commitment of the University to supporting translation programmes as part of its contribution to global understanding and unity.

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulganiyu Jawondo, underscored the critical role of translators and interpreters in contemporary society, noting that their work is essential to promoting peace, mutual understanding and social cohesion.

He described translators and interpreters as vital intermediaries who bridge cultural and linguistic divides and facilitate effective communication across diverse communities

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UNILORIN 2026/2027 academic session begins

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The calendar further provides that registration of both categories of students will run between Monday, October 5 and Friday, October 23, 2026 while lectures for the Harmattan Semester will begin on Monday, October 19, 2026.

The clearance of students at the penultimate level of their various programmes, according to the calendar, will be conducted from Tuesday, December 1 to Tuesday, December 22, 2026.

Between Monday, November 9 and Friday, November 13, 2026, the various Faculty Boards will consider the list of registered returning and fresh students while the Business Committee of Senate will consider the same list of registered students from Tuesday, November 17 to Thursday, November 19, 2026. A special Senate session will subsequently consider the same list on Monday, November 23, 2026.

The calendar further explains that Monday, November 27, 2026 has been set aside for the Matriculation of

the new students while the students will go on Semester break from December 24, 2026 to January 4, 2027.

Computer-based and written continuous assessment for the Harmattan Semester will run from Tuesday December 1 to Tuesday December 15, 2026 while lectures for the semester are expected to be brought to an end on Friday, January 22, 2027.

On Monday, February 1, 2027, the Harmattan Semester examinations will commence as it will be rounded off on Friday, February 26, 2027 while the mid-session break will run from Friday, February 26 to Friday, March 14, 2027.

The calendar further states that the rain semester will commence on Monday, March 15, 2027 and continue with series of activities and academic rituals while the session will be formally brought to an end on Monday, September 6, 2027.

Speaking to *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the development, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, encouraged both the new and returning students of the

University to quickly settle down for business.

While he said that the management has made every arrangement to ensure that the students enjoy their stay on campus, Mr Akogun encouraged them to work hard in order to perform excellently as he said that there is no short cut to success anywhere and particularly at the University.

Mr Akogun said that the University remains an institution that has no attraction for any form of distraction and, therefore, urged the students to face their studies squarely.

He also assured them of the preparedness of both the academic and non-teaching staff of the University to assist them in every way possible. He said that the staff members have no other responsibility than to assist the students to become responsible global citizens through proper academic grooming.

Mr Akogun wished both the new and returning students a very peaceful and rewarding academic session.

UNILORIN management hails Owoyele on double honours

By Mubarak Oladosu

The management of the University of Ilorin has congratulated Prof. B. V. Owoyele of the Department of Physiology, College of Health Sciences, on his election as Councillor of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), Washington, D.C., United States of America, and election as Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMedS).

In two separate congratulatory letters, both dated September 30, 2026, and signed by the University Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, the University Management described the feats as well-deserved and prestigious recognitions.

On his election as Councillor of IASP, which was announced on September 3, 2026, following which Prof. Owoyele will be representing Africa and the Middle East on the Council of the Association, the Registrar



■ Prof. Owoyele

noted that the election is a testament to his dedication to the Association and his significant contributions to pain research, teaching, administration and mentoring over the past 16 years.

Mr Alfania noted that the elevation not only brings personal honour to Prof. Owoyele but also enhances the global visibility and reputation of the University of Ilorin. He added that his

wealth of knowledge and experience would contribute significantly to the work of the Council and further strengthen international collaboration in the field of Physiology.

On Prof. Owoyele's election as Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, the Registrar said the honour reflects Prof. Owoyele's outstanding academic achievements, professional competence and unwavering commitment to excellence in the Medical Sciences.

He added that the recognition is a remarkable accomplishment that reflects the high standards of scholarship for which Prof. Owoyele is renowned in the University.

Mr Alfania, therefore, congratulated Prof. Owoyele on the feats on behalf of the University Management, and wished him a fruitful, impactful and rewarding tenure in the two important roles.



UNILORIN gets 13 new professors

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Others are Dr Aminat A. Odebode and Dr Falilat A. Okesina, both Professors of Counsellor Education; Dr A. T. Muritala, Dr A. A. Lawal, Dr A. A. Atolagbe, Dr O. J. Ojo and Dr A. A. Tijani, all Professors of Educational Management.

The list also includes Dr M. A. Akanmu, Professor of Science Education, and Dr S. T. Abdullahi, Professor of Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged the newly promoted professors to live up to the responsibilities of their new status and contribute meaningfully to the development of the University and society.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Friday, (October 2, 2026), during a meeting with the newly promoted professors in his office.

The Vice Chancellor explained that the meeting was part of the University's tradition of receiving newly

promoted Professors following their elevation by the Governing Council.

He said that the occasion was intended to draw their attention to the responsibilities that came with their new status and encourage them to make greater contributions to the academic mission of the University.

Prof. Egbewole urged the new professors to take mentorship seriously by nurturing younger academics in their respective Departments and Faculties and helping to ensure continuity in knowledge, scholarship and academic leadership.

He also encouraged them to continually recreate and renew themselves through research and intellectual engagement, noting that academic specialisations could become extinct if scholars fail to develop existing knowledge and transmit it to succeeding generations.

The Vice Chancellor explained that attaining professorship should not be regarded as the end of an academic journey, but as the beginning of greater responsibilities and accomplishments.

He, therefore, urged the newly promoted professors to see their elevation as an opportunity to do more for the

University and society, particularly by ensuring that their scholarship translates into meaningful contributions to societal development.

Prof. Egbewole further challenged them to demonstrate the value of their academic achievements through impactful research, mentorship and other scholarly activities that are capable of advancing knowledge and addressing societal challenges.

He particularly charged the new professors to deliver their inaugural lectures within the next 12 months, describing the lecture as an important avenue for professors to present their scholarship and communicate the body of knowledge that earned them their elevation.

While wishing them success in their academic and professional endeavours, the Vice Chancellor urged the newly promoted professors to approach their new status with a strong sense of responsibility and remain committed to the growth and development of the University.





Translate constitution, policies into indigenous languages for Inclusive governance - Jimba charges FG

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Prof. Jawondo urged participants, particularly students, to acquire more knowledge and skills in translation and interpretation, stressing that "no knowledge is wasted."

In his remarks, the National President of the Nigerian Institute of Translators and Interpreters (NITI), Dr Aliy Abdulwahid Adebisi, said the theme reminded him that language is more than communication as it represents identity, culture, knowledge, dignity and inclusion. He described translation and interpreting as bridges that facilitate access to education, healthcare, justice, diplomacy and business.

Dr Adebisi said Artificial

Intelligence is reshaping the profession through machine translation, speech recognition and large language models. He urged professionals to embrace these technologies responsibly so that they complement human expertise, ethical judgement and cultural understanding. He also stressed the need to promote African indigenous languages, which remain underrepresented in digital technologies and AI.

He reaffirmed NITI's commitment to professional excellence, ethical practice, continuous development and advancement of indigenous-language terminology. He, reminded the gathering that every language carries knowledge, every speaker deserves to be heard, and every person deserves to understand and be understood.

While welcoming the audience, the

Director of the Institute of Translation Arts and host of the event, Prof. Bolanle Elizabeth Arokoyo, expressed delight at hosting the 2026 commemoration and thanked all distinguished guests, translators, interpreters, scholars and students for honouring the invitation. She said the theme underscores the Institute's mandate of promoting professional excellence, preserving indigenous languages and advancing global understanding through translation.

Prof. Arokoyo appreciated the University Management under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for its support in all ramifications and its commitment to the growth and development of the Institute.

CVCNU hails UNILORIN on 37th Confab

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In the letter, Prof. Andrew expressed profound appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, the management, staff and the entire University of Ilorin community for their immense support, cooperation and hospitality towards the successful hosting of the Conference, which was held between August 17 and 20, 2026.

The CVCNU Secretary-General said that as the host institution, the University of Ilorin played a pivotal role in the successful delivery of the Conference, noting that the Vice Chancellor's leadership, commitment and gracious support provided the enabling environment for the Conference to hold seamlessly.

Prof. Andrew added that the Committee was particularly grateful for the warmth and hospitality extended to distinguished guests and participants, as well as the various logistical and



■ **Prof. Moji Bakare-Odunola**

institutional support provided before and throughout the Conference.

He specifically appreciated the University for executing its earlier commitment to provide accommodation and airport pickup services for the representative

of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and her entourage, as well as the Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities, describing it as a notable demonstration of the University's generosity and commitment to the success of the gathering.

The CVCNU scribe further stated that the successful hosting of a gathering of that magnitude required substantial coordination, dedication and collaboration, and, therefore, commended the Chairperson of the Conference Local Organising Committee (LOC), who is also the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Bakare-Odunola, for her excellent leadership and coordination throughout the Conference.

Prof. Andrew also appreciated the management of the University for its invaluable partnership and collective efforts in ensuring that the 37th Annual Conference and General Assembly became a memorable and impactful event.



FET spends N10.8m on COBES materials

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET), University of Ilorin, has disclosed that a total sum of N10,802,000.00 has been expended on materials to support its Community-Based Engineering Services (COBES) scheme, which commenced last Monday (September 28, 2026) and will last for two weeks, with 671 students participating in the exercise.

Speaking with the *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Wednesday (September 30, 2026) in his office, the COBES Coordinator, Prof. Y. L. Shuaib-Babata, said the materials purchased include 60 rechargeable lamps, 15 double-face industrial cooking burners, 60 packs of mosquito nets, 15 industrial gas regulators, 15 number of 12kg cylinders and 15 standard engineering toolboxes.

Prof. Shuaib-Babata said the

exercise is being conducted at 15 locations within the Ilorin metropolis, where each students' group is expected to identify engineering projects in the host communities and develop solutions to them.

According to him, each students' group was given N200,000.00 as approved by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye, to execute the identified engineering projects.

He added that the host communities or volunteers may support the students financially to ensure the success of the projects.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye, charged the students to be good ambassadors of the University in their various assigned locations.

He also urged them to continue to prove their worth in their various communities as problem solvers and not

forget to leave meaningful and impactful impressions behind by the time they will be leaving their assigned locations after this short period of their stay.

The students were encouraged to put to practice, with practical demonstration, such skills and the knowledge they have acquired in the classrooms.

The exercise, carried out under the supervision of the Organising Committee, comprising Prof. M. O. Sunmonu, Dr O. T. Popoola, Dr M. M. Odewole and Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem, is expected to provide students with practical exposure by enabling them to identify engineering challenges in their host communities and apply their knowledge and skills to develop solutions to the identified problems.

Raji appointed Dean at Postgraduate College of Veterinary Surgeons

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Postgraduate College of Veterinary Surgeons, Nigeria (PCVSN) has appointed Prof. Moshood Abiola Raji of the University of Ilorin as its Dean of Pathology.

Prof. Raji's appointment was conveyed through a letter dated September 27, 2026 and signed by the Acting Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN), Dr Fadipe Oladotun, which stated that the five-year tenure

officially commenced on August 14, 2026.

In the letter, the Council expressed confidence in Prof. Raji's capacity, noting that he is expected to deploy his extensive wealth of academic and professional expertise towards the strategic growth, institutional advancement, and development of the College.

Prof. Raji's appointment and inauguration followed his election into the College's Academic Board.



■ Prof. Raji



UNILORIN to mentor SIPAILS as first 40 students get scholarship – Rector

By: Tijani Adewoyin

The immediate past Director of the Centre for Internationalisation and Partnership, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, has said that the University will provide adequate mentorship for the Sharifat Institute of Professional and Islamic Legal Studies, (SIPAILS), Ilorin.

Prof. Onireti, who is also the Interim Rector of the Institute, disclosed this last Thursday (October 1, 2026) while featuring on “Table Talk”, a special interactive programme on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*. The programme was anchored by the Head of the Station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), and its Head of News and Current Affairs, Mrs Temitope Folorunsho.

The Rector, who was accompanied to the station by its Interim Registrar, Mallam B. Ibrahim, and Dr Halidu Adewale Afolabi, said that adequate provision has been made for persons with special needs, adding that people of other faiths as well as foreign and international students are also welcomed.

Prof. Onireti said that the Institute has provided state-of-the-art equipment, free internet, 24-hour electricity supply and smartboards for teaching.

According to him, admissions are now open for the 2026/2027 academic session into National Diploma programmes in Banking and Finance, Business Administration and

Management, Library and Information Science, Computer Science, Common and Islamic Law and Science Laboratory Technology.

He disclosed that scholarships are available for the first 40 students, noting that the Institute's JAMB cut-off mark is 100 and that it does not charge application and acceptance fees.

Prof. Onireti outlined a four-step admission process. Step one is for applicants to change their institution to SIPAILS on JAMB. Step two is to ensure that O'Level results are uploaded on CAPS. Step three is screening and verification, while step four is acceptance of the admission offer.



Dean, Physical Sciences advocates investment in young geoscientists

By Muizdeen Adewole

The Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. O. A. Adekeye, has called for urgent investment in the training and retention of young geoscientists to harness Nigeria's vast mineral resources and drive economic diversification.

Prof. Adekeye, who is also the North-Central Coordinator of the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE), made the call last Monday, (September 28, 2026) in his office during an exclusive interview with the *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

The Dean decried critical understaffing in the Department of Geology, where he personally handles seven courses at the 400 level, four courses each at the 300 and 200 levels and one at the 100 level, in addition to supervising over 25 final-year projects and 25 seminars annually. He noted that for ten years, the Department has struggled to retain young lecturers, as many scholars trained to the Ph.D. level fail to return.

"We need more hands across different specialisations: soft rock, hydrogeology, mineral exploration and environmental geology. If Petroleum Engineering takes off without adequate manpower in Petroleum Geology, who will teach the students?" he queried.



■ Prof. Adekeye

Prof. Adekeye also advocated stronger University-industry collaboration, noting that Geology remains central to groundwater exploration, petroleum discovery, solid minerals development and environmental sustainability, which are key to Nigeria's future.

He commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for creating an enabling environment and for supporting the Faculty at every point, including the provision of solar systems to Departments, the renovation of the Department of Geology, and for fostering the University's 100 per cent NUC accreditation and breakthrough in research grants.

Linking his advocacy to mentorship, Prof. Adekeye advised lecturers

to build father-son relationships with their students, describing students as their most reliable future investment.

He revealed that the goodwill he built over 15 years is now funding his vision. Within three weeks of assuming office, an alumnus donated a N4 million solar system that is now powering the Faculty offices. He also stated that he was able to procure four desktop computers and internet boosters for the Faculty without touching its funds.

The major proof, he said, was the 2nd Biennial International Conference and 4th Faculty Lecture hosted in June, which cost N14.8 million, drew 3,500 participants and featured over 350 technical papers.

He said, "I did not collect one naira from the University. I reached out to my ex-students in oil, mining and international companies and told them to pay directly into the Faculty account. That is the reward of being good to your students."

Prof. Adekeye added that the same relationship ensures that his former students pick him up at airports and take care of his accommodation and welfare whenever he travels within and outside Nigeria.

"You cannot reach out to them if you were not nice to them as students. Invest in them today, they will fund your vision tomorrow," he advised.

Okinbaloye praises UNILORIN Law Faculty

By Abubakar Imam

A distinguished alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mr Seun Okinbaloye, has recommended the institution's Faculty of Law for all those who are yearning for profound knowledge of the law.

Mr Okinbaloye made this recommendation last Tuesday (September 29, 2026) while playing host to Nigeria's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Jimoh Ibrahim, on his flagship programme, "Politics Today" on Channels Television.

While acknowledging the incredible curriculum vitae and exciting brilliance of Ambassador Ibrahim, the renowned broadcaster said that it wouldn't be a bad idea if the diplomat obtains another law degree from the Better by far University.

The veteran TV anchor said that



the attendance of the University of Ilorin would certainly afford Ambassador Ibrahim opportunity to have more exposure in the field of law.

Mr Okinbaloye, who obtained his

first degree from the Department of the Performing and Film Arts, was last year appointed and inaugurated as UNILORIN Ambassador as part of the activities marking the Golden Jubilee of the University.

UNILORIN CPSS, Agric Extension set to host maiden international confab

By Idris Alooma

All is set for the international conference being jointly organised by the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies and the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ilorin.

The Conference is scheduled to hold from November 9th to 12th, 2026.

The trio of Professor Sijuwade A. Adebayo, Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Co-Chairman of the Conference, Dr Oluwafemi Olabanji, Secretary of the Committee and Dr Ruth Abiola Adimula of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, who is the Publicity Secretary, unveiled this last Tuesday (September 29, 2026) while featuring on a special programme on *UNILORIN FM* jointly anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma and Mr Soliu Yinka Mogajinda.

According to them, the conference has as its theme: "Enhancing Local Agency for Human Security and Sustainable Development in Fragile Contexts."

While disclosing that the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, will be the Chief Host of the programme, the trio also disclosed that high-profile guests are being expected



from the Presidency, the Government of Kwara State, the University community, security agencies, traditional rulers, community leaders and members of rural communities.

The Conference, according to them, is targeted at bringing together, for the first time on a single platform, the twin disciplines of Peace and Strategic Studies and Agricultural Extension and Rural Development to address the challenges of weak institutions, insecurity, poverty and climate change, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa and the Sahel.

The hybrid conference, which will

be both physical and virtual, will have its opening ceremony on November 10, 2026 beginning at 10 a.m. at the University Auditorium.

The trio added that accepted papers will be published in the SCOPUS Journal of Agricultural Extension and the Journal of Peace, Security and Development while partners for the conference will include the Nigerian Army, the Nigeria Police Force, the Ministry of Solid Minerals, the Ministry of Livestock Development, the Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria, CJID, FAO, and IFAD.

Let's be more patriotic -Mohammed

By Abubakar Imam

A former Head of the Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin, Dr AbdulRasheed Alada Muhammad, has urged Nigerians to show more patriotism for the country to attain its full potential.

Dr Muhammad gave this advice last Monday (September 28, 2026) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the 66th anniversary of the nation's independence in his office.

The don, who is an Associate Professor, said that the country possesses abundant natural and human resources needed for its all-round transformation. He, however, regretted the absence of what he called "enabling patriotism" among vast majority of its citizens.

Dr Muhammad observed that many Nigerians, including leaders and the led, do not possess the desired patriotism. Hence, the stagnation in core areas of national development, which the country has been experiencing for decades.

He recalled that Nigeria was on the same level of development with



■ Dr Muhammad

countries like India, Indonesia and Malaysia, among others, at independence but noted that those countries are today far ahead of Nigeria in many aspects of national development.

While saying that all hopes are not lost, Dr Muhammad encouraged leaders in all sectors of national development to always lead by example.

He said that when leaders show patriotism in their words, actions and inactions they would be directly or indirectly inspiring followers to do the same.

Dr Muhammad specifically condemned what he called "primitive accumulation" of wealth among many of the nation's leaders particularly some of those who are holding either elective or appointive positions.

He said that it is the activities of those categories of leaders that is impacting negatively on the majority of the nation's citizens who are left with little or nothing.

He said that the genesis of most of the problems bedeviling the country is deeply rooted in corruption, adding that the rising insecurity cannot be divulged from the endemic corruption among a few that have subjected the majority to poverty.

Dr Muhammad reminded all that primitive accumulation is unnecessary as it would not help the accumulator at the long run when they would also be in need of essential services that could not be provided because of their greed.

CoPD celebrates immediate past Provost, Dean

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Committee of Provost and Deans (CoPD) of the University of Ilorin has celebrated its immediate past Chairman, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, and the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Rotimi Arise, for their contributions to the Committee, and the University.

Speaking at a send-off ceremony, held last Monday (September 29, 2026) at the University Auditorium, the Chairman of the CoPD, Prof. Muhammed Adeboye, acknowledged the valuable roles played by the two dons in advancing the activities of the CoPD. He noted that their leadership, experience and commitment contributed to the unity and effectiveness of the Committee.

Prof. Adeboye, who is also the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, however, said the token presented could not adequately measure the extent of their contributions to the Committee, their respective Faculties and the University. He noted that the gesture was primarily intended to express the appreciation of the CoPD for their dedication, leadership and valuable services during their respective tenures, adding that their impact would continue to be remembered by members of the Committee and the University community.

In a goodwill message, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, described Prof. Alabi as a committed University administrator who had the interest of the institution at heart. He said Prof. Alabi played a supportive role as Chairman of the CoPD, particularly by liaising with University Management on issues affecting the Committee and encouraging members to remain committed to their responsibilities.

Prof. Jawondo, who said he first worked with Prof. Arise as a pioneer member of the University Quiz and Debate Club, also commended him for his contributions to the growth and development of the club. He attributed its international growth to Prof. Arise's commitment as Chairman of the Debate and Quiz Committee, adding that he laid a solid foundation from which the club continued to benefit.

Prof. Jawondo also commended Prof. Arise for his contributions to the



activities of the CoPD, describing him as a dedicated member who consistently brought his experience and commitment to the Committee's deliberations and initiatives. He added that Prof. Arise's collaborative approach and willingness to support colleagues contributed to the effectiveness of the Committee during his tenure.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Welfare Subcommittee of the CoPD, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, described Prof. Alabi as a caring, supportive and protective leader, recalling the assistance and encouragement he provided when she assumed office as Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences. She noted that his willingness to guide and support colleagues contributed to making his tenure as Chairman of the CoPD memorable.

Prof. Abdulbaqi also commended Prof. Arise on his mentorship and leadership qualities, noting that he helped her understand the responsibilities and expectations of a Dean. She described him as a leader who valued consultation and regularly sought the views of colleagues before taking decisions, adding that his approach encouraged collaboration and strengthened relationships among members of the CoPD.

She further praised Prof. Arise for his commitment to mentoring staff in his Faculty, saying that the impact of his

guidance could be seen in their activities, professional development and contributions to the University.

Prof. Abdulbaqi appreciated the CoPD for its continued commitment to the welfare of its members and commended her colleagues for their dedication to sustaining the Committee's welfare initiatives.

Responding on behalf of himself and Prof. Alabi, Prof. Arise appreciated the Chairman and members of the CoPD for organising the event. He recalled that during Prof. Alabi's tenure, the Committee prioritised the celebration of former Deans and Provosts who had served the University and completed their tenures.

According to him, the Committee inherited a backlog of 22 former Deans and Provosts who had not been celebrated and subsequently ensured that all of them, including former Deputy Vice Chancellors, were honoured. He said another set of former officers was celebrated the following year, while the current occasion provided an opportunity to honour him and Prof. Alabi.

Prof. Arise commended the Committee on sustaining the initiative. He also applauded the experiences and exposure he gained while working with Prof. Alabi and serving as a member of the CoPD.



■ Dr Amolegbe (3rd right) with other executive members

Amolegbe elected AAAE West Africa representative

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Ag. Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, University of Ilorin, Dr Khadijat Busola Amolegbe, has been elected as the West Africa Representative of the African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE)

The election, held during the just concluded 8th African Association of

Agricultural Economist (AAAE) Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, is a recognition of Dr Amolegbe's academic leadership, professional contributions and commitment to the advancement of Agricultural Economics and agricultural development in the West African sub-region.

As the West Africa Representative, Dr Amolegbe will contribute to the activities of the Association and support initiatives aimed at strengthening

Agricultural Economics research, scholarship, collaboration and professional development across the region.

The AAAE promotes Agricultural Economics research and its application to agricultural and rural development across Africa. The new responsibility, therefore, provides an opportunity to contribute to the advancement of the discipline and strengthen professional networks among agricultural economists in West Africa.

Don warns against fake news, defamation

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

Senior Lecturer at the Department of Islamic Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Dr Hussein Ahmad Folorunsho, has warned Nigerians against spreading fake news and engaging in acts capable of tarnishing the image and reputation of others.

Dr Folorunsho gave the warning penultimate Friday (September 25, 2026) while featuring on the programme, "Islam in Focus", organised by the Muslim Media Watch Group of Nigeria and hosted at the Nigeria Television Authority (NTA), Ilorin. The programme focused on "Fake News and Defamation of Character" and was anchored by an Islamic affairs analyst and ex-staff member of the University, Mr Ibrahim Abdullahi.

Dr Folorunsho pointed out that everyone is a carrier of information, stressing that whenever a case or information is brought to anyone, such information should be thoroughly verified



■ Dr Folorunsho

before it is disseminated to the public.

He advised members of the public to ascertain the source of any information brought to them and verify the credibility of those presenting such information before

sharing it with others.

The don emphasised the need for God-fearing attitude in the dissemination of information, noting that responsible information sharing would help prevent individuals from offending others and causing harm to the society.

Dr Folorunsho also noted that there were various laws governing virtually every aspect of life in Nigeria, but expressed concern that some people often failed to apply the laws appropriately because of personal interests or favouritism.

He, therefore, advised members of the public to be mindful of their utterances, whether made verbally or in written form, particularly those posted on social media, stressing that nobody is above the law.

Dr Folorunsho further stated that all human actions would be accounted for on the Day of Resurrection, as every part of the human body would testify to the deeds of an individual before Almighty Allah.

Adekeye bags NAPE Fellowship

By Mubarak Oladosu

A Professor at the Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences, and Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olabisi Adekeye Adekeye, has been conferred with the Fellowship of the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE).

News of the conferment, which is one of the highest professional honours of the Association, was conveyed in a letter dated August 29, 2026, and signed by the Vice President and Chairman, Distinguished Honours and Awards Committee of NAPE, Mr Emmanuel Egbele.

The letter disclosed that Prof.



■ Prof. Adekeye

Adekeye's nomination was approved by the Executive Committee of NAPE in

acknowledgement of his sustained contributions to the growth and advancement of the Association, exemplary professional accomplishments, and significant impact on the development of the Geosciences profession and the Nigerian oil and gas industry, in general.

The letter added that the honour also recognises the don's dedication to promoting professional excellence, mentorship, knowledge development and service to the Association over the years.

The Fellowship will be formally conferred on Prof. Adekeye during the Award Night Ceremony of the 2026 NAPE Annual International Conference and Exhibition (AICE), scheduled to hold on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at the Eko Hotel & Suites, in Lagos.

Sola-Ojo chairs new UNILORIN GgMAX Farm Board

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has constituted a new Management Board for the UNILORIN GgMAX Poultry Farm Limited, with Prof. Foluke E. Sola-Ojo of the Department of Animal Production as Chairman.

Other members of the Board are Prof. A. O. Sambo of the Department of Public Law; Dr Kenechukwu T. Onwuama of the Department of Veterinary Medicine; Dr Dayo Bamigbade of the Department of Accounting; Dr Khadijat B. Amolegbe of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management; Mojirola H. Ibiyemi of the Legal Services

Unit; Bidemi S. Durowade of the Bursary; and Abimbola R. Ologe of the Directorate of Pension and Gratuity Units, who will serve as Secretary.

The new Board resumed duties on Thursday, September 3, 2026, when the outgoing Chairman, Prof. S. O. Salami of the Department of Veterinary Anatomy, handed over the farm properties and documents at the farm premises in Amoyo, Kwara State.

Speaking during the handing over ceremony, Prof. Sola-Ojo thanked the outgoing Chairman for the warm reception and comprehensive briefing.

She assured him that the new Board would continue to consult him whenever necessary, particularly on issues relating to the continuity, development, and

growth of the farm.

Prof. Sola-Ojo expressed the commitment of the new Board to building on the achievements of its predecessor, while working towards further strengthening the operations and sustainability of GgMAX Farm.

Welcoming the new Board members to the farm, the outgoing Chairman, Prof. Salami, who took them on a tour of the farm, highlighted the major achievements recorded by his administration and outlined some of the challenges encountered during his tenure.

He disclosed that ₦269 million had so far been repaid from the farm's loan, urging the new Board to sustain the repayment efforts and ensure that the outstanding debt is cleared as soon as possible.



■ New Board members of Unilorin GgMax farm



UNILORIN alumna shines in Borno

By Abubakar Imam

.....Akogun, Ikibe commend her efforts

A 2025 graduate of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ilorin, Miss Victoria Oluwapelumi Joseph, has become a symbol of celebration among her colleagues and the people of Maiduguri, the capital of Borno State where she is currently discharging her duties as a Member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC).

Miss Joseph, who teaches Agricultural Science at the Government College, Maiduguri, was recently in the news for generating impacts through her personal community development programme, which she christened "Education for the Future"

In a telephone chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, Miss Joseph said that the initiative is "an educational awareness and student support project that has reached no fewer than 200 public secondary school students of the Government College, Maiduguri and Government Women Day Secondary School, Maiduguri.

Miss Joseph explained that the project focuses on the importance of education, staying in school, developing positive learning attitudes, embracing career opportunities, and making better choices for the future.

She added that the project also provides educational support to 20 selected students, with 10 beneficiaries from each of the participating schools.

Through awareness sessions,



■ Miss Joseph

interactive discussions, and learning support facilities, Miss Joseph said that the project has been inspiring students to value education and believe in their potential for a brighter future.

Reacting, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, commended the ex-Unilorite for making the University proud even as a youth corps member.

Mr Akogun said that no one should be surprised because the students of the University of Ilorin have always been inspired to appreciate the need to be socially responsible and responsive.

The Director said that the University expects every graduate of the University to make positive

impacts wherever they find themselves as he assured that the University would continue to produce graduate that would contribute to national and human development.

Also speaking on the development, the Chairman of the UNILORIN Television Management Board, Prof. Solomon I. Ikibe, described Miss Joseph as "a decent, gentle, quiet, diligent and studious girl from a very humble family".

Prof. Ikibe, who is also a former Head of the Department of the Performing and Film Arts, said that he was not surprised with what Miss Joseph is doing even as a youth corps member, saying that despite coming from a humble background, Miss Joseph has always tried to distinguish herself.

While saying that he knows Miss Joseph quite well, Prof. Ikibe recalled that during the holidays and the 2022 industrial dispute between the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and the Federal Government, which led to the closure of the University, Miss Joseph helped herself by working as a sales girl at BOVAS Petrol Station in the Sawmill area of Ilorin.

Prof. Ikibe enjoined Miss Joseph not to relent in her efforts at always doing the best she can, saying that the future belongs to those who are always willing to create impacts.



Biochemistry 2006 alumni reaffirm commitment to alma mater

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

The Department of Biochemistry, University of Ilorin recently received a donation from its alumni class of 2006, as part of activities

marking their reunion and efforts to strengthen their relationship with the Department.

The gesture, according to the representative of the alumni, Mr Seyi Ige Ogbonna, was to contribute to the

improvement of teaching, learning and research facilities in the Department, particularly the laboratory infrastructure.

He also expressed their readiness to support initiatives aimed at improving the academic environment for current and future students.

Mr Ogbonna said they were particularly interested in ensuring that their reunion would translate into tangible support for the Department, rather than being limited to social interaction. They, therefore, pledged continued collaboration with the Department and expressed their willingness to contribute to its development whenever possible.

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Receiving the delegation, the Head of the Department of Biochemistry, Prof. Faoziyah Sulaiman, appreciated them for remembering their alma mater and for demonstrating commitment to its continued development.

She noted that alumni support remained important to the growth of academic Departments, particularly in enhancing facilities and creating opportunities for students and staff.



Raji urges regular anti-rabies vaccination

By Mustafa Abubakar

The immediate past Head of the Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lukman Oladimeji Raji, has called on dog owners to ensure regular anti-rabies vaccination of their pets, stressing the importance of prevention in protecting both animals and humans from the deadly zoonotic disease.

Prof. Raji, who specialises in Theriogenology and Production, made the call last Tuesday, September 29, 2026 in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

He said, "Prevention is better than cure", stressing that it is better to take preventive measures than wait until a disease becomes life-threatening.

He recalled an incident involving a client, who was a nurse, during his years of private veterinary practice, stating that after administering the routine DHLPP vaccination on the client's dog, he advised her to also vaccinate the animal against rabies.

"The client, however, resisted the advice, accusing me of trying to collect more money from her after she had already paid for the dog's vaccination," he stressed.

Prof. Raji said he explained to her that DHLPP vaccination was different from anti-rabies vaccination and that



■ Prof. Raji

rabies vaccination was particularly important because it protects the dog, its owner, family members and other people who might come in contact with the animal.

According to him, the client remained adamant and eventually declined the anti-rabies vaccination, despite his repeated advice.

He said he consequently told her that he had discharged his professional responsibility by advising and warning her appropriately.

Prof. Raji explained that about two weeks later, the woman called him urgently

and requested that he come and administer the anti-rabies vaccine on her dog.

He said when he asked about the sudden change of mind, the client explained that a rabies case had been presented at the hospital where she worked.

"She told me that it was a horrible experience and that she could not bear the pain and torture she witnessed in the patient, including the barking," he recalled.

He added that the woman subsequently acknowledged the importance of regular vaccination and promised to take the advice seriously.

He explained that rabies is a dangerous zoonotic disease that can affect humans and animals, stressing that prevention through responsible animal ownership and vaccination remains crucial.

The don also called for increased public awareness about rabies, particularly among animal owners, noting that people should not wait until they encounter a suspected case before appreciating the importance of vaccination.

He appealed to the public to take rabies prevention seriously, stressing that the importance of regular vaccination "cannot be overemphasised."

Ayinde bags AAAE's Fellowship

By Mustafa Abubakar

Professor of Agricultural Economics at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Opeyemi E. Ayinde, has been elected a Fellow of the African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE) in recognition of her distinguished contributions to Agricultural Economics and agricultural development in Africa.

The certificate of the Fellowship sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin* is signed by the President of the AAAE, Dr Joshua Ariga, and the Chair of the Local Organising Committee of the 8th AAAE Conference; Dr Oliver Kirui.

Prof. Ayinde served as Vice President of the Association from October 2019 to September 24, 2026, making her the longest-serving Vice-President of the AAAE.

The Fellowship recognises Prof. Ayinde's scholarly contributions,

leadership and sustained service to the Association, particularly her research in agricultural innovation, risk and climate adaptation.

It also acknowledges her commitment to mentoring emerging agricultural economists and advancing research and scholarship in the field.

Meanwhile, the Registrar and Secretary to the Governing Council of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfalfa, has congratulated Prof. Ayinde on her election as a Fellow of the AAAE and wished her continued success in

her academic and professional endeavours.

"This is a big feat", Mr Alfalfa said, adding, "I am not surprised at the



■ Prof. Ayinde (left) displaying her award

confirmation; it is a testament to who you are and what you represent. I say a big congratulations to you. More wins, more feats. I am happy for this."



FSS holds home safety and health workshop

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, has organised a home safety and health workshop to enhance safety awareness, emergency preparedness and healthy living among members of the Faculty.

The workshop, held last Tuesday (September 29, 2026), at the Faculty Boardroom, featured presentations on "Practical Guidelines on Home Safety and Fire Fighting Strategies" and "How to Apply First Aid During Emergency Situations at Home and Workplace."

In her presentation, the Kwara State Commissioner for Health, Dr Amina El-Imam, who was represented by Dr Charles Ayeni, stressed that the first minutes of an emergency matter and that homes and workplaces should be prepared to provide appropriate assistance before professional help arrives.

Dr El-Imam explained that first aid is the bridge between an emergency and professional care, aimed at preserving life, preventing deterioration and supporting recovery. He outlined the response sequence as recognise, protect, call, act, monitor and hand over, while urging people to remain calm and take early, correct action.

For cardiac arrest, she advised a call for emergency assistance and commencement of CPR and use an AED where available, with adult compressions at 100–120 per minute and

approximately 5cm depth should be deployed.

On choking, Dr El-Imam disclosed that coughing should be encouraged where the person could still cough or speak, while severe choking requires immediate intervention. He outlined appropriate back blows and thrusts for adults, children and infants and warned against blind finger sweeping.

On severe bleeding, she urged participants to apply firm, steady pressure with a clean dressing or material and maintain pressure. "Burns should be cooled with clean, cool running water, while electrical sources should be isolated before touching a casualty. The use of ice, toothpaste, butter or oil on burns was discouraged", he added.

She also advised participants to restrain a person during a seizure or put anything in the mouth, while stroke recognition was explained through B.E. F.A.S.T.: Balance, Eyes, Face, Arm, Speech and Time.

For poisoning, they were advised to protect themselves, identify the substance and seek professional advice without deliberately inducing vomiting.

Also speaking, the Kwara State Controller of the Federal Fire Service, who was represented by the Deputy Superintendent of Fire Service, Mr Oyekunle Hammad Oladipo, explained that home fire safety starts before the flame and identified the fire triangle: fuel, heat and oxygen, noting that removing any one element can stop fire.

He identified common Nigerian household risks as overloaded extension

boards, fake cables, power surges, uncertified electrical installations, unattended gas cookers, leaking LPG cylinders, degraded hoses, petrol or diesel stored near living areas or generators, candles, mosquito coils near curtains or bedding, and overheating fans.

He explained fire classes as A, ordinary combustibles; B, flammable liquids; C, flammable gases; D, combustible metals; and F/K, cooking oils and fats. He also explained four ways to stop fire: cool, smother, starve and interrupt, stressing that extinguishers must match the type of fire.

He said the appropriate extinguishers included water for Class A, dry powder ABC for Classes A, B and C, CO₂ for electrical equipment and flammable liquids, and wet chemical extinguishers for kitchen oils and fats. The PASS method Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep was also demonstrated.

He advised participants to keep extinguishers ready, visible and reachable, check pressure gauges, inspect for damage and arrange professional servicing.

Earlier in his address, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. A. Y. Muhammed, said that the workshop was organised to equip members of the Faculty with practical knowledge on home safety, fire prevention, emergency preparedness and first aid, adding that it also meant to promote safety awareness and prepare members of the Faculty to respond appropriately to emergencies at home and in the workplace.

Belgore hails UNILORIN CILS

By Abubakar Imam

A distinguished statesman and Chairman of the Ilorin Emirate Zakat and Sadaqat Committee, Engr Saad Belgore, has commended the authorities of the University of Ilorin for establishing the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS).

Engr Belgore gave this commendation penultimate Thursday (September 24, 2026) when he visited the gallery of the Centre.

He said that the establishment of the Centre was not only thoughtful but also meaningful as it would assist in collating,

propagating and preserving the Ilorin Emirate heritages while promoting cordial relationship between the University and its host community.

Engr Belgore, who traced the historical origin, spread and contributions of the Belgore dynasty towards the development of the Ilorin Emirate and the nation at large, said that he was very much impressed with what he saw at the Centre.

He, therefore, pledged the support of the entire members of the Belgore dynasty towards equipping the Centre with more relevant materials that would enhance its service delivery.



Engr Belgore said that his visit was to reciprocate the earlier visit of the management of the Centre to him some weeks earlier. He encouraged other privileged individuals and organisations as well as families across and beyond the Ilorin Emirate to support the Centre with donation of relevant archival materials in their possession.

Speaking earlier, the Director of the Centre, Prof. Ali Arazeeem Abdullahi, thanked Engr Belgore for the visit, which, he said, was quite stimulating and encouraging.

The Director also expressed his gratitude to Engr Belgore for providing

insights into the history of the famous family and information on several of its past and surviving members, saying that the interactions the Centre had with him would be preserved for future consultations by all those who desire to know more about the family that produced several prominent figures in Islamic scholarship, law and public service.

Prof. Abdullahi was joined to receive Engr Belgore by his Deputy, Dr Mahmud Danjuma; and other staff members of the Centre.

Segun Alabi loses Father

By Isaac Lewu

The death has been announced of Pa Caleb Bamidele Alabi, father of a Deputy Director at the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Segun Alabi.

Pa Alabi, who died penultimate Friday (September 25, 2026), after a protracted illness, was a respected family man and community leader who

was committed to the welfare and progress of his children and other members of his family.

Apart from Mr Alabi, the deceased was also survived by other children and members of his immediate and extended family.

Funeral arrangements for the deceased are expected to be announced by the family.



■ Late Pa Alabi







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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

Title: Death of the Crown Escort, written by Abdulmalik A. Amali
Event: Convocation Play
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), Clinical Sciences (Nursing), 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

II)

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 (Physiotherapy and MLS), Clinical Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences (Optometry), Law, Pharmacy, Veterinary Degrees, Medicine, and Postgraduate
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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Time: 4.30 p.m. prompt

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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:

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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* Lapel Pin
 7* Certificate Holder
 8* Service Charge

C) Ph.D. Degrees:

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| 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.

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M.A. Alfania

Registrar & Secretary to Council



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 24TH SEPTEMBER TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

RECEIPTS:

	N
Academic Transcript	5,500.00
Capitation NHIS	4,350.00
CCSCA	45,400.00
Clinic Registration	5,000.00
Contractor Registration Fees	2,000.00
Refund	2,000,000.00
Sundry/Other Fees & Student Charges	705,000.00
Sundry Other Income	2,082,700.00
Convocation Souvenir	108,850.00
Convocation Undergraduate Charges	26,967,000.00
Hire of UNIVERSITY PROPERTY	4,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	621,000.00
CODL - General Payment	161,600.00
CODL - Form Processing charges	25,200.00
CODL - Clearance charges	150,600.00
Insurance Claims	399,095.69
Staff and student I.D Cards	4,000.00
Rent on University Property	9,000.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	2,974,800.00
Postgraduate Application Form	75,600.00
Postgraduate School Charges	7,128,071.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	1,497,400.00
Postgraduate Transcript Payment	161,700.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	2,023,500.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	252,000.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	774,400.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	262,600.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	40,400.00
Institute of Education School Charges	4,492,548.80
JUPEB Application Form	1,713,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	1,512,000.00
JUPEB School Charges	11,045,000.00
Remedial Application Form	334,400.00
Undergraduate School Charges	4,450,152.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	1,003,200.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	151,200.00
TOTAL RECEIPT FOR THE PERIOD	73,192,867.49

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

SALIHU ABDULMALIK & OTHERS	SALARY ADVANCE FOR NEW STAFF	61,600,000.00
OLAJOYE JOSHUA.O.& OTHERS	COBES HONORARIUM	22,698,300.00
MB INTEGRATED SERVICES LTD	RENOVATION OF REAR WALKWAY BETWEEN FACULTY BUILDING (TETFUND)	880,743.63
CYCLE STORES	SUPPLY OF SMART TELEVISION	776,850.00
IBADAN ELECTRICITY COMPANY	ELECTRICITY CHARGES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST	105,675,004.59
DEEN ALEEM GENERAL MERCHANT NIG LTD	CONSTR OF PERIMETER FENCE & INSTALLATION OF SOLAR LIGHT	28,351,629.28
YAKSSMALLY GLOBAL ENT	REPAIR OF ROOF DAMAGED BY RAINSTORM	5,670,836.78
SPECTRUM ENGINEERING LTD	CONSTR AND FURNISHING OF A STOREY BLOCK OF 4NR 100 CAPACITY LECTURE HALL (TETFUND)	17,896,626.28
OPOTU ABDULKARIM & OTHERS	ENVIRONMENTAL STAFF SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	1,070,000.00
YUSAL TELEVIEW NIG LTD	CONSTRUCTION OF HOSTEL (TETFUND)	37,314,432.50
BARQOMA	CONSTRUCTION & FURNISHING OF STUDENT HOSTEL (TETFUND)	16,735,649.44
INTERNATIONAL NIG LTD		
KALEJAIYE KEHINDE & OTHERS	SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	7,795,155.19
SEGMADUK LTD	REPAIR OF TRANSFORMER [TETFUND]	1,402,068.70
JIMOH QUADRI AND OTHERS	IBS SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	363,756.06
OKEREKE IHEANYI & OTHERS	NYSC ALLOWANCE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	2,175,000.00
DR KHALILULLAHI SORO & OTHERS	SALARY ADVANCE FOR NEW STAFF [BATCH B]	6,400,000.00
OLATUNJI MICHEAL DEJI & OTHERS	SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	2,638,262.25
SKYRULE TRAVEL LTD	FLIGHT TICKET	8,422,693.00
SAKA FALILAT SHOLA	LEARNED CONFERENCE LOCAL [TETFUND]	380,000.00
WEST AFRICA UNIVERSITY SPORT FEDERATION	WAUG REGISTRATION FEE	5,558,000.00
SALAMI B.I & OTHERS	SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	14,078,365.96
Various	Various I.E DTA, IMPREST, REFUND E.T.C	46,772,930.12
Purchase Advance	Various	2,168,448.00
TOTAL TSA CHARGES	Various	115,885.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		396,940,636.78

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S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	CHIMEZIE AMUZIE CHUKWUEMEKA	PROCUREMENT & MAINTENANCE SUPORT	04-Oct
2	OLAGHERE IVIE LORETTA	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	04-Oct
3	BABATUNDE ABIOLA SAMUEL	HAEMATOLOGY & BLOOD TRANSFUSION	04-Oct
4	OLADIPO WUMI VICTORIA	REGISTRY	04-Oct
5	ABIDOYE SALIU SHITTU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	04-Oct
6	FAGBEMI MOWAIYE OLUFUNMILAYO	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	04-Oct
7	QUADRI LUQMAN AYODEJI	BIOCHEMISTRY	04-Oct
8	JIMOH ABDULGANIYU	SECURITY DIVISION	04-Oct
9	DAODU PETER OHIS	FIRE SERVICES UNIT	04-Oct
10	DAODU OLUWAFEMI BABATUNDE	VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGY	04-Oct
11	ADEDAYO SEGUN MATHEW	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	05-Oct
12	RAUF KAMILU	MATHEMATICS	05-Oct
13	ADEYI MARUF AYINDE	LIBRARY	05-Oct
14	IBRAHEEM HABEEBAT OLABISI	MATHEMATICS	05-Oct
15	AHMED BOLA ABDULKADIR	SURGERY	05-Oct
16	OLORUNOJE LUKMAN OLAREWAJU	QUANTITY SURVEYING	05-Oct
17	BELLO ABDULLATEEF	REGISTRY	05-Oct
18	OLATOKUN GANIYAT MOBOLAJI	PRIVATE & PROPERTY LAW	06-Oct
19	YUSUF MUDASIRU OLALERE	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	06-Oct
20	ARUNGBEMI JULIANAH OLUWATOYIN	REGISTRY	06-Oct
21	AJIBOYE TAJUDEEN KOLAWOLE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	06-Oct
22	AYINLA IBRAHIM	UNILORIN ZOO	06-Oct
23	GHAZALI MUHAMMAD TAIWO	PHARMACOGNOSY & DRUG DEVELOPMENT	06-Oct
24	JIMOH SHAKIRAT TAIYE	BURSARY	06-Oct
25	AFOLABI ABDULRAHMAN OLUSHOLA	OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY	06-Oct
26	SHITTU OLALERE	ZOOLOGY	06-Oct
27	ABDULRAHMAN MOHAMMED	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	06-Oct
28	BOLAKALE IYABO	REGISTRY	06-Oct
29	ABDULKAREEM ABDULRAZQA KAYODE	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	06-Oct
30	MUSTAPHA MARYAM OLUWAKEMI	MASS COMMUNICATION	06-Oct
31	HAMBALI HAMBALI UMAR	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	06-Oct
32	DAUDA ROFIAT OLUSOLA	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	07-Oct
33	DAUDA ISMAILA	ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT	07-Oct
34	ALAO RASAQ ATANDA	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	07-Oct
35	AJIBADE LUKMAN	REGISTRY	08-Oct
36	JIMOH MUSILIYU ADEBOLA	WORKS: CIVIL/BUILDING	08-Oct
37	JOB OBALOWU	STATISTICS	08-Oct
38	ADEMOLA SUSAN KEMI	REGISTRY	08-Oct
39	OBA ALIU	REGISTRY	08-Oct
40	LAWAL MUSILIU ADEBAYO	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	08-Oct
41	OLANIYAN TITILAYO OMOLOLA	TECHNICAL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE	08-Oct
42	OGUNDEJI OLATUNDE ABDULAH	PHYSICAL PLANNING UNIT	08-Oct
43	NUHU KEHINDE MURITALA	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	09-Oct
44	OKUNUGA AKINTUNDE BABATUNDE	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	09-Oct
45	ATOLAGBE ELIZABETH OLUFUNKE	REGISTRY	09-Oct
46	DUROWADE BIDEMI SURURAT	BURSARY	09-Oct
47	YUSUF HAMDALLAT TAIWO	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	09-Oct
48	BABATUNDE ABOSEDE RASHIDAT OMOWUNMI	CENTRE FOR PEACE & STRATEGIC STUDIES	09-Oct
49	BAKINDE SURAJUDEEN TOSHO	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	09-Oct
50	HASSAN IDAYAT FOLASHADE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	09-Oct
51	KURANGA YUNUS ADEBAYO	ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION	09-Oct
52	OLADITI MUIDEEN KUNLE	PHARMACEUTICS & INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY	10-Oct
53	OLAOYE REUBEN OLAWALE	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	10-Oct
54	FASASI YUNUS ADEBUNMI	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	10-Oct
55	ADISA RASHID SOLAGBERU	AGRIC. EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	10-Oct
56	ADEBOYE HELEN OMOLAYO	REGISTRY	10-Oct
57	KOLAWOLE OLATUNJI MATTHEW	MICROBIOLOGY	10-Oct
58	JAMES JANET ADEREMI	REGISTRY	10-Oct
59	OLAOYE MARY OLAYINKA	COMPUTER SCIENCE	10-Oct
60	SAMUEL DEBORAH EYITAYO	BURSARY	10-Oct
61	PHILIP OLUYEMISI OLADUNNI	BURSARY	10-Oct
62	OLADIPO GANIYU TAIWO	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	10-Oct
63	MEJABI AISHAT IDOWU	HEALTH SERVICES	10-Oct
64	ABOLARIN SUSAN MAKANJUOLA	REGISTRY	10-Oct
65	IBRAHIM OLAITAN ABDUL -GANIYU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	10-Oct
66	IBRAHIM WASIU OLUWATOYIN	FINANCE	10-Oct
67	ELIJAH KEHINDE HASSAN	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	10-Oct
68	SULAIMAN YUSUF	LIBRARY	10-Oct
69	ABDULSALAM ABDULLAH	CLINICAL PHARMACY & PHARMACY PRACTICE	10-Oct
70	RASAQ TUNDE	SECURITY DIVISION	10-Oct
71	YUSUF SULAIMAN MAGAJI	REGISTRY	10-Oct
72	IBRAHIM RASHIDAT OLADOSU	REGISTRY	10-Oct
73	BABAMALE RASAQ RAMAT	TEACHING & RESEARCH FARM	10-Oct
74	LAWAL YUSUF	REGISTRY	10-Oct
75	MUBARAK MUSTAPHA TOYIN	REGISTRY	10-Oct



The University of Ilorin has opened its portal for candidates who initially registered with "Awaiting Result" to upload their WAEC, NECO, NABTEB or other equivalent O Level results.

("UNILORIN Opens O' Level Result Portal, Sets September 30 Deadline", <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>; "UNILORIN Urgent: Update for Admission Seekers", <https://esanadnews.blogspot.com>;"

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed appreciation to all those who graced the wedding ceremony of his children, Abduljelil and Zainab, which took place, September 26, 2026.

("Son's Wedding: UNILORIN VC Appreciates all", <https://midlandpost.ng>; "Son's Wedding: UNILORIN VC Appreciates All For Celebrating With Him", <https://choicereporters.com>; "Son's Wedding: UNILORIN VC Appreciates all ", <https://esanadnews.blogspot.com>"; "Son's Wedding: UNILORIN VC Thanks All", <https://the-reflection.com.ng>; "Son's Wedding: UNILORIN VC Appreciates All", <https://dailytopic.com.ng>)

The management of the University of Ilorin has intensified preparation for the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the institution for the 2025/2026 academic session.

("Echoes and Breeze as UNILORIN Begins 41st Convocation Ceremonies ", <https://theproxiannews.blogspot.com>)

All is set for the International conference jointly organised by the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies and the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ilorin

(" UNILORIN CPSS Extension Set to Host Maiden International Conference Nov 9-12, 2026", <https://theproxiannews.com.blogspot.com>)

The immediate past Director of the Centre for International Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, has said that the University would provide adequate mentorship for the Sharifat Institute of Professional and Islamic Legal Studies (SIPAILS), Ilorin.

("UNILORIN to Mentor SIPAILS as First 40 Students Get Scholarships - Rector ", <https://theproxiannews.blogspot.com>)

All is set as the Dynamic Research Group, Faculty of Art, University of Ilorin, holds a project workshop on

Youth Exodus and Developmental Stagnation: The Consequences of Japa Phenomenon in Nigeria (2015-2024)

("UNILORIN Research Group to Holds Workshop on Japa Phenomenon October 6 ", <https://theproxiannews.com>)

The University of Ilorin has been mentioned among other Nigerian Universities that was moved into the 1001 - 1200 band on the recently released World University Ranking.

("29 Nigerian Universities make Times 2027 World University Ranking", The Nigerian Tribune, Friday, October 2, 2026, p.27)

The University of Ilorin has emerged as Nigeria's number one university in the realm of Research Quality in the just released Times Higher Education (THE) World University ranking

("World varsity ranking: UNILORIN rated No. 1 in research quality", <https://decencynewsline.com>; "World varsity ranking: UNILORIN rated No. 1 in research quality", <https://democracynewsline.com>; "World Varsity Ranking: UNILORIN Rated No. 1 in Research Quality", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "World varsity ranking: UNILORIN rated No. 1 in research quality", <https://choicereporters.com>; "UNILORIN Rated Nigeria's No. 1 University in Research Quality ", <https://radionigeriaharmonyfm.com>; "UNILORIN Rated No. 1 in Research Quality By World ranking", <https://peopleboiceng.blogspot.com>; "World Varsity Ranking: UNILORIN Rated No. 1 in Research Quality", <https://timeNigeria.com>;"World varsity ranking: UNILORIN rated No. 1 in research quality", <https://midlandpost.ng>; "UNILORIN emerges Nigeria's No. 1 in research quality, moves into global top 1,200", <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>; "UNILORIN Rated Nigeria's No. 1 University in Research Quality", <https://thenationalpilot.com.ng>; "UNILORIN emerges Nigeria's top university in research quality", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; "UNILORIN rated Best Nigerian University for Research Quality"; <https://thegraphicnews.ng>; "World varsity ranking: UNILORIN rated No 1 in research quality ", <https://www.nigeriantrend.com.ng>)

As UNILORIN begins 41st Convocation Ceremonies

By Idris Alooma

As a new moon shines like a diamond in the sky, so is the University of Ilorin Convocation Ceremony. Though the moon comes once in a month, the University of Ilorin Convocation comes once in a year, but when it comes, it comes with power, with pomp, with prestige, and with powerfully packaged programmes that keep the nation talking.

The echoes are here again. The breeze is blowing across the Campus, across Tanke, Oke-Odo, across Ilorin and beyond. The 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the Better By Far University for the 2025/2026 Academic Session, for the award of First and Higher Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and presentation of Prizes, scheduled to hold between Friday, 16th and Sunday, 25th October, 2026, is here. It is memorable. It is memorabilia. And as usual, everybody is waiting and salivating.

Already, Tanke Road has worn a new look, beautifully rehabilitated by the Kwara State Government. The campus will be adorned with billboards of the Vice-Chancellor and the Convocation Lecturer, colourful decorations, lights and aesthetics. Visitors from far and wide will be arriving. The convocation atmosphere is infectious, and the entire University community will be agog.

At the centre of this grandeur is a man whose diligence makes the difference, Prof. Adisa Fawole, the immediate past Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Management Service, the Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee. Since the 39th edition, this very active, highly resourceful and goal-getter has overseen the committee with uncommon zeal, precision and class. He is a perfectionist, a workaholic, a team leader who leaves no stone unturned to make every edition more glorious than the last. Under his leadership, UNILORIN Convocation has moved from good to great to world-class, and this 41st edition will not be an exception.

At the helm of affairs is the visionary Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, a legal luminary and administrator per excellence who has kept UNILORIN as the most subscribed university in Nigeria with a stable academic calendar and rising global ranking. It is under his leadership that the University continues



■ Prof. Fawole

to tower. Closely supporting him are the Chancellor of the University, His Royal Highness, Alhaji (Dr.) AbdulMumini Kabir Usman, the Emir of Katsina, and the Chairman of the Governing Council, His Excellency, Surveyor Abiodun Jacob Aluko, whose wise counsel and governance oversight have ensured stability and growth in the system. Together with the Visitor, His Excellency President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, they have provided the leadership that makes UNILORIN better by far.

We must also commend the Registrar and Secretary to Council, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, the chief announcer of the convocation and the engine room of administration. As the custodian of records and the one who signs the notice to graduands, his office is central to the success of the ceremonies. From the verification of graduands' lists, to the coordination of gown collection, to the adherence to protocol during the academic procession, Mr. Alfanla will once again bring his experience, calmness and administrative sagacity to bear to ensure a hitch-free event.

This year's convocation is also a celebration of impactful projects, and we must commend the Federal Government under President Tinubu for sustained support to tertiary education, and TETFund for its massive intervention projects that have dotted the University landscape in uniform, lecture theatres, laboratories, hostels and research facilities that have transformed UNILORIN into a 21st-century world-class campus. Many of these projects will be commissioned during this convocation, and we look forward to the presence of the Honourable Minister of

Education, the Executive Secretary of the NUC, and the Executive Governor of Kwara State, among other eminent dignitaries.

No convocation succeeds without effective information machinery, and here the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, the image-making organ of the University headed by the ever-creative and ever-proactive Mr. Kunle Akogun, deserves huge praise. Through the **UNILORIN Bulletin**, press releases and strategic media engagements, the Directorate has projected the positive image of UNILORIN to the world. In the same vein, special commendation goes to UNILORIN 89.3 FM headed by the goal-getting ace broadcaster and highly resourceful Station Manager, Mr. Idris Alooma. The station he leads has been the heartbeat of information for the campus and host community, alongside the vibrant New Media Unit and UNILORIN TV, which will take the echoes of the 41st Convocation to every nook and cranny and to the global space. Apart from live coverages of all the events that UNILORIN 89.3 FM will carry as usual, the station has lined up other rich programmes to herald the convocation. Top on the list is the special countdown programme tagged Countdown to UNILORIN 41st Convocation, to be kick-started by the Vice-Chancellor himself, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, followed by the Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee, Prof. Fawole, sub-committee chairmen and other stakeholders. The station will also feature incisive news commentaries, special programmes, interviews, vox pops from graduands, parents, alumni and the host community, and live phone-in programmes that will capture the mood, expectations and memories of this historic celebration.

All stakeholders deserve praise: the Senate, management, staff, students, parents, guardians, security agencies, the host community, and particularly the great UNILORIN Alumni Association worldwide, whose support and pride in their alma mater remain unquantifiable. They will do wonders this year as usual.

As the 41st Convocation breezes in, one thing is certain, as usual, it will be successful, colourful, peaceful and pace-setting. The Better By Far University will do it again, and the memories will linger as memorabilia for years to come.



UK don calls for HTB to advance drug discovery in Nigeria

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Prof. Olajide explained that clinical studies involving herbal products could be challenging because natural products often contain multiple components whose individual biological activities may be difficult to identify and preserve during refinement.

He, therefore, advocated the combination of traditional knowledge with modern scientific methods to establish the safety, efficacy and quality of herbal products while ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

The don urged Nigerian researchers to work collaboratively to move natural products from traditional use to scientifically validated and properly regulated pharmaceutical products.

He also encouraged students and young researchers to take advantage of digital technology in advancing pharmaceutical research and drug discovery, noting that their familiarity with information technology and access to digital resources gave them opportunities to accelerate research.

Prof. Olajide, however, appreciated the Vice Chancellor of the

University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for providing the opportunity to interact with members of the University community and share ideas with students and researchers.

Responding to the lecture, Prof. Egbewole noted that clinical studies involving herbal products had remained challenging because of the complex nature of many herbal preparations, explaining that the refinement process could sometimes result in the loss of some biological activity.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, however, shared his optimism that the approach presented by Prof. Olajide could help address some of these challenges and strengthen research into herbal products at the University.

Prof. Egbewole also asked the Faculty to take Prof. Olajide round some of the University's research facilities including the Molecular Research Laboratory, Stem Cell Research Centre and the African Centre for Herbal Research, to enable him familiarise himself with the available infrastructure and explore possible areas of collaboration.

He said the University's growing research infrastructure and involvement in the U6+ Consortium provided opportunities for stronger interdisciplinary and international collaboration in drug discovery, herbal research and other health-related fields.





UK don calls for HTB to advance drug discovery in Nigeria

By Tajudeen Babamale

A Professor of Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology from the University of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, England, Prof. Olumayokun Olajide, has called for the establishment of Human Tissue Banks (HTB) in Nigeria to strengthen drug discovery and provide researchers with more human-relevant models for pharmaceutical research.

Prof. Olajide made the call last Monday (September 28, 2026) while delivering a public lecture organised by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Ilorin, at the Faculty's Lecture Theatre.

He said that Nigeria had the capacity to establish HTB, noting that ethically obtained tissues from surgical procedures and postmortem donations could provide valuable biological models for research and complement traditional animal experiments.

Prof. Olajide pointed out that tissues removed during surgical operations could, with patients' consent, be retained for research, while postmortem organs and tissues donated with family consent could provide a starting point for building tissue banks in Nigeria.

While explaining that the initiative must be guided by strong ethical principles, particularly informed consent, respect for donors and appropriate regulatory oversight, he said that it would require collaboration among universities, hospitals, researchers, regulators and other stakeholders rather than the effort of a single institution.

The scholar of Pharmacology of Inflammation said that human tissue resources could support the development of patient-specific and disease-specific models for drug discovery, citing tissue models from patients with conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) as examples of how human biological materials could provide



■ Prof. Olajide

more relevant platforms for research.

The don also advocated stronger investment in natural product research, noting that Nigeria spends significant resources importing natural products despite possessing plants and other natural resources with potentially valuable medicinal properties.

He said greater collaboration among researchers was needed to investigate the country's natural resources systematically and develop quality pharmaceutical products from them.

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