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Bunza links Oloyede's ideals to Sokoto Caliphate Leaders ...ex-JAMB Registrar calls for transdisciplinary research on Sokoto Caliphate

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of Northwest University, Sokoto, Prof. Mukhtar Umar Bunza, has described the former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and immediate past Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, as a personality whose ideals and leadership qualities reflect the ideals of prominent leaders of the Sokoto Caliphate.

Prof. Bunza stated this last Thursday, (October 8, 2026), in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sidelines of the 2nd Is-haq Oloyede Annual Humanities Lecture, organised by the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, in honour of Prof. Oloyede.

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■ Prof. Bunza (left) and Prof. Oloyede (right) at the event last Thursday

Kwara Governor congratulates UNILORIN on emergence as Nigeria's best varsity in research

By Mubarak Oladosu



■ Mallam AbdulRazaq

The Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, has congratulated the University of Ilorin on its emergence as the best University in Nigeria for research quality in the Times Higher Education Rankings 2027.

In a congratulatory message posted on his official X handle last

Tuesday (October 6, 2026), the Governor said, "I send warm congratulations to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Professor Wahab Egbewole, SAN, on the emergence of the institution as the best in Nigeria for research quality in the Times Higher Education Rankings 2027. I also congratulate the Governing Council, Senate, management, staff and students of the University."

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Egbewole proposes annual Alumni Day to strengthen UNILORIN advancement

...Fawole, Etudaiye, Kilani seek stronger alumni engagement

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has proposed the introduction of an annual Alumni Day to strengthen engagement between the University and its alumni and harness their

goodwill for institutional development.

Prof. Egbewole made the proposal penultimate Friday (October 2, 2026), while addressing participants at the 2nd Training Workshop of the Centre for Advancement, held at the Auditorium Basement of the University.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

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Egbewole seeks policy initiatives from SSSN confab

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged the Soil Science Society of Nigeria (SSSN) to use its 50th Annual Conference to develop policy initiatives capable of positively influencing government decisions and addressing challenges in the academic and professional sectors.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (October 6, 2026) when the leadership of the Society paid a courtesy visit to him ahead of its 50th Annual Conference, hosted by the University of Ilorin.

The Vice Chancellor described the Conference as an opportunity for the Society to move beyond academic discussions and produce outcomes with tangible impact on the Nigerian society. He expressed hope that the session would serve as a watershed by addressing issues affecting the academic and professional worlds and translate its deliberations into practical interventions.

Prof. Egbewole also urged the Society to develop policy recommendations that could be presented to government for adoption, stressing the need for academic and professional engagements to be appropriately reflected in public policy.

The Vice Chancellor commended the Society on choosing the University of Ilorin as the host of the landmark conference and expressed optimism that the event would contribute to the continued growth and development of the Society.

Earlier in his remarks, the President of the Society, Prof. Jibrin M.



■ Prof. Adeyemi

Jibrin, described the Conference as a significant milestone in the history of the Society, noting that although the Society is more than 50 years old, the 2026 gathering marked its 50th Annual Conference.

Prof. Jibrin said the Conference was not merely an avenue for presenting research findings and discussing scientific advancement, but also an opportunity for members to interact and set an agenda for the future of the profession.

While commending the



■ Prof. Jibrin

University of Ilorin for accepting to host the Conference, he described the institution as an appropriate venue for the milestone event. The SSSN President appreciated Prof. Egbewole for the support extended to the Society, particularly for providing the support letter that facilitated the hosting of the Conference.

Prof. Jibrin said the level of support from the Vice Chancellor and the University management had given members confidence in the success of the event.





Bunza links Oloyede's ideals to Sokoto Caliphate Leaders

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The Professor of Social History explained that while Shehu Usman Dan Fodio was known for his accommodating disposition and commitment to knowledge, his son, Abdullahi Fodio, was prominent in legal scholarship, while another son, Muhammad Bello, provided political and administrative leadership. He said Prof. Oloyede shares the qualities of all the three leaders, making him particularly suitable for the honour.

Speaking on the theme of the lecture, "The Sokoto Caliphate's Intellectual Legacy and the Future of Humanities in Nigeria," Prof. Bunza challenged the perception of the Sokoto jihad as primarily a movement of battle and conquest, describing it instead as an intellectual and knowledge-driven movement.

He said the founders of the Caliphate were students, scholars and writers whose intellectual activities contributed significantly to the development of knowledge in 19th-century West Africa. He added that the intellectual legacy of the Caliphate extended beyond religious studies to areas such as science, medicine, agriculture, town planning, history, economics, political science, diplomacy and other branches of the Humanities.

Prof. Bunza cited works attributed to Abdullahi Dan Fodio and Muhammad Bello in Medicine and other scientific subjects as evidence of the breadth of scholarship within the Caliphate, adding that its leaders also promoted the establishment of schools, libraries and centres of advanced learning.

The Guest Speaker also mentioned the contribution of the Caliphate to women's education, noting that the emphasis placed on women's acquisition of knowledge helped foster the emergence of female scholars, including Nana Asma'u and others.

Prof. Bunza, however, observed

that the future of Humanities scholarship in Nigeria would benefit from greater use of indigenous intellectual resources. He recalled that scholars such as Prof. Abdullahi Smith had advocated the use of Sokoto Caliphate literature across various branches of the Humanities, stressing the need for Nigerian universities to promote indigenous sources as part of efforts towards self-reliance and home-grown academic training.

In his remarks, the honouree, Prof. Oloyede, called for the establishment of a transdisciplinary research team at the University of Ilorin to examine the intellectual and scientific contributions of scholars of the Sokoto Caliphate.

Prof. Oloyede, who is the Kuliyan-designate of Sokoto, said the University's strategic location between northern and southern Nigeria, coupled with its rich intellectual and cultural traditions, placed it in a good position to undertake such research.

He advocated deeper interrogation of the historical context of the Sokoto Caliphate, noting that, it should not be understood solely as a military campaign but also in terms of the intellectual capacities, ideas and societal transformation associated with its leaders.

He also called for the strengthening of the Centre for Ilorin Studies through wider research and documentation of Ilorin's history, identity, relationship with the Sokoto Caliphate, as well as the contributions of notable personalities and institutions.

Prof. Oloyede also challenged students to identify their areas of specialisation and use their knowledge to address societal challenges, rather than merely listening to lectures without identifying opportunities for further research.

The honouree commended the Faculty of Arts on sustaining the annual lecture, describing it as an important platform for intellectual reflection and research development.

Prof. Oloyede further urged the University community to preserve its traditions and values, particularly its recognition of academic excellence, stressing

that university awards and honours should be valued beyond their immediate monetary worth as enduring symbols of achievement.

Speaking earlier, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said that honouring Prof. Oloyede was also a way of honouring the University.

He described Prof. Oloyede as an individual who had devoted his life to the service and development of the University of Ilorin, adding that he had lived, worked and used the totality of his life to serve the institution.

Prof. Egbewole described the theme of the lecture as contemporary despite the age-long existence of the Sokoto Caliphate, expressing hope that the intellectual engagement would establish a meaningful nexus between the past and the future.

He appreciated Prof. Bunza for honouring the invitation to participate in the second edition of the lecture and commended Prof. Oloyede for his contributions to the development and promotion of the University.

In his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, described the 2nd Is-haq Oloyede Annual Humanities Lecture as a programme established to celebrate excellence, hard work, dedication, integrity, trustworthiness, Godliness and service to humanity.

Prof. Jawondo, who described Prof. Oloyede as a disciplined individual whose life and service exemplify these virtues, commended the University Management, under the leadership of Prof. Egbewole, for its support and for providing the necessary facilities that contributed to the success of the programme.

The Dean said that the gathering was not merely about culture, but it is also about humanity, which, according to him, preserves history, encourages interrogation and provides intellectual guidance for society.

Kwara Governor congratulates UNILORIN on emergence as Nigeria's best varsity in research

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Governor AbdulRazaq, who is also the Sardauna of Ilorin and Chairman of the Nigeria Governors Forum (NGF), described the feat as a reflection of the University's enduring standards, stating that "this remarkable achievement is a testament to UNILORIN's sustained commitment to academic excellence, impactful research, innovation and the development of human capital."

The Governor noted that his administration takes pride in the University's recent strides and the cordial relationship between the two institutions. He said, "Our administration is particularly proud of the many strides

recorded by the University in recent years and of the strong partnership and productive relationship that exists between the University and the Kwara State Government."

Governor AbdulRazaq further commended the University on the accomplishment and charged it to sustain the momentum.

"I commend the entire University community for the outstanding accomplishment. I urge all the stakeholders to continue raising the bar in research, scholarship and innovation. I wish UNILORIN greater achievements in the years ahead," the Governor said.

In its reaction, also posted on the Governor's X handle, the University said, "The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab O. Egbewole, SAN, and the entire UNILORIN community extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for your inspiring congratulatory message on our - @timeshighered 2027 ranking as Nigeria's No.1 For Research Quality."

It added, "We value the strong, enduring partnership between the University of Ilorin and the Kwara State Government @followKWSG. Your Excellency's encouraging words would spur us to reach even higher heights in research, innovation, and service to humanity."

Library plays indispensable role in university system- Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab O. Egbewole, SAN, has described the library as an indispensable component of the University system, saying that it plays critical role in the generation, preservation and transmission of knowledge.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (October 6, 2026) when the leadership of the Medical Library Association of Nigeria (MLAN) paid him a courtesy visit ahead of the

Association's 15th National Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) hosted by the University.

Speaking through the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, the Vice Chancellor said the library plays a central role in supporting the activities of universities, particularly by providing students and researchers with access to knowledge and scholarly resources.

He noted that scientific research requires adequate library support, as researchers need relevant literature and information before proceeding to the laboratory and other stages of their research.

Prof. Egbewole, therefore, called for continuous development of library services and professional activities that would enhance the capacity of libraries to effectively support scientists, researchers and students.



He also urged the MLAN to strengthen its collaborations and networks, particularly with international partners, to ensure that specialised research materials and resources are made available locally.

The Vice Chancellor said that such collaborations would help Nigerian researchers access resources that they might otherwise have to seek abroad, thereby strengthening research and scholarship within the country.

Speaking earlier, the Chairperson of MLAN, Dr Violet E. Ikolo, explained that MLAN, a section of the Nigerian Library Association, was established to provide specialised professional development for librarians serving clinicians, doctors, medical students, health researchers and other healthcare professionals.

Dr Ikolo, who is of the College of Health Sciences, Delta State University, Abraka, said that MLAN was formally inaugurated in Nigeria in 2008 and had since

provided a platform for medical librarians to share experiences, address professional challenges, exchange ideas and improve information services in the health sector.

The Chairperson added that the Association collaborates with the Medical Library Association in the United States and organises training programmes on emerging trends in medical practice and how best to serve healthcare professionals.

She said the 15th National Conference and AGM would provide opportunities for professional training, interaction and networking, with participants joining physically and virtually from different parts of the country.

Dr Ikolo expressed appreciation to Prof. Egbewole and the University management for approving the hosting of the Conference and providing the necessary support for its successful organisation.

Egbewole proposes annual Alumni Day to strengthen unilorin advancement

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He said the proposed Alumni Day should bring former students together physically and virtually, similar to the engagement achieved during the University's 50th anniversary celebration. He noted that the initiative would provide an avenue to reconnect with alumni, strengthen relationships and make them more involved in the development of the University.

The Vice Chancellor said that the University had tremendous goodwill among its alumni worldwide but needed to do more to galvanise, mobilise, sensitise and cultivate them towards its advancement goals. He also called for broader engagement within the Alumni Association, saying that many alumni might not be sufficiently connected to its activities or aware of developments within the Association.

Prof. Egbewole commended the Association for instituting prizes in honour of past presidents and distinguished alumni, describing the initiative as a way of recognising contributions to the University's development and strengthening the bond between the institution and its alumni.

He urged the Centre for Advancement to focus not only on fundraising but also on building sustainable relationships with alumni, donors and strategic partners, stressing that successful advancement requires demonstrating the impact of support and creating value for all parties.

Speaking on "Building a Sustainable Advancement Culture: Fundraising, Alumni Engagement and Strategic Partnerships," a former Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, urged academic and non-teaching staff of the University to embrace their responsibilities in loco parentis, saying that the quality of students' experience could determine their willingness to remain connected to and support the University after graduation.

Prof. Fawole said that students



who feel cared for, guided and connected to their Alma Mater are more likely to become committed alumni. He, therefore, urged the University to strengthen its system, promote good conduct and preserve its cultural ethos. He also proposed allocating part of the funds raised through advancement activities to support students' ideas and innovations.

In his paper, "Alumni Relations and Engagement: From Graduates to Lifelong Partners," the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research, Technology and Innovation, Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, described alumni as beneficiaries, ambassadors, mentors, connectors, investors and strategic partners.

Prof. Etudaiye said graduation should mark the beginning of a lifelong relationship with the University, rather than its end. He cited contributions by the 2001 Engineering set, the 1991 Medical set and Dr. Tunji Olowolafe, which included water projects, research and staff development support, security infrastructure and digital anatomy equipment.

He noted that alumni contributions could go beyond financial donations to include mentorship, professional networks, research collaboration, industry connections and internships.

Meanwhile, the National President

of the Association, Prof. Abdulrazaq O. Kilani, advocated a longer tenure for the Director of the Centre for Advancement to ensure continuity and the actualisation of its fundraising targets.

Presenting a paper, titled "Modern Fundraising Techniques: Annual Giving, Major Gifts, Endowments and Campaigns," Prof. Kilani said a three-year tenure might not provide sufficient time to establish sustainable fundraising programmes and donor relationships.

He also called for carefully selected and trained advancement staff and advised the Centre to set clear fundraising targets, communicate the impact of donations and provide convenient channels such as fintech platforms, bank transfers and USSD.

On his part, the Director of the Centre for Advancement, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, described University Advancement as a platform for coordinated activities aimed at promoting institutional growth and development. He stressed that "University Advancement business is a human relations business."

Prof. Yahya called for an advancement policy, increased annual budgetary allocation, an institutionalised career structure and retention of advancement personnel in the Centre. He also advocated a four-year renewable tenure for the Advancement Director in line with Section 2.18.1 of the New Conditions of Service for Senior Staff, the domiciliation of the Endowment Desk Officer in the Centre, and provision of essential operational tools, including a well-branded vehicle.

He said that the measures would strengthen the capacity of the Centre to mobilise resources, deepen stakeholder relationships and support the long-term development of the Centre.





NNCAE confers honorary membership on Egbewole, donates publications to UNILORIN Library

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Nigerian National Council for Adult Education (NNCAE) has conferred its honorary membership on the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in recognition of his support for the Council and its activities.

The honour was bestowed on the Vice Chancellor when the leadership of the NNCAE, led by its President, Prof. Babangida Ladan, visited him in his office last Monday (October 5, 2026), ahead of the Council's 2026 Annual National Conference hosted by the University of Ilorin.

The NNCAE President also presented a collection of the publications of the Council to the University Library. The materials included copies of the *National Journal for Adult Education* for 2019, 2020 and 2021, as well as the *Book of Readings*, published in 2021 to commemorate the Council's 50th anniversary.

Prof. Ladan added that subsequent editions of the journal, from 2023 to date, are available online free of

charge and have been assigned Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs). He said the link to the publications would also be forwarded to the University Library to facilitate access by researchers and students.

He recalled how the NNCAE Conference hosted by the University of Ilorin in 2014 became a turning point in the revival and subsequent growth of the Council, saying that prior to 2014, the Council had experienced a period of inactivity. He added that the Unilorin Conference provided an opportunity for its revival.

The NNCAE President also thanked the Vice Chancellor for granting approval for the Conference and providing accommodation, venue and other logistical support towards ensuring its success. He particularly appreciated the Director of the Centre for Students with Special Needs, University of Ilorin, Prof. Taiwo Ambali, and Prof. Ayodele Anthony Fajonyomi of the Department of Adult and Primary Education, for their sustained commitment to the Council and their efforts in promoting its activities since 2014.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, appreciated the NNCAE for choosing the University of Ilorin to host its 2026 Conference and for considering him worthy of honorary membership of the

Council. He also commended the Association for the strides it had recorded over the years, particularly its contributions to research and scholarship in Adult Education.

Prof. Egbewole noted that the publications presented to the University demonstrated the Council's commitment to research and knowledge production, urging its members to sustain the momentum.

He expressed hope that the Conference would generate useful policy recommendations capable of strengthening adult education and informing government decisions in Nigeria.

The Vice Chancellor also congratulated the Council on its contributions to the development of adult education in the country, while challenging the organisers to surpass the achievements recorded during the 2014 Conference at the University.

He said he looked forward to a conference whose outcomes would have lasting positive impact on society and urged the NNCAE to make the 2026 edition a reference point for meaningful initiatives in Adult Education.

IEDPU hails UNILORIN on emergence as best Nigerian varsity in Research Quality

By Abubakar Imam

The National President of Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, has congratulated the management, staff and students of the University of Ilorin on its emergence as Nigeria's number one University in the realm of Research Quality as released by Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings. The report shows the University scoring 69.4 per cent, the highest by any Nigerian university ranked this year.

In a statement issued by the Union's National Publicity Secretary, Mallam Suleiman Shuaib Dagbo, the IEDPU President said that the performance of the University is an attestation to the rigorous and vigorous efforts of its stakeholders in repositioning the University for better service delivery.

The President specifically congratulated the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo



■ Prof. Egbewole

Egbewole, SAN, and a former Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University, who is also the University Ranking Implementation Manager, Prof. Suleiman Folorunso Ambali, on the feat.

Alhaji Abdulmalik, who is also an alumnus of the University, described the institution as a pride of the Ilorin Emirate and Kwara State, saying that the University has greatly impacted on its host



■ Alhaji Abdulmalik

community, the nation and humanity at large.

While encouraging all the stakeholders of the University to continue to do their best towards projecting the University better to the rest of the world, Alhaji Abdulmalik assured them that the people of Ilorin Emirate would continue to support the University in everyway possible for better service delivery.

Scopus rates UNILORIN don, Awotunde, highly

By Abubakar Imam

A Senior Lecturer at the Department of Computer Science, University of Ilorin, Dr Joseph Bamidele Awotunde, has emerged as the second most prolific author in the field of Computer Science in Nigeria.

A report by Scopus covering between 2022 and 2026 and dated September 27, 2026, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin* shows that Dr Awotunde has to his credit 284 publications and 2976 citations with 37 in-index.

Dr Awotunde, who was also rated first from the University of Ilorin and seventh in Nigeria in the same report, also came second in the realm of Electrical and Computing in Nigeria.

His contributions also constitute 2.8% of the total outputs in Computer Science across the world.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, Dr Awotunde gave glory to the Almighty God for all he has been able to accomplish. He also thanked the



■ Dr Awotunde

authorities of the University of Ilorin for their support for him in his strive to always project the intellectual resourcefulness of the University and Nigeria at continental and global levels.

He specifically commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and members of his management team and the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Saudat Salah

Abdulbaqi, for their support.

Dr Awotunde, who is currently on a Fellowship in Turkey, assured the University that he would continue to do his best towards achieving more glory and recognitions for the University.

Reacting, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed his delight with the wonderful positive ratings of Dr Awotunde by a globally reputable publishing outfit.

Prof. Egbewole, who spoke through the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the rating is timely as it coincides with the period the University is celebrating its emergence as the best Nigerian University in research quality.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged other staff and students of the University to emulate Dr Awotunde by ensuring that they become more prolific in research outputs for their own career progression and projection of the University as a centre of academic excellence.

UNILORIN VC urges medical librarians to embrace AI

By **Mustafa Abubakar**
and **Wunmi Alao**

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged medical librarians to embrace Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies to enhance access to health information resources and services.

The Vice Chancellor gave the charge last Tuesday (September 6, 2026) at the 35th Annual Conference of the Medical Library Association of Nigeria (MLANG) held at the Auditorium Basement. The Conference was themed “Reimagining Medical Libraries for Better Access to Health Information Resources and Services in the AI Era”

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, described the theme of the Conference as apt, relevant and timely, noting that AI had become a disruptive force in the global information landscape, particularly in the medical sciences. He stressed that its benefits could only be fully realised where adequate, relevant and accessible health information resources and services were available.

The Vice Chancellor commended MLANG on its foresight and congratulated the association on 35 years of existence, while also reflecting on the enduring importance of libraries and books in human civilisation.

The Guest Speaker, Prof. Abdulwahab Olanrewaju Issa, who is the immediate past University Librarian, University of Ilorin, and Chairman, Library and Publications Committee of the University, spoke on the evolutionary trajectory of librarianship, recalling his study of Sociology of Library Science at the University of Ibadan Library School when the term “Library and Information Science” was not yet in use.

He explained that librarianship was fundamentally about information because documentation was essentially about information.

Prof. Issa noted that this evolution had continued into the digital era, where AI is changing how information was created, discovered, retrieved, analysed and communicated, with researchers, clinicians, health professionals and students increasingly using AI-powered tools.



■ **Prof. Adeyemi**

He, however, warned that AI-generated information is not automatically accurate, authoritative or unbiased, as systems could produce inaccurate information, reinforce bias and fabricate references, while raising concerns about privacy, intellectual property, authorship, research integrity and professional ethics.

Prof. Issa urged medical librarians to move beyond being mere custodians of physical books and journals and become “navigators, educators, innovators, and trusted partners” in the intelligent, critical and ethical use of AI. He stressed that AI should be seen as a tool and assistant, not a competitor.

He identified accuracy, credibility, equity, confidentiality, intellectual freedom and service to users as enduring professional values and called for collaboration, skills development and responsible integration of AI into medical library services.

The Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, Dr Titilola Aminat



■ **Prof. Issa**

Bayero Abdussalam, expressed delight over the successful conduct of the programme and thanked participants and stakeholders for their support.

A major highlight of the event was the presentation of awards to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the University Librarian, Prof. Tunde Kamaldeen Omopupa; the immediate past University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab Issa; and Dr Olusegun Victor of the Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja, in recognition of their contributions to medical librarianship, health information services and the association.

The Conference provided a platform for medical librarians, health information professionals and other stakeholders to reflect on the changing information environment, exchange experiences and explore practical strategies for integrating AI into medical library services while preserving the professional and ethical values of librarianship.

Bunza hails Egbewole on power supply to UNILORIN

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the Northwest University, Sokoto, Prof. Mukhtar Umar Bunza, has commended the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on ensuring that the University is adequately powered with electricity.

Prof. Bunza gave this commendation last Thursday (October 8, 2026) while delivering the 2nd Is-haq Oloyede Annual Humanities Lecture, titled "The Sokoto Caliphate's Intellectual Legacy and the Future of Humanities in Nigeria", organised by the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, at the University Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor, who is a former Kebbi State Commissioner for Higher Education, said that from the information he gathered, Prof. Egbewole has demonstrated fascinating leadership by ensuring that the University of Ilorin is always provided with electricity despite the huge and incredible bills payable on

public power supply.

He said that while the electricity bill kept increasing, the revenue available to universities to settle such bills is steadily decreasing because of other competing needs.

Prof. Bunza, who is an expert in social and religious history, said that many university administrators across Nigeria are finding it very difficult to maintain steady power supply to their campuses and that it was, therefore, a source of joy for him

that Prof. Egbewole has found a way out of the problem for the University of Ilorin.

He encouraged Prof. Egbewole to



continue to do his best to ensure better service delivery to the University and remain a role-model among his peers.

UNILORIN alumni to honour past presidents with endowed prizes, name 204-bed hostel after Oloyede

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Alumni Association has announced a series of initiatives to immortalise its past Presidents and distinguished alumni through the establishment of six endowed academic prizes and the construction of a 204-bed male hostel at the University of Ilorin.

The Association disclosed this last Tuesday (October 6, 2026) in a press statement signed by its President, Prof. Abdulrazaq Olubusuyi Kilani.

According to the statement, the Association will present six distinguished academic prizes in honour of past Presidents and leaders of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association during the forthcoming Convocation Ceremony of the University.

It stated that the prizes, which have been endowed for a period of 10 years, would be paid to the University for proper implementation and administration.

The awards include the Prof. Olufemi David Durosaro Prize for the Overall Best Graduating Student, instituted in honour of the pioneer President of the Alumni Association. Others are the Prof. A. Y. Abdulkareem



■ Prof. Kilani

Prize for the Best Male Graduating Student in Educational Management; Prof. Rhoda Oduwaye Prize for the Best Female Graduating Student in Educational Management; Prof. Depo Fakunle Prize for the Overall Best Graduating Student with Disability in the Faculty of Arts; Late Alhaji Odedele Prize for the Best Male Graduating Student in History; and Prof. Fatayi Bello Prize for the Best Female Graduating Student in History.

The Association is also honouring Prof. Ishaq Oloyede, a former President of the Association, through the

development of a 204-bed male hostel at the University.

The foundation-laying ceremony for the hostel is scheduled for October 23, 2026 at the site of the proposed project.

The statement described the project as part of the Association's commitment to supporting the University's infrastructural development, student welfare and the provision of a conducive environment for teaching, learning and research.

The Alumni Association expressed the belief that the initiatives would not only recognise the contributions of its past leaders but also inspire current and future generations of students to pursue academic excellence, leadership, service and commitment to humanity.

The Association also appreciated the University Management, its members, donors, partners and other stakeholders for their continued support towards advancing the ideals of the Association and the development of the University.

It reaffirmed its commitment to giving back to the University and sustaining a legacy of excellence, service and responsible leadership.

NSCIA appoints Adedimeji Deputy Sec. Gen.

By Mubarak Oladosu
and Mustafa Abubakar

The Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) has appointed a Professor of Pragmatics and Applied English Linguistics at the University of Ilorin and current Vice Chancellor of the African School of Economics (the Pan-Africa University of Excellence), Abuja, Prof. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji, as its Deputy Secretary-General in charge of National Affairs.

The appointment was announced following the NSCIA's General Assembly in Abuja, penultimate Saturday (October 3, 2026), where Muslim leaders deliberated on issues concerning the Muslim community and the wider Nigerian society.

Prof. Adedimeji's appointment followed the expansion of the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General into specialised portfolios covering International Affairs, National Affairs, Corporate Matters and Administration.

Before attaining his current position, Prof. Adedimeji was the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State, and a former Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies as well as Head of the



■ Prof. Adedimeji

Directorate of Corporate Affairs of the University of Ilorin.

A Fulbright scholar, Prof. Adedimeji, who is equally the Chairman of the Editorial Board of *UNILORIN Bulletin*, is also a columnist and consultant and has been widely published in the areas of communication, peace and strategic studies, education and public engagement.

Apart from being a distinguished academic, Prof. Adedimeji is also an accomplished Islamic Scholar and Cleric, who had served as General Secretary and Naibul Amir of the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN) at the University of Ilorin,

the Editor-in-Chief who revived *Al-Furqan* magazine after several years in limbo and Secretary-General of the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria, Kwara State Area Unit, Amir (President) of Muslim Corpsers Association of Nigeria (MCAN), Katsina State Chapter, Public Relations Officer of MCAN, North-West Zone before being an Islamic columnist for *Daily Independent* and *National Pilot* newspapers.

Prof. Adedimeji also served as Secretary-General of the University of Ilorin Muslim Community for over a decade and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Ilorin Muslim Graduates Association (UNILOMGA). He is the current Imam of the UNILORIN Senior Staff Quarters, (Permanent. Site).

His background in peace and strategic studies, institutional administration and communication is expected to complement his new responsibility in the NSCIA, particularly in areas involving social cohesion, Muslim welfare and engagement with the wider Nigerian society.

For Prof. Adedimeji, the new role brings his academic and administrative experience into a national platform where he will be expected to engage diverse constituencies and contribute to the Council's response to national issues.

MKU hails UNILORIN's mentorship

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University (MKU), Ilorin, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, has commended the University of Ilorin on its continuous mentorship of the young faith-based university.

Prof. Jimoh, who is also the immediate past Director of the Computer Services and Information Technology Directorate (COMSIT), University of Ilorin, gave this commendation recently while featuring on a radio programme in Ilorin.

He said that MKU's vast progression cannot be divorced from the support of the University of Ilorin, particularly the current administration of the University headed by Prof. Wabab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, before and since it began operations about four years ago.

He added that the young university is modelled after the University of Ilorin as the desire of the founding fathers and stakeholders of the university is to produce graduates that would be able to compete favourably with their contemporaries across the world as products of the University of Ilorin do.



■ Prof. Jimoh

Prof. Jimoh, who is also a former Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, dismissed the criticism of MKU as an advanced Arabic School (Madrassa) simply because it was founded by the Ansarul Islam Society of Nigeria and renamed after the founder of the Society, who was also a renowned Islamic scholar, Shaykh Muhammad Kamalud-Deen Al-Adabi.

While saying that MKU would continue to be proud of its heritage, Prof. Jimoh explained that the young university is

regulated by the National Universities Commission (NUC) just like other public and privately-owned universities all over Nigeria.

He added that the curriculum of all the programmes being run by the university is also the same as those of others while its pioneer set of students who would be graduating from the University next year will be mobilised for national youth service programme by the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) next year like their counterparts from sister universities.

Prof. Jimoh explained that the NUC has also approved the commencement of the running of more courses by the young university. The courses, according to the Vice Chancellor, include Nursing Sciences, Public Health, Law, Medical Laboratory Science, and Doctor of Physiotherapy, among others.

The Vice Chancellor added that students of the University who are running into hundreds are drawn from various parts of the country and even beyond and are learning directly or indirectly how their counterparts at the University of Ilorin conduct themselves.

CILS visits first Ilorin-born Professor, Saka Nurucanvasses support

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Ali Arazim Abdullahi, penultimate Friday (October 2, 2026) led a delegation of the management of the Centre on a working visit to the first Professor from the Ilorin Emirate, Saka Nuru, at his Ile Onikoyi, Adeta residence, Ilorin.

Speaking during the visit, Prof. Abdullahi expressed gratitude to Allah for preserving the life of his host and in sound health 63 years after graduating as a veterinary doctor and fifty years after becoming a Professor of Veterinary Medicine at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, from where he eventually retired as a Deputy Vice Chancellor in 1991.

The Director said that the visit was to formally introduce the new management of the Centre to Prof. Nuru and to solicit his support towards the preservation of his legacies for future generations through a proposed "Documentary and Filming of Prominent Families and Quarters in Ilorin".

He emphasised that the Centre was prepared to document his life, legacy, and scholarly achievements for posterity, adding that the Centre would also engage him in providing information on the



connections between Ilorin and Ikoyi-Ile in the present-day Oyo State from where Prof. Nuru's progenitors migrated to Ilorin about two centuries ago.

Prof. Abdullahi added that the present and future generations of the people of Ilorin Emirate and researchers needed to have insights into the paths taken by Prof. Nuru, which culminated in his emergence as a source of inspiration and a vital part of Ilorin's intellectual history.

Responding, Prof. Saka Nuru, who recently marked his 91st birthday anniversary, said that he was delighted and honoured with the visit

Prof. Nuru, who previously served as the Chairman and Pro-Chancellor of the Kwara State University, Malete, appreciated the Centre for deeming it worthy to preserve Ilorin's heritage through film and oral history.

The renowned scholar, therefore, gave his consent as he expressed willingness to grant the Centre a full recorded interview at a date convenient to him.

He, thereafter, wished the Director and his Deputy, Dr Mahmud Danjuma, who was also on the delegation, a very peaceful and rewarding tenure.

UNILORIN Biochemistry training enhances my career in Customs Service- Yunusa

By Mustafa Abubakar

A 2006 graduate of the Department of Biochemistry, University of Ilorin, and Deputy Comptroller of Customs, Mrs AB Yunusa, has described her training at the University as invaluable to her career in the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), particularly in the identification, examination and classification of imported chemical products.

Mrs Yunusa stated this penultimate Saturday (September 26, 2026) in an interview with the *UNILORIN Bulletin*, during the activities marking the 20th anniversary of her set. She explained that the scientific knowledge acquired during her undergraduate studies had continued to prove useful in her professional career.

Describing Biochemistry at UNILORIN as a "very noble course", Mrs Yunusa commended the quality of training and facilities provided by the University, noting that the programme exposed students to Chemistry, Industrial Chemistry and Microbiology in addition



■ Mrs Yunusa

to biochemical processes. She explained that her scientific background became particularly useful after she joined the Nigeria Customs Service in 2009, where she was involved in issues relating to the examination and classification of imported products.

Mrs Yunusa expressed her readiness to support the Department through

mentorship, knowledge sharing and sponsorship of outstanding students. "I'm ready to bring back mentorship to our students. I'm also ready to bring back some kind of sponsorship to outstanding students in Biochemistry," she said.

She advised students to seek clarification from their lecturers whenever they encountered difficulties in their studies rather than allowing gaps in their knowledge to persist.

Mrs Yunusa also encouraged students to look beyond the perception that Biochemistry is not marketable, noting that the discipline has applications in pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, food processing, cosmetics and other sectors.

She urged members of the Class of 2006 to continue supporting their alma mater by contributing their knowledge, experience and resources to the development of the University. She said the value of university education extends beyond obtaining certificates, stressing that graduates should apply the knowledge acquired from their institutions to address professional and societal challenges.

Clinical Sciences introduces electronic e-OSCE for final MBBS examinations

By Isaac Lewu

The Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin, has introduced an electronic Objective Structured Clinical Examination (e-OSCE) for its Final MBBS examinations, making the UNILORIN Medical School the first in Nigeria to deploy the technology for the examination.

The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Kolawole Wasiu Wahab, who disclosed this last Wednesday, (October 7, 2026) at the University's CBT Centre, explained that the innovation formed part of the ongoing transition from the traditional paper-based system to Computer-Based Testing (CBT) for MBBS examinations.

Prof. Wahab said the initiative was first piloted during the Part II Final MBBS examinations for 500-Level students before being deployed for the ongoing Part III Final MBBS examinations involving final-year students.

The Professor of Medicine explained that the final MBBS examinations comprise multiple-choice questions, essays and clinical examinations, noting that while the multiple-choice component is now conducted through CBT, the essay component remains manually assessed, while the clinical examination comprises unmanned and manned stations.

He said the e-OSCE had brought picture tests and data interpretation exercises, traditionally



■ Prof. Wahab

conducted as unmanned clinical stations, onto a single computer-based platform, thereby reducing printing and manual marking while enabling automatic grading and faster processing of results.

The Dean added that the system had addressed challenges associated with projecting clinical images on screens across examination halls, where candidates could be affected by distance from the screen or variations in image resolution. He said the e-OSCE now provides each candidate with an individual computer screen, ensuring uniform examination conditions.

Also speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, the Deputy Director of the Centre for Computer-Based Testing, Mr Adebayo Lawal, said the University deployed the JOTA software, describing it as a more flexible and robust platform designed to

enhance the efficiency, reliability and integrity of computer-based examinations. He added that the Centre had overcome initial operational challenges associated with the deployment.

Mr Lawal explained that replacing some ageing or damaged computers at the Centre with new high-end systems would provide the technological capacity required to maximise the JOTA platform and further strengthen the University's technology-driven examination system.

Also in his remarks, the Managing Director of JKK Oneware Limited, Mr. Yusuf Ghaffar, said the indigenous Information Technology company, which has operated in Nigeria for over 40 years, partnered with the University to develop a CBT platform capable of electronically replicating the traditional examination process, adding that the platform was upgraded from one server to three hybrid servers to accommodate the volume of data and high-quality images required for the e-OSCE.

The Faculty Officer, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Mr Is-haaq Abdussalam, said the new system would enhance efficiency and fairness in assessment while giving students easier access to examination materials.

He added that the initiative, supported by relevant University units and consultants, would help the Faculty manage its growing student population and improve the overall examination process.





UNILORIN GgMAX Poultry Farm Limited unveils GEE-WELL graduate entrepreneurs

By **Mustafa Abubakar**
and **Omowumi Alao**

The Department of Animal Production, University of Ilorin and General Management of UNILORIN Poultry Enterprise (GgMAX) Farm Limited has unveiled the GEE-WELL (Graduate Entrepreneurs Executive-Work, Earn, Live and Learn) Programme, an initiative designed to equip graduates with practical skills in broiler production, entrepreneurship and income generation.

The programme brings selected University graduates into the agricultural enterprise environment of the University, where they will receive hands-on training in broiler production, marketing, processing, packaging, and business management while earning income from poultry sales.

The graduates, targeted "Cohort 1" are Abdulrahman Sofiyullahi of the Department of Animal Production; Bamidele Kalid Olalekan of the Department of Animal Production; Kajola Habeeb Alao of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development; Adebomi Oluwatobi Samuel of the Department of Animal Production; Raji Habiibullahi Ayomide of the Islamic Studies Unit, Department of Religions and Abdulkareem Ibrahim Adewale of the Department of History and International Studies.

Speaking at the inauguration of the programme, the Chairman of the GgMAX Board, Prof. Foluke E. Sola-Ojo said the initiative was developed in collaboration with the Department of Animal Production to create opportunities for graduates interested in poultry production as a viable business.

Prof. Sola-Ojo explained that the programme was designed to move beyond theoretical knowledge by giving participants direct exposure to the realities of poultry enterprise.

She said that the first Cohort of participants would undergo an eight-week practical training programme, during which they would receive instruction and guidance in broiler production, processing, packaging, marketing, and other aspects of poultry enterprise.

According to her, participants would also receive accommodation and welfare support during the programme while gaining practical experience that could enable them to establish and manage their own poultry businesses after the training.

The Chairman disclosed that the first batch of 3,000 broilers, supplied by Agrited Farm, had already arrived at the GgMAX Farm, with another 3,000 birds expected subsequently.

She explained that participants would commence intensive marketing activities when the birds attain five weeks, thereby exposing them to customer sourcing, pricing, sales, and other aspects of the poultry value chain.

The products, she said, would be marketed under the brand name GEE-Chicken (Graduate Entrepreneurs Executive-Chicken) in three forms: live birds, frozen and dressed chicken, and instant chicken.

Prof. Sola-Ojo added that participants would earn commissions from the birds they successfully sell, in addition to receiving a fixed amount at the end of the eight-week training.

She pleaded for support from alumni, friends of the University and well meaning Nigerians particularly in the area of feeding and welfare of participating graduates so as to make them live more comfortably in the farm as the programme planned to train between 150 to 180 graduates per annum.

Earlier, the Head of Production, GgMAX, Dr Henri-Pearl Ahameafule, welcomed the participants and expressed optimism about the success of the programme.

Dr Ahameafule commended the GgMAX Board Chairman for revitalising the initiative and urged the participants to approach the training with humility and a willingness to learn from experienced staff, irrespective of their academic backgrounds.

She stressed that combining classroom knowledge with practical experience was essential for developing the competence required to establish and sustain successful poultry businesses.

According to her, participants should see the programme as an opportunity to acquire practical knowledge that could remain useful to them long after the completion of the training.

Also speaking, Prof. Abdulhameed Abiodun Badmos of the Department of Animal Production, advised the participants to approach the programme with commitment, discipline, and an open mind.

Prof. Badmos said the training would expose participants to the technical and entrepreneurial skills required to establish sustainable broiler enterprises and contribute meaningfully to food security.

He urged them to pay particular attention to bird management, feeding, disease prevention, hygiene, record-keeping, and marketing.

A member of the GgMAX Board and lecturer in the Department of Public Law, Prof. AbdulFatai Sambo, described the initiative as timely and valuable.

Prof. Sambo explained that his responsibility on the Board included ensuring compliance with applicable laws, regulatory frameworks, and university policies.

He noted that formal classroom education should be complemented with practical experience, stressing that graduates need opportunities to apply their knowledge in real-life situations.



UNILORIN ITA affirms language rights, demands sign language at varsity events

By Muizdeen Adewole

The Institute of Translation Arts (ITA), University of Ilorin, has affirmed that linguistic diversity remains a vital human resource and called for institutional measures to guarantee language rights and inclusion.

In a communique signed by its Director, Prof. Bolanle Elizabeth Arokoyo and the Deputy Director, Dr. Musa Siddiq Abdullahi, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the Institute declared that every language carries meaning, every voice deserves to be heard, and everyone deserves to understand and to be understood.

The communique was released at

the end of the 2026 International Translation Day celebration held at the Faculty of Arts Boardroom, University of Ilorin penultimate Wednesday (September 30, 2026).

According to the statement, the participants affirmed that translation and interpretation are indispensable to meaningful participation in education, healthcare, justice, governance and business, and that they are distinct professions that demand competence, ethical practice and professional standards.

The Institute also stressed that all languages matter, particularly Nigerian languages and other under-resourced languages, which must be strengthened and adequately represented in education, public communication and emerging language technologies, including Artificial Intelligence.

The Institute further called on the authorities of the University of Ilorin to institutionalise sign-language interpretation at University events as a demonstration of its commitment to inclusion and accessibility, to ensure that official documents requiring translation are handled through the Institute, and to encourage students across disciplines with requisite language competence to acquire professional certification in translation and interpreting alongside their degree programmes.

It pledged to advance professional translation and interpreting through multilingual services, training and certification, Nigerian-language development, research and inclusive communication.

UNILORIN emerges as leading talent source for Nigeria's Telecom, Network Engineering workforce

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin has emerged as one of the leading Nigerian universities supplying Telecommunications and Network Engineering talents to major Technology and Telecommunications companies.

The development came days after the University was ranked first among Nigerian universities in research quality, which further explains the Institution's growing profile in research and the development of highly skilled manpower for critical sectors of the economy.

According to a LinkedIn analysis by SaaS/Tech business developer, Ismail Isah Idris, titled "Which Universities Are Nigeria's Telecom & Network Companies Getting Their Talent From?", the University of Ilorin recorded the largest representation among the universities considered.

The analysis examined publicly available professional profiles of engineers working with major industry players,



■ Prof. Egbewole

including MTN, Globacom, Airtel and Huawei, to identify the universities from which telecom and network engineering talent is being sourced.

The analysis focused on six Nigerian universities selected based on their performance in telecommunications research, as ranked by EduRank. UNILORIN was listed first in the talent analysis, ahead of the University of Lagos (UNILAG) and the

Federal University of Technology, Minna (FUTMINNA).

According to the analysis, UNILORIN and UNILAG had the largest representation across the companies studied, while FUTMINNA also recorded a strong presence, particularly at Huawei, where it had 40 profiles in the sample examined.

The finding explained the contribution of UNILORIN to Nigeria's telecommunications and technology ecosystem, particularly through the training of professionals who are contributing to the operations of leading companies in the sector.

The post, however, noted that the analysis was based on a sample of publicly available professional profiles and should therefore not be regarded as a comprehensive representation of the entire telecom engineering workforce in Nigeria.

He explained that Huawei was included alongside MTN, Airtel and Globacom because the objective was to examine where telecom and network engineering talent comes from, rather than to compare telecommunications operators.

2 Unilorites bag YOMAFA Excellence Awards

By Muizdeen Adewole

It was a moment of pride for the University of Ilorin as two of its distinguished staff members were honoured at the YOMAFA Global Awards Season 18.

The grand ceremony, held penultimate Saturday, (October 3, 2026), at the Martino Events Centre and Hotels, Ikeja, Lagos, saw an Associate Professor at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Dr Ruth Abiola Adimula, and the General Manager of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, Mr Ibrahim Akintola Idris (Alooma), bagging the prestigious YOMAFA Award of Excellence.

Founded in 2007, YOMAFA, which stands for Year of Merit Awards for Foremost Achievers, is a prominent African and global broadcasting, media production and awards platform based in Lagos.

The event, hosted by Aare Tomori Williams with Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu as Chief Host, celebrates exceptional achievers across government, business, academia, media and other sectors.

Dr Adimula was recognised for her distinguished contributions to peace-building, scholarship and humanity. A Commonwealth Scholar, and Federal Commissioner on Taxation, Dr Adimula has remained at the forefront of advocacy for women's rights, children's welfare and peace in the society.

Mr Alooma, a veteran journalist with over three decades of practice, was honoured for the second consecutive edition and subsequently elevated to the rank of YOMAFA Global Ambassador.



■ Dr Adimula

The elevation was in recognition of his consistency, high reputation and immense contributions to the growth of the broadcasting industry and national development.

In her response, Dr Adimula expressed joy over the recognition and dedicated the award to Almighty God and to the University of Ilorin.

On his part, Mr Alooma appreciated the organisers for the honour, noting that the reward for hard work is more work, while reaffirming his commitment to continue contributing to national development through his professional calling.

Meanwhile, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has congratulated the duo, describing the honours as well-deserved and a reflection of the University's culture of excellence.



■ Mr Alooma

Mr Akogun said that Dr Adimula and Mr Alooma are shining examples of what UNILORIN stands for: intellectual depth, professional integrity and service to humanity.

According to him, "Dr Adimula has distinguished herself as a scholar of global repute and a passionate advocate for peace and justice, while Mr Alooma has redefined campus broadcasting with uncommon professionalism and credibility."

He, however, noted that their recognition at the YOMAFA Global Awards is not just a personal achievement, but a collective pride for the entire University community. "As the image maker of the University, I am proud that our staff continue to project the University positively on the global stage," Mr Akogun remarked.

UNILORIN alumnus, Kuti, appointed GFN Media Director

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Gymnastics Federation of Nigeria (GFN) has appointed an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mr Oluwadamilare Ismail Kuti, as the Head of its Media Department and a Member of the Federation's Board.

Mr Kuti, a graduate of the Department of Human Kinetics, Faculty of Education of the University, was appointed following a meeting of the Federation's Executive Board.

In a letter signed by the GFN President, Prince Kelvin Erhunwunse, the Federation said the appointment followed a thorough assessment of Mr

Kuti's records, dedication and contributions to the growth of sports.

"The Board unanimously approved his appointment as Head of the Media Department of the Gymnastics Federation of Nigeria," he said.

The Federation, therefore, congratulated Kuti on the "well-deserved appointment" and expressed hope that the new responsibility would further motivate him to demonstrate greater dedication to his duties.

It also charged him to contribute to taking gymnastics in Nigeria "to the next level."



■ Mr Kuti

Alumni donate photocopier to Economics Dept

By Mustafa Abubakar

The 2003 set of the Department of Economics, University of Ilorin, has donated a photocopier to the Department to enhance administrative efficiency and support the smooth processing of academic and official documents.

Presenting the equipment last Wednesday (September 30, 2026) to the Department on behalf of his colleagues, the Business Manager (Retail Banking), First Bank of Nigeria Limited, Surulere Branch, Ilorin, Dr Kudirat Mopelola Malik-Abdumajeed, said the gesture was their contribution towards easing the day-to-day operations of their alma mater.

Dr Abdumajeed expressed hope that the equipment would reduce the burden of clerical work in the Department and assist staff in handling official assignments more efficiently.

She said the donation reflected the group's continued commitment to their alma mater, stressing that their relationship with the University remained strong despite having graduated many years ago.

Also speaking, Mrs Azeizat Folorunsho Ibrahim, who is also the Deputy Registrar at the Office of the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, said the donation was intended to improve operational efficiency in the Department, particularly in the processing and submission of students' results and other official documents.

Mrs Ibrahim described the set as a group committed to maintaining the



tradition of excellence associated with the Department of Economics, stressing that members of the group remained "pace setters" who were determined to keep their Department at the forefront.

She noted that the presence of their former colleagues and teachers in the Department had also strengthened their connection with the institution and made it easier for them to give back.

She added that the set had no intention of making the photocopier its final contribution, assuring that more support would be extended to the Department in the future.

Responding, the Head of the Department, Prof. Abdulhakeem A. Kilishi,

expressed appreciation to the donors for remembering the Department and giving back to the institution.

Prof. Kilishi described the donation as a welcome development, assuring the group that the Department would put the equipment to effective use in the interest of the Department and the University.

He expressed the hope that the donation would mark the beginning of further interventions from the graduates, adding humorously that the Department, "like Oliver Twist," was expecting more from the set.

UNILORIN Security Division loses operative

By Abubakar Imam

The death has occurred of a senior member of staff of the Security Division of the University of Ilorin, Mr Adam Woli.

Mr Woli, until his demise last Tuesday (October 6, 2026), was the Head of the Security Unit at the Mini-campus of the University.

The remains of the deceased have since been buried in Ilorin accordance to Muslim rites.

Speaking to *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the incident, the Ag. Director of the University Security Division, Mr Paul Ogidi, described the death of Mr Woli as very shocking and painful.

Mr Ogidi explained that the

deceased was a dedicated and industrious staff member of the University who took his job seriously. He recalled that he never had to express any form of worry on the late Mr Woli before discharging his duties as expected.

The Ag. Director said that with the death of Mr Woli, the University and, particularly the Security Division, have lost an outstanding security operative and self-motivated employee.

While urging his relations, friends and colleagues to take solace in the fact that Mr Woli left behind remarkable legacies, Mr Ogidi prayed to Allah to forgive his shortcomings and reward his good deeds with Aljanat Fridaous.



Late Mr Woli

Amuda-Yusuf tasks colleagues on better service delivery

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf, has enjoined academic staff of the University to always be ready to adopt and adapt emerging mechanisms that would enhance service delivery.

Prof. Amuda-Yusuf gave this advice last Wednesday (October 7, 2026) while declaring open a workshop on "Courseware Development Training for Academic Staff" organised by the Faculty at its Boardroom.

The Dean, who was represented by the Head of the Department of Quantity Surveying, Dr Ranti Taibat Adebisi, explained that lecturers must be prepared to go to any length to ensure that their services create the desired impacts on their students.

Prof. Amuda-Yusuf encouraged participants at the workshop to ensure that they put into practice the ideas shared with them by the resource person to ensure their career satisfaction and progression as well as the overall greatness of the University and humanity at large.

In his lecture, the Ag Head of the Department of Estate Management, Dr Halim Yusuf Agava, urged participants to always ensure adequate preparation ahead of every lecture presentation.

He added that lecturers cannot do without adequate preparation in view of the avalanche of resource materials on the internet, saying that they needed to be up to date in order to be able to discharge their responsibilities adequately and command the respect of their students who might have been exposed to relevant materials.

Dr Agava also took participants through the series of steps they needed to take to help them to impart adequate knowledge in their students.

While encouraging lecturers to always encourage attendance of



■ Dr Agava

lectures by their students, Dr Agava said that contemporary students do not have any reason not to excel in their studies in view of the increasing evolution in technology that are improving teaching, learning and evaluation.

He said that if the students can learn on their own, their attendance of lectures will not only enhance their knowledge acquisition but also make them outstanding and ensure that they graduate with good grades.

One of the participants at the workshop, who spoke with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sidelines of the event, Mr AbdulAzeez Saliu, commended the



■ Prof. Amuda-Yusuf

leadership of the Faculty for organising the Workshop.

Mr Saliu, who is a staff of the Department of Architecture, explained that the Workshop was quite timely in view of the fact that the 2026/2027 academic session of the University had just commenced.

The event was attended by the Chairman of the University Courseware Development Committee, Prof. Abdulwahab Olanrewaju Issa, who was represented by Dr A. A. Odutayo and all the Heads of Departments in the Faculty.





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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 2ND OCTOBER TO 8TH OCTOBER 2026

RECEIPTS:	N
Capitation NHIS	21,750.00
Clinic Registration	15,000.00
Contractor Registration Fees	19,000.00
Refund	664,036.53
Sundry/Other Fees & Student Charges	521,950.00
Sundry Other Income	7,192,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	60,000.00
Convocation Undergraduate Charges	31,895,800.00
Income from Verification /Screening	630,000.00
CODL - General Payment	161,600.00
CODL - Form Processing charges	100,800.00
CODL - Clearance charges	301,200.00
Staff and student I.D Cards	2,000.00
Rent on University Property	12,000.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	30,712,600.00
Postgraduate Application Form	806,400.00
Postgraduate School Charges	5,271,170.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	4,000,000.00
Postgraduate Transcript Payment	155,500.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	2,514,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	126,000.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	563,200.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of Results	404,000.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	424,200.00
Institute of Education Verification of Results	60,600.00
Institute of Education School Charges	1,684,524.40
Institute of Education Application Form	50,400.00
JUPEB Application Form	1,587,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	1,638,000.00
JUPEB School Charges	19,111,800.00
OTHERS	57,900.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	684,000.00
Remedial Application Form	243,200.00
Undergraduate School Charges	1,020,028.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	1,065,900.00
Undergraduate Change of Course	91,800.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	126,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPT FOR THE PERIOD	113,996,358.93

PAYMENTS	CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS & OTHERS:	N
OGUNWUYI.D. RONKE & OTHERS	LEGION SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	5,406,000.00
JIMOH DANIEL & OTHERS	VIGILLANTE STAFF SALARY FOR SEPTEMBER	3,432,000.00
AIB ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS LTD	REHABILITATION OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING LAB (TETFUND)	647,205.62
ABYAZ INTEGRATED SERVICES LTD	RENOVATION OF DEPT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING (TETFUND)	5,414,268.22
HABRAIB GLOBAL RESOURCES LTD	RENOVATION OF DEPT OFFOOD ENGINEERING (TETFUND)	871,956.55
ABIBOM ENGINEERS LTD	RENOVATION OF WORK DEPT MAIN BUILDIND (TETFUND)	593,077.80
KINGS GUARDS NIG LTD	SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	12,964,050.00
REVIVE DIGITAL SOLUTIONS LTD	PROCUREMENT OF ELECTRONICS MEMO SYSTEM	24,725,000.00
FOFUN CONSULTS LTD	REHABILITATION OF COMMON ROOM (TETFUND)	600,208.49
FOFUN CONSULTS LTD	FABRICATION OF CLASSROOM SEATS(TETFUND)	20,389,256.25
VETERINARY COUNCIL OF NIGERIA	VCN REGISTRATION FOR THE GRADUANDS	1,600,000.00
Various	Various I.E DTA, IMPREST, REFUND E.T.C	13,622,172.21
Purchase Advance	Various	3,734,020.00
TOTAL TSA CHARGES	Various	62,995.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		94,062,210.14

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S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	OLOBAYO FOLUSHO FRANCIS	REGISTRY	11-Oct
2	OLAJOYE FEMI JOHNSON	HEALTH SERVICES	11-Oct
3	ISSA ABDULWAHAB OLANREWAJU	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	11-Oct
4	YAKUB MUHAMMED JAMIU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	11-Oct
5	SALAMI OMAISEYE TOSAN	PHARMACEUTICAL MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY	11-Oct
6	MUSTAPHA RAHMAT BOLA	HEALTH SERVICES	11-Oct
7	AJAO KABIRU SULEIMAN	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	11-Oct
8	SAYI-MOHAMMED AMINAT	REGISTRY	11-Oct
9	OYINLOYE GRACE AYODELE	REGISTRY	12-Oct
10	ALABI JACOB OLUWATOYIN	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SERVICES/REGISTRY	12-Oct
11	ABOLARIN LAWRENCE OLADELE	REGISTRY	12-Oct
12	ADUNMO GODWIN OLAWOYIN	MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE	12-Oct
13	ADEWARA JANET OLUSEYI	LIBRARY	12-Oct
14	SALAWU ABDULLAHI ENESI	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	12-Oct
15	YAHAYA JAMIU IDOWU	INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS & PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	12-Oct
16	BELLO-OCHEDE MARGARET UNOIZA	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	12-Oct
17	ALIYU ISHOLA NASIRU	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	12-Oct
18	JOHNSON WINNIFRED OLUWASEYI	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	12-Oct
19	KANU ABEDNEGO CHIBUZO	SCIENCE EDUCATION	12-Oct
20	AMBALI FATAI	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	12-Oct
21	IBRAHIM AMINAT OMOTAYO	BIOCHEMISTRY	12-Oct
22	ADEBOYE TUNDE ADEGBENGA	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	13-Oct
23	BAKARE ADEBOLA RAFIU	POLITICAL SCIENCE	13-Oct
24	OLOGE FOLUWASAYO EMMANUEL	OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY	13-Oct
25	AGBOOLA OLAJUMOKE BOLAJI	REGISTRY	13-Oct
26	EZEKE GRACE GWAZACHI	OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY	13-Oct
27	AKANBI ABDULRASAQ OLADIMEJI	SCIENCE EDUCATION	13-Oct
28	ABOLARIN TEMITOPE MARY	MICROBIOLOGY	13-Oct
29	SADIQ MASHOOD ADESHINA	REGISTRY	13-Oct
30	FAGBENRO DARE AZEEZ	PSYCHOLOGY	13-Oct
31	MOHAMMED IBRAHIM AYINDE	REGISTRY	14-Oct
32	AJIBADE LANRE TAJUDEEN	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	14-Oct
33	ZUBAIR ABDULKABIR JAMIU	SECURITY DIVISION	14-Oct
34	OBA ISIAKA	SECURITY DIVISION	14-Oct
35	ABDULAZEEZ OKENE HAMZA	PUBLIC LAW	14-Oct
36	ANIMASAHUN RIDWAN	REGISTRY	14-Oct
37	MAS'UD SALIU IBRAHIM	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	15-Oct
38	ATTAH FRANCIS - ALFRED UNUAGBE	PHARMACOGNOSY & DRUG DEVELOPMENT	15-Oct
39	ANOFI ABDULFATAI OLANREWAJU	URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING	15-Oct
40	OLORUNMAIYE KEHINDE STEPHEN	PLANT BIOLOGY	15-Oct
41	GBODOFU KHALIL MOHAMMAD USMAN	ARABIC	15-Oct
42	IDRIS BABATUNDE	WORKS: MECHANICAL	15-Oct
43	OLOTU OLUWOLE	REGISTRY	15-Oct
44	ATANDA LAMIDI AJADI	BURSARY	15-Oct
45	ODIRI CHRISTY IYABO	REGISTRY	15-Oct
46	IYANDA SUNDAY ELIJAH	RELIGIONS	15-Oct
47	FATOYINBO BOSEDE BEATRICE	HEALTH SERVICES	15-Oct
48	SULEIMAN ALIYU DAGBO	REGISTRY	15-Oct
49	KOLAWOLE ISRAEL KAYODE	ANAESTHESIA	15-Oct
50	OLAWOYIN LUKMAN ABIODUN	TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCE	15-Oct
51	AWOYEMI ALFRED OLATAYO	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	15-Oct
52	SALMAN IYABO MUNIRAT	UNILORIN ZOO	15-Oct
53	OBAFEMI OLUWABUNMI OLAMIDE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	15-Oct
54	DUROSINLORUN AKEEM OPEYEMI	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	15-Oct
55	OYENIYI GBADEBO MAROOF	MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE	15-Oct
56	SHOWUNMI ABDULAZEEZ ABIODUN	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	15-Oct
57	AKANJI KHADIJAT OLUBUKOLA	RELIGIONS	15-Oct
58	AJIDE DAVID ADEBOLA	REGISTRY	16-Oct
59	MAHAMOOD RASHEEDAT MODUPE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	16-Oct
60	EJIEJI CHUKWUEMEKA JOACHIN	AGRIC. & BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING	16-Oct
61	IWALAIYE DOCAS FOLASHADE	REGISTRY	16-Oct
62	DAUDA RAMOTA	SECURITY DIVISION	16-Oct
63	OYEDEPO OLUMAYOWA JOSEPH	REGISTRY	16-Oct
64	MAHMUD ABDULLAHI	CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	16-Oct
65	MOSHOD IBRAHIM	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	16-Oct
66	HARUNA SIKIRAT SHITTA	REGISTRY	16-Oct
67	EGBEWOLE HALIMAH OLAYINKA	AGRIC. EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	16-Oct
68	AJAYI OLALEKAN RAYMOND	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	16-Oct
69	ALLIU SADIAT IYABODE	PSYCHOLOGY	16-Oct
70	BASAMBO ZAINAB AJIBADE	CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	17-Oct
71	ADEBAYO SIJUWADE ADEBOKOLA	AGRIC. EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	17-Oct
72	OBAFEMI OLUWATOSIN ADEKUNLE	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	17-Oct
73	OLAJOYE JOSHUA OLANREWAJU	FOOD & BIOPROCESS ENGINEERING	17-Oct
74	AJI ZUBAIR	VETERINARY ANATOMY	17-Oct
75	SULEIMAN ANIFAT OYEBOLA	WORKS: ESTATE	17-Oct
76	ZUBAIR HAJARAT OYINLOLA	URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING	17-Oct
77	MOHAMMED FATIMA ALABA	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	17-Oct



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Egbewole visits UNILORIN WAUG contingent at OAU

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has paid a commendation visit to the University's athletes participating in the ongoing 15th West Africa Universities Games (WAUG), hosted by Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.

During the visit, the Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Alex Akanmu, commended the athletes for being worthy ambassadors of the University and making the institution proud through their impressive performances. He expressed appreciation for their courage, commitment, and dedication to representing the University, urging them to sustain the spirit of excellence in all their endeavours.

The University's athletes have recorded commendable performances across various sporting events. Their medals, as at press time, include:

Chess: 3 Gold and 3 Silver medals; Men's High Jump: Silver; 110m Hurdles: Gold; Women's Shot Put: Silver; Women's Javelin: Bronze; Women's Discus: Gold.

Pleased with the progress recorded by the team, Prof. Egbewole hosted the athletes and their coaches to a lunch session, providing an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and encourage them to maintain their winning spirit throughout the competition.

The visit underscores the commitment of the University to



supporting its athletes and promoting excellence in sports, while reinforcing the institution's pride in the dedication and accomplishments of its students on the

regional stage.

The Vice Chancellor was accompanied on the visit by the President of the Students' Union, Mr Mozeed Adams.

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On the forthcoming convocation Ceremonies, Prof. Egbewole explained that the 41st edition of the academic rituals would commence with a Jumaat service on 16th October and end with an interdenominational Christian worship on Sunday 25th October, 2026.

The Vice Chancellor said that the award of certificates to graduands would run for three days instead of the usual two days to enhance the comfort of the graduands and their parents, guardians

and well wishers.

While he said that over 16, 000 students would be graduated into the real world, the Vice Chancellor added that graduands of the University are trained to add creativity to the Nigerian value system.

He asserted that thousands of the graduands have also been certificated in different skills to make them job creators instead of being job seekers.

Some of the listeners who called in commended the Vice Chancellor for the series of the achievements under his

leadership as they also drew his attention to some issues that deserve the attention of the management of the University.

The Vice Chancellor was accompanied to the station by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa; the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa and the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, among others.

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. Mary A. Ajala	Engineering and Technology / Chemical Engineering	Sub Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. Medinât O. Aiyelero	Pharmaceutical Sciences / Pharmacology and Toxicology,	Acting Head, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology	1 st August, 2026
Dr. M. K. Garba	Physical Sciences / Statistics	Chairman, Quiz and Debate Committee	28 th September, 2026

Renewal of Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. S. Z. Abdulkadir	Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Surgery and Radiology	Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Surgery and Radiology	1 st August, 2026

UNILORIN remains on a sound footing-Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam and Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed satisfaction with the state of the University, saying the better by far institution is on a sound footing.

Prof. Egbewole made this assertion last Wednesday (October 6, 2026) while featuring on "Meet the VC", a special interview programme on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*.

The programme was anchored by the Head of the Station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma) and the Head of its Programme Unit, Mr Temitope Olawuyi.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also a Member of Nigerian Body of Benchers, said that the recent emergence of the institution as Number One University in Research Quality in Nigeria is an affirmation of the fact that the University is soaring higher.

Prof. Egbewole added that he was particularly delighted with the rating of the University as research remains one of the cardinal reasons behind the establishment of every university.

He commended both the staff and students of the University, particularly researchers, for their devotion to duties, which made the University number one among over 400 universities operating in Nigeria.

He assured all that the University would continue to maintain its leadership positions among its peers across and beyond Nigeria because the desire to progress is a vision that is shared by staff members and other stakeholders of the University.

The Vice Chancellor, who is a Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law, thanked the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, and the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Dr Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, for providing the University an enabling environment. He was particularly grateful to the Governor for congratulating the University on the feat.



■ Prof. Egbewole

Speaking on the achievements of the University under his leadership, Prof. Egbewole explained that the University has continued to embark on the automation of its processes.

Prof. Egbewole also said that his Administration has achieved a lot in the realm of infrastructural development across every segment of the University.

He added that the University is also among the few that have continued to prioritise the welfare of staff and students. He said that his Administration has continued to make teaching and learning easier through the provision of adequate infrastructures.

The Vice Chancellor also said that the University is also not owing staff as it has continued to pay them their dues even without reimbursement from the federal government.

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