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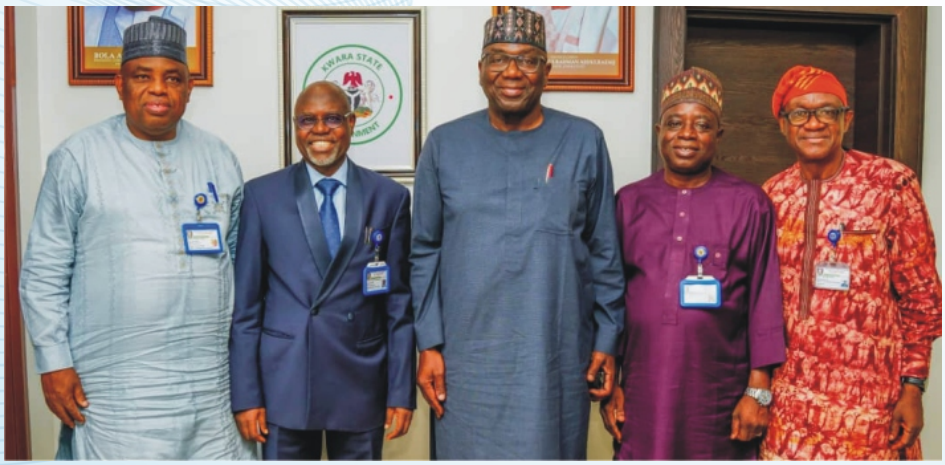
UNILORIN MANAGEMENT VISITS GOVERNOR ABDULRAZAQ



Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq (right) welcoming the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, to the Government House during the visit by UNILORIN Management last Tuesday

L-R: The University Librarian, Prof. Tunde Omopupa; the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole; the Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq; the Registrar, Mr Monsur Adeleke Alfanla; and the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, during a courtesy call on the governor by the University management last Tuesday



ICPC urges UNILORIN to strengthen ACTU, support whistleblowing

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed the University's zero-tolerance stance on corruption, declaring that the institution is an anti-corruption haven that must be protected by all stakeholders.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (November 16, 2026), while declaring open the University's Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) Sensitisation Programme on Corruption Prevention and Awards of Excellence at the University Auditorium.

He warned contractors, prospective students, job seekers and other individuals seeking to transact one business or the other with the University against offering inducements to anuyone or engaging in corrupt practices.

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Alabi tasks men on regular prostrate screening

By Abubakar Imam

A former Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ade Stephen Alabi, has encouraged the men folk to always seek regular medical screening for prostate and urological conditions.

Prof. Alabi gave this advice last Thursday (November 19, 2026) while delivering the 310th Inaugural Lecture of the University, tilted "All Humans Are Equal, Yet None Are The Same: Variations in Structure, Shape and Size", at University Auditorium.

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Prof. Alabi

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NIA DG seeks measures against foreign interference in 2027 elections

By Mustafa Abubakar



The Director-General of the National Intelligence Agency (NIA), Ambassador Mohammed Mohammed, has called for proactive national security measures, stronger electoral laws and collective action by relevant stakeholders to safeguard the 2027 general elections against foreign interference, Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated disinformation and media manipulation.

Ambassador Mohammed made the call last Monday (November 16, 2026) at the second edition of the High-Level Speaker Series organised by the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, held at the University Auditorium.

Represented by Ambassador Jadesola Adesuyi, the Director-General, in his paper, titled "Nigeria's 2027 Elections: Safeguarding against Foreign Influence Operations, AI Disinformation, and Media Manipulation," warned that foreign influence operations, AI-generated disinformation and media manipulation pose serious threats to the credibility of Nigeria's 2027 general elections.

He observed that Nigeria's electoral challenges had evolved beyond traditional practices such as ballot snatching to include Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI), deepfakes, fabricated identities, doctored videos, voice cloning and fake election results.

The security chief, who hails from Kwara State, explained that such threats could create fear, undermine public confidence in democratic institutions and discourage citizens from exercising their constitutional right to vote.

Citing the 2023 general elections, Ambassador Mohammed noted that the proliferation of false information about voter registration, political candidates, election results, polling procedures and political violence contributed to voter apathy, fear and low turnout.

He further disclosed that fact-checkers documented more than 1,200 viral false stories during the 2023 elections, while 63 per cent of presidential and National Assembly election-related claims were false.

The NIA boss identified Nigeria's religious, ethnic and socio-political vulnerabilities as factors that could be exploited by foreign actors and their local proxies to influence electoral outcomes.

He warned that the increasing accessibility of AI had made information manipulation cheaper, faster and more dangerous, noting that fabricated audio recordings, videos and election result sheets could be produced within minutes and circulated rapidly across digital platforms.

According to him, electoral integrity depends largely on the integrity of the information ecosystem through which citizens access political information, assess candidates and interpret electoral developments.

He also highlighted the role of social media platforms, messaging applications, local influencers and informal communication networks in the spread of misleading political narratives.

On measures to address the threats, Ambassador Mohammed acknowledged steps being taken by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), including improvements in the technical management of its Result Viewing Portal (IReV), deployment of the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS), establishment of an Artificial Intelligence Unit and collaboration with social media platforms to identify and remove AI-generated false information.

He stressed the need for stronger collaboration among electoral authorities, intelligence and security agencies, civil society organisations and the media.

Among other recommendations, he called for restrictions on foreign donations to political campaigns, investment in indigenous technology, prohibition of foreign consultants in Nigerian elections and the review of electoral education programmes to incorporate news verification and identification of fake information.

He also advocated the amendment of the Electoral Act to criminalise the malicious deployment of AI-generated media, voice cloning and deepfakes targeting political candidates, electoral officials and the integrity of political campaigns.

The Director-General further urged the protection of Nigeria's electoral databases against cyber interference and the strict enforcement of electoral laws.

Emphasising the importance of grassroots engagement, Ambassador Muhammed noted that approximately 40 per cent of Nigerians obtained information through offline channels, including radio, markets, motor parks and community meetings.

He consequently called for information verification mechanisms in local languages, involving traditional rulers, market leaders and other community stakeholders.

He warned that winning the online information battle while neglecting offline communication channels would amount to little achievement.

In his welcome address, the Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Prof. G. A. Animasawun, said the engagement was organised to draw attention to the threats posed by information manipulators, distorters and conflict entrepreneurs to Nigeria's electoral process and national security.

He described the guest lecturer as an experienced personality with the requisite knowledge and institutional responsibility to address local and foreign threats to the country's information ecosystem.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said universities had a responsibility to contribute to changing the narrative surrounding elections in Nigeria by providing factual information and addressing myths, falsehoods and misleading narratives.

He recalled that the first edition of the High-Level Speaker Series featured the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), adding that the Centre intended to extend the conversation to other critical national security institutions.

A major highlight of the programme was a drama presentation by students of the Department of Performing Arts, titled "The Butler and the Machete," which illustrated the dangers of electoral violence, political manipulation, fake news and the exploitation of vulnerable citizens.

The presentation called on youths, market women, media practitioners, security personnel, traditional rulers and religious leaders to mobilise their respective constituencies for peaceful elections.

The students particularly emphasised the need for media practitioners to verify information before publication and for young people to reject inducements to participate in electoral thuggery.

The event attracted representatives of the intelligence and security community, INEC, the Nigeria Police Force, the National Orientation Agency (NOA), academics, students and other stakeholders.

UNILORIN, an anti-corruption haven, says Egbewole

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"If you are a contractor, don't pollute our system. If you are seeking admission from outside, don't pollute our system. If you are seeking a job in our system, don't pollute our system," he declared.

The Vice Chancellor said the responsibility of sustaining the integrity of the University rested on everyone, including students, academic and non-teaching staff, contractors and other stakeholders.

He urged friends and associates of the University to support its anti-corruption campaign, stressing that protecting the institution's reputation required collective commitment.

Prof. Egbewole commended the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) for establishing ACTUs across Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), describing the initiative as important to strengthening accountability in public institutions.

He observed that integrity and honesty are values traditionally cherished in Nigerian communities, adding that society could rediscover those values through deliberate efforts.

While acknowledging that corruption might not be completely eliminated, the Vice Chancellor maintained that it could be substantially reduced through collective action. He also assured the UNILORIN ACTU of Management's support, including efforts to improve its operational facilities.

Speaking on the roles and responsibilities of ACTUs in MDAs, the Guest Lecturer, Mr Munir Muhammad of the ICPC Kogi State Office, explained that the Unit is an initiative of the Commission, approved by the Federal Government to strengthen the fight against corruption in public institutions.

He said ACTUs were expected to operate as autonomous units with functional links to the chief executives of their respective organisations, while their independence and protection should be guaranteed to enable them to discharge their responsibilities effectively.

Mr Muhammad explained that the units were expected to undertake preliminary investigations, conduct system studies and corruption risk assessments, monitor projects and budget implementation, and sensitise management and staff on corruption prevention.

Other responsibilities, he said, included coordinating whistleblowing policies and platforms, promoting integrity, rewarding role models, attending relevant committees, holding monthly meetings, preparing annual action plans and submitting quarterly and annual reports to the ICPC.

He urged institutional managements to provide enabling environments, dedicated funding, office accommodation and necessary equipment for ACTUs. He also emphasised the need for managements to implement the units' recommendations and promote a culture that encourages whistleblowing and protects those who report wrongdoing.

The guest lecturer identified suppression and falsification of records, false claims, bribery, fraud, embezzlement and dishonesty as forms of misconduct that could constitute offences under relevant anti-corruption laws.

He concluded that ACTUs could only achieve their objectives when their members led by example and managements provided the necessary institutional support.

Earlier, the Chairperson of the ACTU of the University, Prof. Azizat O. Amoloye-Adebayo, called for a change in the narrative that corruption was inherent in Nigerians.

She declared that Nigerians were not corrupt by nature but were sometimes trapped by circumstances, stressing the need to address the conditions that encourage corrupt practices rather than relying solely on punishment.

Professor Amoloye-Adebayo said the Unit would recommend appropriate sanctions against individuals found engaging in corruption, irrespective of their status, in line with the relevant Standing Order provisions.

She, however, explained that the anti-corruption strategy of the University would also promote positive conduct through the ACTU UNILORIN Awards of Excellence. The initiative, she said, was designed to recognise individuals who demonstrate courage and integrity, including students who refuse to buy grades, lecturers who refuse to sell them and staff who resist abuse of power, extortion and sexual harassment.

The Chairperson commended the Vice Chancellor and principal officers for supporting the Unit's activities. She disclosed that Management had provided a dedicated budget line for ACTU's statutory activities and an account with the UNILORIN Microfinance Bank.

She nevertheless appealed for the provision of a dedicated and properly equipped office for the Unit, in accordance with the ICPC provisions guiding ACTUs in MDAs.

The occasion featured the presentation of ACTU Ambassador awards to the Vice Chancellor, the guest lecturer, Mr Munir Muhammad, and a student in recognition of their association with the anti-corruption campaign.

A playlet performed by the Department of Performing Arts of the University also formed part of the programme, using drama to reinforce the message against corruption and promote integrity and accountability.

The event brought together principal officers, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, staff, students and other members of the University community.

Alabi tasks men on regular prostrate screening

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He said that the advice is particularly important for men who have attained the age of 40 and above. He added that such screening should be done in line with anatomical evidence on age-related structural change.

Prof. Alabi also urged the Federal Government to establish a centralised national anthropometric database across Nigeria's ethnic groups. He explained that such would be used in forensic identification, clinical reference, and population-specific ergonomic standards.

The Inaugural Lecturer equally encouraged the Nigeria Police Force, the National Forensic Science Laboratory and other law enforcement agencies to adopt population-specific osteometric and morphometric reference data for medico-legal human identification.

Prof. Alabi explained that law enforcement officers should use measurements of bones and body parts that are specific to the population they are investigating when identifying unknown human remains.

He also implored the Federal and State Governments to invest in precision instrumentation for somatometric and osteometric research, including 3D body scanners, high-resolution dermatoglyphic systems, and radiological access such as CT and MRI in our various higher institutions of learning.

The don was also of the view that both the Federal and State Governments should establish a Centre for Human Variation and Forensic Anthropology to systematically document population-specific biological markers, such as cephalic indices, cheiloscopic patterns, palatoscopic rugae, and dermatoglyphic ridge configurations, for forensic biological profiling.



The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bakare-Odunola (right), receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Alabi (left), last Thursday

The Inaugural Lecturer also canvassed interdisciplinary collaboration among disciplines such as Anatomy, Forensic Science, Radiology, Surgery, Criminology and Public Health, in our various institutions. He said that this would ensure the maximisation of the applied impact of morphometric findings.

Prof. Alabi also encouraged the general population to reject scientifically disproven claims concerning the human body. He said that this should include assumed relationships between external dimensions and internal anatomical structures, in favour of evidence-based morphometric findings.

Drawing from his personal experience, Prof Alabi encouraged parents and the society at large not to write-off anyone, saying that the downfall of a man is certainly not the end of his life. He said that someone whose initial performance may be unexciting could eventually turn out to be a shining star.

He, therefore, encouraged parents not to discourage their children no matter their cognitive level to work harder, saying that no situation should lead to the loss of hope in our children.

The Inaugural Lecturer also emphasised the need for encouragement of mentorship. He said that without adequate mentorship he and many others wouldn't have attained the level they are currently holding.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided-over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was attended by many dignitaries including traditional rulers. It was also attended by other Principal Officers of the University, relations, colleagues, friends, mentees and students of Prof. Alabi from far and near.





Aibinu urges varsities to balance AI with wisdom, integrity

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the Summit University, Offa, Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu, has urged universities to balance the adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) with human wisdom, ethical responsibility and academic integrity.

Prof. Aibinu made the call last Thursday (November 19, 2026), while delivering the 14th Mosobalaje Oyawoye Faculty of Science Endowed Lecture, titled "Eyes in the Sky, Minds on the Ground: Artificial Intelligence, Drones, Warfare, Security, and the Changing Landscape of Academic Integrity," held at the University Auditorium.

He said although AI and drone technologies are transforming agriculture, healthcare, security, education and scientific research, their applications must be guided by human values and accountability.

He explained that efficiency did not always translate to wisdom and that convincing AI-generated answers were not necessarily truthful. He also highlighted the applications of drones in crop monitoring, disaster mapping, infrastructure inspection and search and rescue operations, while cautioning against their misuse for surveillance and privacy violations.

To demonstrate the value of interdisciplinary research, Prof. Aibinu presented an ongoing Summit University project addressing egg theft from poultry farms in Offa, where farmers reportedly lost as many as 69 eggs in a day.

The project combines Engineering, Computing, Economics, Biochemistry and Mass Communication expertise to develop monitoring solutions, assess financial losses, explore tracing methods and promote behavioural change. He disclosed that the initiative involved collaboration with the Federal University of Technology, Minna, and the European Union-funded Remarkable Project.

On academic integrity, he maintained that AI use was not automatically cheating, but warned against presenting AI-generated work as one's own in violation of institutional regulations, concealing prohibited assistance and fabricating research data or references.

Prof. Aibinu advocated reforms in University assessment through supervised examinations, oral presentations, project defence and practical evaluation, cautioning against exclusive reliance on AI-detection tools.

He also advocated indigenous technological development and interdisciplinary education, recalling his 2017 Inaugural Lecture at the Federal University of Technology, Minna, on spiritual intelligence.

He proposed the STEAMS framework, incorporating Spiritual Intelligence, Technology, Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Mathematics and Science.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Monmodu-Jamiu Oyawoye Foundation, Prince Olukitibi Oyawoye, announced an additional ₦5 million contribution to the endowed lecture, bringing the Foundation's total endowment funding to ₦15 million, following its initial ₦10 million seed money.

He said the lecture was established by his late father, Prof. Mosobalaje Olaloye Oyawoye, about 23 years ago to promote scientific knowledge and connect research with national and global challenges. He described the annual lecture as an enduring legacy and encouraged students to apply scientific knowledge to solving societal problems.

While declaring the event open, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Taibat Moji Bakare-Odunola, described endowments as lasting investments in University development.

He said they supported teaching, research, infrastructure and academic activities, while providing opportunities for outstanding scholars and financially disadvantaged students. He commended the Oyawoye family for its sustained support and additional contribution, urging other stakeholders to embrace philanthropy.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Abdullahi Alanamu Abdul Rahaman, described the lecture as a tribute to the late Prof. Oyawoye, an eminent Geologist and Africa's first Professor of Geology.

He recalled that the original Faculty of Science was divided into the Faculties of Physical Sciences and Life Sciences during the 2013/2014 academic session, while both Faculties continued to sustain the lecture tradition. He urged researchers and students to embrace digital skills without compromising critical thinking and academic honesty.

In his appreciation, the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. D. A. Adekeye, appreciated the guest lecturer for addressing the ethical, social and academic implications of emerging technologies.

He also commended the authorities of the University of Ilorin for supporting academic discourse as he thanked the organising committee, staff, students, royal fathers and invited guests for contributing to the success of the lecture. He expressed the hope that the lecture would inspire further research, interdisciplinary collaboration and responsible technological innovation.

Highlights of the event included a minute silence in honour of the late Prof. Oyawoye, and presentation of award of excellence to distinguished personalities.

The event was attended by University Principal Officers, Deans, Directors, traditional rulers from Offa, among others.



UNILORIN VC assures postgraduate students of timely completion of programmes

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has assured postgraduate students of timely completion of their programmes, particularly those enrolled in 18-month programmes, provided they fulfil their academic responsibilities.

Prof. Egbewole gave the assurance last Wednesday (November 18, 202), while declaring open the Joint Postgraduate Students' Orientation and Research Workshop organised by the University's Postgraduate School.

The Workshop, themed "Research Publication: Strategies for High-Quality Scholarly Writing," was designed to strengthen postgraduate students' research, academic writing and publication skills.

The Vice Chancellor emphasised the commitment of the University to integrity and transparency, urging students to report irregularities and challenges encountered during their studies for appropriate attention.

He specifically assured students undertaking 18-month programmes, comprising three semesters, that they would complete such within the registered period if they fulfilled their responsibilities. He advised them to alert the University authorities whenever they encountered circumstances capable of delaying their progress.

Prof. Egbewole also stressed that scholarly publication is a graduation requirement, urging students to engage their supervisors early for guidance and mentorship. He advised them to obtain official University email addresses through the appropriate unit, noting that email remained the principal communication channel as the processes become increasingly digitised in the University

In his address, the Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. Henry Nwosu, emphasised that postgraduate education required independence, discipline, critical thinking and commitment to research. He urged students to familiarise themselves with University regulations, complete their registration requirements and maintain productive relationships with their supervisors.

Prof. Nwosu also encouraged them to begin planning their publications early, uphold academic integrity, avoid plagiarism and other research misconducts and take advantage of academic seminars, conferences and research collaborations.

The President of the Postgraduate Students' Association of the University of Ilorin (POGSASS), Mr Hakeem Abiodun Kuranga, congratulated the newly admitted students, describing postgraduate education as a new phase of intellectual discovery, personal growth and responsibility.

He urged them to pay their prescribed fees, complete online registration as well as departmental and Faculty documentation within stipulated deadlines, and monitor official University communication channels.

On publication requirements, Mr Kuranga said Master students admitted in the 2026/2027 session are expected to publish at least one paper in a reputable journal, while Ph.D. students admitted from the 2022/2023 session were required to publish two papers, one in a Q-rated journal and another in a reputable journal, before title registration.

Mr Kuranga encouraged students to participate actively in the Association's academic, professional development and welfare activities, assuring them of its commitment to representing their interests and promoting constructive engagement with University management.

Delivering the Keynote address, titled "Transforming Research into Impactful Publications: Principles and Practices of High Quality Scholarly Writing," the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan, urged students to transform their dissertations and theses into publications that could reach wider audiences, attract citations and influence policy and practice. He emphasised clarity, precision and simplicity in academic writing, advising researchers to identify their unique contributions and research gaps.

He explained the IMRAD structure Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion and cautioned against plagiarism, data falsification and predatory journals. He also encouraged students to regard manuscript rejection as an opportunity to improve their work through reviewers' feedback.

The Workshop featured five technical sessions. Prof. Khadijat Adenola Yahaya facilitated "Crafting a Strong Scholarly Argument," while Prof. Taofiq Adedayo Alabi handled "Mastering the Art of Literature Review."

Prof. Lukman Adebisi Abdulrauf facilitated "Academic Integrity and Responsible Scholarly Writing," Prof. Atolani presented "Writing for Impact," while Dr F. M. Ajide addressed "From Manuscript to Visibility: Publishing Strategically for Scholarly Impact."

UNILORIN shines as student, 4 graduates win STRANSACT awards

By Tajudeen Babamale

An undergraduate and four alumni of the University of Ilorin have won the STRANSACT Chartered Accountants Award in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements during the 2025/2026 academic session and have been selected under the firm's Stransact Honours Rolls (SHR) initiative.

The award recipients were presented to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, last Tuesday (November 17, 2026) by the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, during a meeting at the Vice Chancellor's Office.

The beneficiaries are the University's overall best graduating student for the 2025/2026 academic session and a graduate of the Department of Mathematics, Mr Olusegun Francis Joseph; Miss Opeloyeru Sophiyat Ajoke, a 400-Level student of the Department of Microbiology; Miss Salaudeen Habeebat Omotayo, a graduate of the Department of Common Law; Miss Santos Esther Moyinoluwa, a graduate of Department of Accounting; and Mr Abdulsemiu Abdulafeez Olamilekan, a graduate of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

In the award letter signed by the Managing Partner of STRANSACT Chartered Accountants, Mr Eben Joels, the beneficiaries were informed that as recipients of the firm's SHR initiative, they would be enrolled in the STRANSACT Talent Vault, a structured programme designed to equip outstanding graduates with the requisite skills, professional competence and workplace readiness to excel across diverse industries.



Prof. Egbewole

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, congratulated the awardees and applauded STRANSACT Chartered Accountants for recognising the academic excellence of the University of Ilorin students.

While urging the beneficiaries to sustain the values, commitment and hard work that earned them the recognition, the Vice Chancellor also encouraged them to take the Talent Vault programme seriously, described it as an opportunity to acquire additional skills, develop their talents and prepare for the demands of the workplace.

Prof. Egbewole described the award as a springboard for greater accomplishments, urging the beneficiaries to remain alert to other opportunities and position themselves to make meaningful contributions to society.

He further encouraged them to aspire to replicate the gesture in the future by creating opportunities for others and inspiring younger generations to excel.

Speaking earlier, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Alex Akanmu, stated that STRANSACT Chartered Accountants had invited universities across the country to submit the academic records of their best-performing students for the 2025/2026 academic session. He added that 100 outstanding graduates were nominated from the submissions received nationwide, while 20 were eventually selected for the award.

He said the University of Ilorin was particularly pleased that five of the 20 award recipients nationwide emerged from the Institution, describing the achievement as a testament to the academic excellence of its students.

Prof. Akanmu appreciated STRANSACT Chartered Accountants for the initiative and philanthropic gesture, which, he said, had brought national recognition to the University's outstanding students.

Speaking on behalf of the other award recipients, Miss Opeloyeru Sophiyat Ajoke, thanked the Vice Chancellor and his management team for providing an enabling environment for students to thrive, describing their selection among the best in the country as a great honour. Miss Opeloyeru however pledged that they would heed his advice and remain worthy ambassadors of the University of Ilorin.





Egbewole to Mass Communication alumni: You are Unilorin's greatest ambassadors

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the impacts of the alumni of the institution's Department of Mass Communication, declaring that the University's greatest pride is not in the certificates it prints, but in the men and women who carry its ethos to the world.

Speaking at the 1st Physical Annual General Meeting of the Mass Communication Alumni Association, Unilorin (MCAAUIL), held at the Communication and Information Sciences Lecture Theatre, penultimate Friday (November 13, 2026), Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Dean , Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Saudat Salah Adulbaqi, said the historic gathering marked the end of years of virtual meetings and the return of physical handshakes, nostalgia and the "Better by Far" spirit to the campus.

"You are welcome back to the soil where your dreams were first given wings," the Vice Chancellor told the alumni, drawn from the 2009 to 2026 sets. He said, "Our greatest ambassadors are not merely the certificates we print, but the men and women who carry the Unilorin ethos into the global media, corporate boardrooms, public service, and creative industries."

Prof. Egbewole placed on record the University's deep appreciation for the tangible contributions of MCAAUIL under its National President, Dr. Abdulgaffar Olawale Arikewuyo. He cited their interventions in upgrading Departmental facilities, supporting studio and learning infrastructure, providing scholarships and financial relief for indigent students, and facilitating industry internships and mentorship programmes.

According to him, in an era where public universities face growing resource demands, the alumni have proven that true alumni citizenship goes far beyond nostalgia. "Every equipment donated, every student mentored, and every institutional project championed by MCAAUIL directly strengthens our academic delivery and reinforces our reputation as a centre of excellence," he said..

Addressing the current students of the Department, Prof. Egbewole urged them not to merely admire the alumni but to emulate their discipline, integrity and hard work.

In his remarks, the Head of the Department, Prof. Rasaq Adisa, expressed appreciation to the Executive Committee of the Association, for making waves around the world and making the Department proud.

Prof. Adisa described the Department as exceptional among others in the Faculty. He acknowledged the contributions of the Alumni Association towards the installation of solar lights, which, he said, has benefited the entire Faculty, the furnishing of the BoardRoom with tables and chairs, and the institutionalisation of awards by the Association, which he described as a great achievement.

He, therefore, advised students of the Department to emulate the alumni by continuing to link up with them, so that they too can become achievers in life. He added that giving back to the system that built them is very rewarding, even in the sight of Almighty Allah.

In his lecture titled, "Together Again: Strengthening Our Alumni Legacy," the Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Lateef Oladimeji, said Mass Communication builds credible narratives, protects public interest, promotes media literacy and responsible digital citizenship, and connects media broadcasting, public relations and other fields.

The renowned scholar also said that graduates must lead responsibly, stay informed and updated, maintain a consent-based alumni directory, and establish mentorship programmes to train the younger generation. He emphasised the essence of togetherness in sustaining the alumni legacy, noting that networking is very important to the progress of the University.

Speaking further, Prof. Oladimeji said he remains proud of the University of Ilorin, because the institution made him who he is today.

He advised participants that irrespective of religion, whether Muslim or Christian, they should not abandon their connection with the religious group they belong to, noting that their prayers and well wishes will continue to follow them around the world.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, the President of the Mass Communication Alumni Association, Dr Abdulgafar Arikewuyo, who was represented by the Vice-President of the Association, Mr Farouq Jolayemi, acknowledged the contributions of the University management towards the progress of the Department since its inception. He also appreciated individual staff members of the Department who groomed the alumni to achieve the remarkable feat.

He assured the Department that the Alumni Association would continue to give an annual award to the overall best graduating student of the Department. He also listed the renovation of the Departmental newsroom by the 2009 pioneer set, yearly fund support for SIWES students, which has helped many to secure better placements for their SIWES programme, presentation of certificates with cash backing, and the installation of solar lights as part of the achievements recorded so far by the alumni.

NIQS commends UNILORIN graduates, institutes best graduating student award

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS) has commended the quality of graduates produced by the University of Ilorin, citing their outstanding performance in professional examinations.

The Institute also announced the institutionalisation of an award for the best graduating student from the University's Department of Quantity Surveying.

The President of the Institute, Dr Aminu Muhammad Bashir, disclosed this last Wednesday (November 18, 2026), when he led members of the National Executive Council of NIQS on a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in his office. The visit was part of activities for the Institute's 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and National Conference, held in Ilorin from November 16 to 20, 2026.

Dr Bashir said the graduates of Quantity Surveying from the University had recorded an impressive success rate of about 98 per cent in the Institute's professional examinations, describing the performance as an affirmation of the institution's high academic standards.

While commending the University Management for sustaining an academic environment that produces graduates capable of competing favourably in their respective professions, the NIQS President also applauded the Vice Chancellor's leadership and the University's institutional progress, noting that the University had continued to justify its motto, Better by Far.

Dr Bashir further acknowledged the confidence reposed in members of the Institute through their appointments to strategic positions in the University, including the Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Prof. Amuda-Yusuf Ganiyu; the Director of the Physical Planning Unit, Mr Abdulrahaman Toyin Jimoh; and Dr Ranti Adewuyi, who oversees the University's Board of Survey.

According to him, the appointments reflect the University's recognition of the professional competence and contributions of members of the Institute.

In recognition of the University's academic excellence, the President of the Institute announced that its National Executive Council had selected the University of Ilorin to represent the North-Central Zone in its best graduating student award scheme.



He explained that the initiative involves selecting one University from each geopolitical zone of the country for the annual recognition.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole thanked the Institute for the recognition, describing the gesture as remarkable and one that the University would not take for granted.

He also acknowledged the Institute's recognition of the University as the leading institution in the North-Central Zone in the training of Quantity Surveyors. He noted that the distinction would further enhance the University's image and global visibility.

The Vice Chancellor particularly commended members of the Institute serving in various capacities within the University, affirming that their contributions had justified the confidence reposed in them. He disclosed that some had earned renewed appointments because of the value they continued to add to the institution.

Prof. Egbewole expressed the desire of the University to sustain its cordial relationship with the Institute, urging it to deploy its professional expertise towards improving procurement practices in Nigeria.

He observed that although the country had established regulatory frameworks and provisions for procurement, challenges associated with their implementation continued to undermine their effectiveness.



He, therefore, called on the Institute to contribute more actively to strengthening professionalism, promoting accountability and improving procurement processes for national development.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Prof. Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf, explained that the courtesy visit was organised to appreciate the Vice Chancellor for his leadership and sustained support for the Faculty and the Department of Quantity Surveying.

Scholars call for capacity building for national development

By Mustafa Abubakar



Geography scholars have called for increased investment in Geography education, modern facilities, research and professional training to strengthen the contributions of the discipline to national development.

The call was made penultimate Wednesday (November 4, 2026) at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Department of Geography and Environmental Management, University of Ilorin, held at the University Auditorium.

In his message at the programme with the theme, "50 Years of Geo-Spatial Synergy: Geography in the Service of Society," the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described the anniversary as an opportunity to reflect on the growth and contributions of the Department over the last five decades.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, recalled that the Department was established in 1976 with six indigenous members of staff and had grown through successive generations of academics and students. He noted that its transition from Geography to Geography and Environmental Management reflected changing societal needs and the importance of environmental protection, resource management and sustainable development.

Prof. Egbewole encouraged the Department to reflect on its achievements while preparing for emerging challenges and opportunities.

Delivering the anniversary lecture, titled "Geography @50 in UNILORIN: The Roles Expected of a Department of Geography and Environmental Management in the Service of Modern Society," Prof. J. O. Oyebanji highlighted the challenges faced by the Department in its formative years.

Prof. Oyebanji recalled that the undergraduate programme commenced on October 23, 1976. He explained that the pioneer academics faced inadequate funding and limited teaching and research facilities, relying on personal resources, borrowed reference materials, inter-university collaboration and mentorship to establish the Department.

He called for adequate funding, modern laboratories and equipment, as well as investment in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Remote Sensing, geoinformatics and environmental management.

Also, in his lecture, titled "The Role of Geography as a Discipline and Knowledge in National Development," Prof. Olukayode Oyekanmi Oyesiku examined the relevance of Geography to national planning, economic development and environmental sustainability.

Prof. Oyesiku highlighted the discipline's contributions to environmental protection, disaster risk reduction, tourism, industrial development and resource management. He explained that GIS, Remote Sensing and other geospatial technologies support urban planning, agriculture, transportation, infrastructure development and evidence-based decision-making.

The Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Muhammad Abubakar Yunusa, described the event as a significant milestone in the history of the Department.

He commended the Head of the Department, and the organising committee as he acknowledged the contributions of the founding members, former Heads of the Department, serving and retired staff, students and alumni. He also supported calls for stronger alumni engagement and increased investment in research, facilities and modern technologies.

Earlier, the Head of the Department, Dr Toluwalope M. Agaja, traced the history of the Department to the 1975/1976 academic session and disclosed that it had produced more than 6,000 graduates serving in academia, government, public service, environmental management institutions, industry and international organisations.

She noted that Geography had evolved from traditional mapping to the application of GIS, Remote Sensing, Global Positioning System (GPS), drones and Artificial Intelligence, which support responses to contemporary environmental challenges.

Dr Agaja urged alumni to support the Department through mentorship, scholarships, research collaboration and infrastructure development. She also encouraged students to embrace academic excellence, integrity and innovation. She



Dr Agaja

disclosed that the anniversary activities included the launch of an endowment fund for a GIS Laboratory.

In his remarks, Dr Ajewole Ojo Davies thanked the Vice Chancellor and University Management, the organising committee, alumni, staff, students, sponsors, donors and supporters for their contributions to the success of the celebration.

He acknowledged the Anniversary Committee, led by Prof. Kayode Ademola Iroye, and appreciated six participating schools: Rehoboth College, Minaret Comprehensive High School, Molly's Montessori Secondary School, Assunah Academy, Al-Itqan Academy and Emmanuel Baptist College.

Dr Davies called for continued innovation in GIS, climate action, urban planning and sustainable environmental management.

The celebration attracted Geographers from within and outside the University, alongside academics, members of staff, students, alumni and other invited guests. Activities included anniversary lectures, goodwill messages, a documentary presentation, a quiz competition among invited schools, fundraising and awards of excellence.

UNILORIN-STIP: Kitaw hails Egbewole's commitment, predicts bright future

By Tajudeen Babamale



The initiator of the University of Ilorin Science, Technology and Innovation Park (UNILORIN-STIP), Prof. Daniel Kitaw Azene, has commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his exceptional commitment to the project, predicting that the initiative has a bright future and the potential to position the University as a major innovation hub in West Africa.

Prof. Kitaw shared this optimism last Wednesday (November 18, 2026) when he joined the Vice Chancellor and members of the University management team on an inspection of the project site.

The Ethiopian-born academic, who is a Professor of Industrial Engineering at the Addis Ababa Institute of Technology (AAiT), Addis Ababa University (AAU), Ethiopia, said that the commitment of the University of Ilorin to the initiative is unparalleled, drawing from his more than four decades of experience in promoting university-industry linkages.

While reechoing that the University Senate had endorsed the establishment of the Centre, as its administrative structure, including the appointment of deputies, had been put in place, Prof. Kitaw said work is also progressing on the strategic plan and action plans for the Centre, alongside efforts to create awareness and sensitise the University community, industries and other stakeholders about its objectives and opportunities.

While identifying three essential requirements for the successful operation of the STIP, which are a strong institutional commitment and good governance, the participation of anchor industries, and government support, the project initiator expressed satisfaction that these three components were gradually coming together at the University of Ilorin. He noted that the University had demonstrated remarkable commitment, while prospective industry partners and government authorities were also showing encouraging interest.



He specifically mentioned the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC), companies from China and other high-technology firms as potential industry partners interested in the initiative. He also acknowledged the interest of the Kwara State Government and the Federal Government, adding that their support would be critical to the success of the project.



The Industrial Engineering expert maintained that the STIP was designed to serve a purpose beyond the University and its immediate environment, with the potential to become a major innovation and industrial hub for Nigeria and West Africa.

Prof. Kitaw, who cautioned that the Vice Chancellor could not accomplish the vision alone, stressed the need for a change of mindset to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and technological development. He added that the human and intellectual components of the project were as important as its physical structures.

Looking ahead, he expressed confidence that the initiative could transform Ilorin into an important industrial hub and position the University of Ilorin as a leading innovation centre for West Africa.

He also envisaged the development of interconnected innovation hubs in West, Southern and Eastern Africa to promote technological independence and accelerate the development of the continent.

According to him, Africa must overcome its dependence on external technological solutions and develop the capacity to drive its own innovation and industrial advancement.

He described the UNILORIN-STIP initiative as an important step towards achieving this objective, reiterating his confidence that the project had a very bright future.



We value your support, VC tells Nigerian Legion

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed the University's appreciation of the Nigerian Legion for its contributions and longstanding partnership, particularly in complementing the security architecture of the institution.

Prof. Egbewole gave the assurance last Thursday (November 19, 2026) while receiving members of the new Executive Committee of the Nigerian Legion, Kwara State Council, led by its Chairman, Veteran Abdulkadir Jabata, during a familiarisation visit to the University.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, acknowledged the valuable contributions of members of the Legion.

He urged the new Executive Committee to sustain the existing partnership and collaboration, stating that the experience and institutional knowledge of retired members remained valuable and should continue to be harnessed for the benefit of the University.



Earlier, the Chairman of the Nigerian Legion, Kwara State Council, Veteran Jabata, appreciated the Vice Chancellor for granting the delegation an opportunity to pay the courtesy visit.

He described the Nigerian Legion as an organisation established to cater for the welfare, interests and general well-being of retired military personnel who had honourably served the country.

Veteran Jabata commended the longstanding relationship between the Legion and the University, particularly the engagement of its members to provide security services within the University.

He described the partnership as more than a business relationship, noting that it reflected shared values of discipline, loyalty, responsibility and the protection of lives and property.

The Legion Chairman assured the University Management that the new leadership was committed to strengthening the relationship and ensuring that its security personnel continued to discharge their responsibilities with professionalism, dedication, discipline and integrity.

He solicited continued cooperation and understanding from the University Management, as well as opportunities for constructive engagement in security, welfare initiatives and other mutually beneficial programmes.





UNILORIN celebrates first cohort graduate trainees

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin has celebrated the first cohort of its Graduate Entrepreneurs Executive-Work, Earn, Live and Learn (GEE-WEL) programme, an initiative of the Department of Animal Production in collaboration with UNILORIN Gg Max Poultry Farm Limited.

The eight-week programme, which commenced on September 12, 2026, equipped graduates with practical skills in broiler production, management and health, as well as poultry processing, marketing and sales, to prepare them for entrepreneurship and employment creation.

At the graduation ceremony held last Tuesday (November 18, 2026), the Chairman of Gg Max Farms Limited, Prof. Foluke Eunice Sola-Ojo, commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, for promoting entrepreneurship and empowering students and graduates.

She disclosed that the trainees produced 6,000 broiler chickens with less than three per cent mortality and acquired basic knowledge of layer production through exposure to the farm's 30,000 laying birds. She appealed to alumni, philanthropists and well-meaning Nigerians to support the initiative, particularly the completion of the trainees' dormitory and provision of feeding.

In his keynote address, Dr A.T. Yusuf of the Department of Animal Production traced the project to a proposal that secured ₦600 million from the Central Bank of Nigeria under the Tertiary Institution Poultry Revival Scheme (TIPRES). He identified feed production, supply of day-old chicks, processing and marketing as opportunities across the broiler value chain, noting that feed accounts for about 70 per cent of production costs.

Representing the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, the Sub-Dean, Dr O.I. Alli, congratulated the graduands and commended Prof. Sola-Ojo and the Gg Max Board and Management. She urged beneficiaries to apply their knowledge, explore agriculture's self-employment opportunities, respect their trainers and build professional relationships.

Similarly, the Deputy Director of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), Dr Saadat Yetunde Yusuf, who represented the Director, Prof. George Adeniyi, advised the graduands to start small, suggesting that they could begin with 100 to 200 birds. She emphasised proper record-keeping and separation of personal and business accounts to improve access to loans and grants.

A former Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Abiodun Adeloye, commended the University Management for bridging classroom learning and practical entrepreneurship. He praised Prof. Sola-Ojo, the Board, management, staff and technical team for the training, while advocating greater female participation in subsequent cohorts.

Also speaking, a former TEC Director and Governing Council member, Prof. U.A. Raheem, described GEE-WEL as an extension of the University's graduate self-employment vision. He urged the farm management to consider start-up assistance and monitoring for beneficiaries.

Representing Prof. P.O. Adeoye, former TEC Director, mentor at the African Entrepreneurship Competition and Chairman of the African Support Bureau for Entrepreneurship (ASBE), Mr Ajibola Oyewo praised the programme for allowing participants to learn and earn while their welfare was catered for. He also commended the Vice Chancellor for promoting entrepreneurship.

In his remarks on behalf of the Department of Animal Production, Dr K.M. Okukpe urged graduates to establish businesses, seek genuine start-up support and remain humble towards their trainers. He expressed hope that the programme would continue beyond the tenure of the current Board.

The Olu of Iludun-Esie, Oba Kehinde Adeoti, commended Prof. Sola-Ojo and the University Management, urging the government to expand similar initiatives and provide agricultural grants to graduates.

In her remarks, the Programme Coordinator, Dr Eunice T. Bajomo, said the trainers, Dr K. K. Safiyu, Dr Biola Salako and Mrs Ramat Ayinla, were satisfied with the successful execution of the pilot phase.

Speaking for the farm, Mr Abdulganiy Bashir congratulated the graduands and welcomed the second cohort. Dr Biola Salako, representing the trainers, described the training as rewarding and suggested that future participants register their businesses before graduation.

The cohort captain, Bamigbade Khaleed Olalekan, said the programme provided valuable practical poultry production knowledge and pledged to apply it for personal development.

The ceremony was attended by the Alamoyo of Amoyo, Alhaji Jamiu Oyewole; the Onigbagede of Gbagede, Oba Abdulhakeem Kayode Ishola; the Olu of Iludun-Esie, Oba Kehinde Adeoti; Prof. S.O. Salami; Mr Ojuerayetan Judah, students of Flora International School; members of the Amoyo sawmill and tipper community led by Alhaji Oshe-Olohun; market women; university staff; Board members; trainers and graduands.

UNILORIN gave me the platform to excel among men, says best female Engineering graduate

By Mustafa Abubakar

A fresh graduate of Chemical Engineering from the University of Ilorin, Miss Mariam Kekerere-Ekun, has described her academic experience at the institution as an opportunity to demonstrate that gender is not a barrier to excellence. She said she never considered herself being a female student in a male-dominated Engineering discipline a limitation.

Miss Kekerere-Ekun, who emerged as the Department's Best Female Graduating Student with First Class Honours, said she was deeply honoured by the recognition, which she described as unexpected.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Monday (November 16, 2026), she explained that she had mixed feelings when she received the award because, to the best of her knowledge, it was the first time such an award was being presented.

Reflecting on her five-year academic journey, the Chemical Engineering graduate said she did not experience significant gender-related challenges in her Department, noting that



Miss Kekerere-Ekun

female students constituted a considerable percentage of the student population.

According to her, she approached her studies with determination, concentration and the desire to excel without allowing gender considerations to become a barrier.

"It has always been like there has not really been a barrier or limitation in that case. I just treat my studies the way I ought to, focusing and trying my best to excel. I don't look at the pressure or that gender limitation. I never considered it as a barrier," she said.

Speaking on her future aspirations, Miss Kekerere-Ekun disclosed that she hoped to pursue postgraduate studies, although she had yet to decide on the institution.

She also expressed her desire to contribute to Nigeria's development, stressing the importance of giving back to one's country and community.

While acknowledging that she was not opposed to seeking opportunities abroad, she maintained that graduates should remain committed to contributing to the development of their roots.

"I'm not against japa or anything, but I believe that one way or the other, we have to give back to our roots," she said.

The award recipient expressed profound appreciation to her level adviser, whom she described as a consistent source of support throughout her academic journey, beginning from 100 level.

She also acknowledged the contributions of her project supervisor and other lecturers in the Department of Chemical Engineering, for their roles in her academic development.

Zulum donates executive room to UNILORIN Holdings

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Governor of Borno State, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, has donated a two-bedroom executive room at the UNILORIN Researchers Lodge to UNILORIN Holdings Limited.

The Ag. Managing Director of UNILORIN Holdings Limited, Prof. B.A. Raji, received the keys on behalf of the University of Ilorin and the Holdings from the former Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS) and Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Prof. Jawondo expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for providing an enabling environment that allows individuals to showcase their talents and contribute meaningfully to the growth and development of the institution.

He also thanked the Governor



for his generosity and support towards the development of the facility.

In his remarks, Prof. Raji expressed gratitude to Governor Zulum for the donation and appreciated Prof. Jawondo for his contributions towards the realisation of the project.

He further disclosed that the management had plans to expand and improve the UNILORIN Researchers Lodge to enhance its facilities, improve service delivery and provide better accommodation for guests.

Also present at the ceremony were the Administrative Officer of UNILORIN Holdings Limited, Mrs Kafilah Shittu, and the Manager of UNILORIN Researchers Lodge, Mr Suleiman Shittu.

Olaitan urges students to embrace exemplary conduct

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan, has urged students to cultivate discipline, integrity, hard work and positive character as essential ingredients for academic excellence and future success.

Prof. Olaitan gave the advice penultimate Saturday (November 14, 2026) while speaking on the theme, "Things I Wish I Knew as a Student:Equipping Students for a Brighter Future", during the Student Empowerment Programme organised by Kingdom Voice Assembly and Prayer Ministry, Ilorin.

Speaking on the subject, "My Experience as a Student, Teacher and Parent," the Professor of Health Education drew from his experiences in the three capacities to offer practical guidance on academic development, personal discipline and responsible living.

Reflecting on his student days, Prof. Olaitan explained that while academic certificates could open doors of opportunity, integrity, humility and reliability were essential qualities for sustaining success.

He emphasised that discipline was more important than raw talent, urging students to develop effective time management habits, maintain consistent study routines and exercise control over their use of mobile phones and social media.

He also encouraged students not to allow the fear of asking questions to hinder their learning, noting that successful learners seek clarification, guidance and mentorship whenever necessary.



Prof. Olaitan

The Dean further stressed the importance of choosing friends carefully, observing that students' social relationships could significantly influence their character, decisions and future destinations.

Drawing from his experience as a university teacher and administrator, Prof. Olaitan noted that educators sometimes demand high standards from students because they recognised potentials that the students themselves might not yet have discovered.

He maintained that consistency in academic work was more effective than last-minute preparation, recalling that he had witnessed average students graduate with honours through regular study, while brilliant students sometimes struggled because of procrastination.

He also advised students to develop essential life skills, including communication, teamwork, digital literacy and emotional intelligence, alongside their academic qualifications.

On examination malpractice, the Dean warned that dishonest academic practices undermined students' self-confidence and character, stressing that an honest academic achievement was more valuable than a distinction obtained through fraudulent means.

Speaking from the perspective of a parent, Prof. Olaitan urged students to appreciate the sacrifices made by their parents and guardians to secure their education.

He advised them to maintain open communication with their parents, particularly when confronted with academic difficulties, peer pressure and personal challenges.

Prof. Olaitan further outlined five important lessons he wished he had known as a student: taking life seriously early, balancing faith with hard work, reading beyond classroom textbooks, treating failure as an opportunity to improve and protecting one's reputation through honesty and responsible conduct.

He encouraged students to develop practical commitments towards achieving their goals, including dedicating at least two hours daily to uninterrupted study, identifying mentors whose lives they admired and appreciating the support of their parents and guardians.

He said that one's background should not determine one's future, expressing confidence that discipline, good character and God's grace could position young people for leadership in academia, ministry, business and governance.



Return of fuel subsidy, a dangerious proposition, says analyst

By Mubarak Oladosu

A public affairs analyst, Mr Seun Awogbenle, has warned that any attempt to restore fuel subsidy will take Nigeria back to the biblical Egypt, describing it as a dangerous proposition that would set the country back by a mile.

Mr Awogbenle gave the warning penultimate Wednesday (November 11, 2026) while delivering a lecture, titled "Interrogating the political-economic substance of the debate on fuel subsidy removal versus restoration, which should interest Nigerians?" at the hybrid National Policy Dialogue of the Institute of Legislative Studies, University of Ilorin.

He said for a long time, Nigeria's economic foundations had been founded on faulty assumptions, noting that especially between 2015 and 2023, the economy was badly mismanaged.

Tracing the history of subsidy, he said Nigeria first subsidised petrol in 1973 following the global oil price shock, pointing out that subsidy was formally institutionalised in 1977 under General Olusegun Obasanjo's military regime through the Price Control Act of 1977.

He said that while Nigeria was embracing socialism in the 70s, the world was moving away from it to embrace free market principles, as seen in the era of Prime Minister Magret Thatcher in the UK and President Ronald Reagan in the US in the 80s, before spreading to Eastern Europe in the 90s.

"What Nigeria is attempting to do now is what developed nations experienced close to 50 years ago. Maybe that partly explains why we are underdeveloped," he submitted.

Mr Awogbenle said Nigeria insisted on subsidies, using funds that could have powered growth to subsidise consumption and its associated fraud.

He also argued that by 2023, the country had institutionalised a system of fixing foreign exchange to keep the value of the naira artificially high, borrowing to pay fuel subsidies, and also pledging in advance the crude it was yet to produce in forward sales agreements.

"He noted that in May 2023, Nigeria had a fragile economy with mounting debts, low revenue, and multiple subsidies that created a big hole in the public finances.

He described 2023 as a sink-or-swim moment, saying Nigeria had no option but to hit the reset button, else the economy would crash.

The analyst also noted that the removal of fuel subsidy, liberalisation of the foreign exchange regime, banking sector recapitalisation,reduction of electricity subsidy and clearing of foreign exchange backlogs were among the reforms implemented by the current administration.

He, however, noted that the reforms created negative effect in soaring food prices and rise in the cost of transportation. He urged states to introduce policies that will ensure food security and improve mass transit.

The UNILORIN alumnus also expressed hope that after three years of President Bola Tinubu's decisive subsidy removal, the policywould no longer be a tool for political opportunism exploited by the opposition, noting that investments move away from subsidised economies while freemarkets attract investments.

He also urged the government to stop it's notion of saving from subsidy removal and argued that no one saves what he never had.

"How do you save what you never had? Nigeria was essentially borrowing to pay fuel subsidy; it was a net negative. Removing fuel subsidies only helped to stop the economic bleed," he said.

The media personality listed the gains of reform to include higher revenue to states, competitive exports, stronger foreign reserves, foreign exchange stability and improved macroeconomic climate, but said the most important gain was that it had helped to rebuild Nigeria's economic foundations, necessary for jobs, direct investments, businesses and growth.

Mr Awogbenle described Nigeria as a poor country by every measure, noting that Nigeria is primary resource rich yet poor. And that is the prosperity paradox."

"Nigeria must seize the opportunity of the current reforms to move from a primary sector-driven economy to industrialisation, which requires productivity, skills, capital and infrastructure.

Participants at the event included the Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, who asserted that natural resources should be enough to classify a nation as rich because good leadership could leverage on it for development and growth eventually resulting in better improved development indices such as per capita income and budget size.

The Chairman of the event, Dr. Ruth Adimula, appreciated the University of Ilorin management for enabling the lecture series with a conducive environment while the Director of the Institute for Legislative Studies, Dr Adebola Bakare ,who convened the event noted that the next lecture, which focusee on Nigerian elections, would hold in December.



UNILORIN, truly better by far, says Georgian scholar

.....as Jawondo hails UNILORIN FM

By Abubakar Imam

A scholar from the University of Georgia, Athens, United States of America, Dr Jason Aryeh, has described the University of Ilorin as an institution that is worthy of its better by far appellation.

Dr Aryeh made this assertion last Monday (November 16, 2026) while featuring on a special personality Interview programme on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*. The programme was anchored by the duo of the Station Manager, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma) and Mr Abdulkadir Saliu (Magaji Nda).

He said that with the physical aesthetics of the University that he had seen and the calibre of its staff members that he had interacted with he is convinced that the University deserves the rating.

The American don, who is at the University as the Guest Speaker at the international conference jointly organised by the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin and his Institute, said that available records show that the University is not only doing very well but would also go well at national and international levels.

Accompanied to the studio by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo and a lecturer at the Department of the Performing Arts and Film Studies, University of Ilorin, Dr AbdulMalik Amali, Dr Aryeh thanked



the University of Ilorin for collaborating with his Institute towards deepening knowledge and human development.

On his part, the Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Jawondo commended the *UNILORIN 89.3 FM* for the richness of its programmes and the reach of its transmission.

The Dean said that the radio station is not only heard far beyond the boundaries of the University but that its programmes are impacting richly on the University and its listeners.

Prof. Jawondo said that he and his colleagues used to be taken up on issues they discussed on the station, a situation he said confirmed that people from far and wide tuned to it for its educative and informative as well as entertaining programmes.

Speaking on the service delivery records of the University, Prof. Jawondo said that it is not debatable that the University has become a producer of fascinating global citizens.

He said that alumni of the University are everywhere around the world doing very well and promoting the alluring image of the University.

Prof. Jawondo said that despite the pervasive nature of science and technology, humanities can not be down played.

He said that humanities would always guide scientists and technologists the best way of deploying their products in a way that science and technology would bring about the best in the humanity.

Unilorite counsels colleagues on entrepreneurial dispositions

By Abubakar Imam

A 200 Level student of the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, University of Ilorin, Miss Azeezat Mumini, has enjoined her colleagues to develop entrepreneurial skills right from the school.

Miss Mumini gave this advice last Tuesday (November 17, 2026) in an interview with *UNILORIN Bulletin* at the premises of the Student Affairs Unit.

She explained that learning practical aspects of entrepreneurship would enable students to become employers of labour rather than job seekers after graduation.

Miss Mumini, who engages in the production and marketing of Chin-Chin, said that she decided to go into the



■ *Miss Mumini*

business for her to make money and also learn what skills she needed to possess to become a successful Chief Executive of a business outfit.

Speaking on her daily turnover, Miss Mumini said that she makes nothing less than ₦15,000 every working day.

The 22 years old undergraduate, whose parents are based in Lagos, explained that she no longer depends on her parents for feeding and other sundry financial needs as she said that she makes enough money to take care of herself.

Answering another question, Miss Mumini said that her engagement in the business does not have any negative effects on her studies.

Miss Mumini explained that she pursues the venture in a methodical way that she doesn't miss lectures and other curricular and extra curricular activities.

Abdulbaqi harps on ethical communication

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, has said that misinformation and the rapid spread of rumours have made ethical communication more important than ever before.

Prof. Abdulbaqi made the assertion last Monday (November 16, 2026) while speaking at the opening ceremony of the World Public Relations Forum 2026 held in Abuja.

The Dean, who presented the welcome address on behalf of the NIPR, explained that Public Relations goes beyond image-making as she stressed the importance of building relationships, promoting truth and earning public trust.

She urged practitioners to uphold integrity, credibility and professionalism, while calling on delegates to build international partnerships, exchange ideas and support young communication professionals.

The event was attended by several dignitaries and participants from 126 countries.



Prof. Abdulbaqi

Saliu lauds Ogunniyi's contributions to UNILORIN

By Mustafa Abubakar

A Professor of Political Science at the University of Ilorin, Hassan Saliu, has commended the contributions of the retiring Professor of Chemical Engineering, David Ogunniyi, to the development of the University, describing him as a worthy Chemical Engineer, astute mentor and administrator.

Prof. Saliu, who stated this penultimate Saturday (November 14, 2026), described Prof. Ogunniyi as a distinguished academic who had positively influenced many lives through his professional accomplishments, mentorship and commitment to the growth of the University.

He particularly praised the retiring professor for his principled dispositions, courage and ability to rise above organisational controversies.

According to him, his relationship with Prof. Ogunniyi developed through the late Prof. Arthur Davies, the University's second Professor of Political Science, whose friendship with the chemical Engineering scholar dated back to their National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) days.

Prof. Saliu recalled that their relationship subsequently expanded through their participation in the University's tripartite meetings and activities of the Kwara Forum, where they worked together to protect the interests of Kwara State.



Prof. Saliu

He described Prof. Ogunniyi as a passionate advocate of the development of Kwara State, noting that the retiring professor consistently demonstrated cooperation and defended their collective interests during his tenure as Chairman of the Kwara Forum.

The Political Science scholar also commended Prof. Ogunniyi for speaking out on issues affecting the University, describing his position as an expression of courage and commitment to the truth.

Highlighting his administrative contributions, Prof. Saliu listed some of the positions held by Prof. Ogunniyi,such as Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering from 2008 to 2009; Director, School of Preliminary Studies, Fufu, from 2009 to 2012; and Director, UNILORIN Consultancy Services, from 2012 to 2014.

He noted that the production of table water with National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) certification commenced during Prof. Ogunniyi's tenure as Director of UNILORIN Consultancy Services.

Other positions held by the retiring professor included Director, Central Research Laboratory, in 2015, and Dean, Faculty of Engineering, from 2017 to 2021.

Prof. Saliu observed that although Prof. Ogunniyi was generally gentle and reserved, he was not afraid to express concerns about developments within the University when necessary.

He said the retiring professor deserved to be celebrated for enduring challenging periods within the University System and successfully completing his years of meritorious service.

2006 alumni donate cash to Sociology Dept, reward two students

By Mustafa Abubakar



The 2006 graduating set of the Department of Sociology, University of Ilorin, has donated N500,000.00 towards the development of the Department as it also gifted two outstanding final year students N100,000.00 each in appreciation of their academic excellence.

The gestures were part of the activities marking the 20th anniversary reunion of the set held penultimate Friday (November 13, 2026), at the Social Sciences Lecture Theatre (SSLT).

Speaking at the event, the class representative, Mr Joseph Abayomi Olatunbosun, said that the donation is an initial contribution towards a proposed solar-power initiative targeted at addressing the electricity needs of the Department.

He also disclosed that the beneficiaries of the academic awards are Ashaolu Ifeoluwa Abayomi and Olubayo Anthonia Sayo, who received N100,000 each for their outstanding cumulative grade point averages.

Mr Olatunbosun described the reunion as an opportunity to thank God and appreciate the lecturers whose contributions shaped the academic and professional journeys of the graduating set.

He disclosed that although he initially sought admission to study Business Administration, his Sociology education had proved valuable throughout his professional journey.

In his remarks, the President of the set, Mr Francis Ojo, explained that Sociology equips graduates with the knowledge and analytical skills to understand human behaviour, institutions and social change.

He identified career opportunities in banking and finance, human resource management, development work, government and public policy, marketing and public relations, technology and data analysis, healthcare, security and justice administration, entrepreneurship and the media.

He noted that a Sociology degree provides a foundation for building careers across different sectors, while advising students to acquire additional training, professional development and practical experience to improve their competitiveness.

Mr Ojo also encouraged students to prepare for life after graduation from their first year by developing academic, communication and digital skills, identifying career interests, seeking mentors, undertaking internships and building professional networks.

He urged the current students of the Department to explore the diverse career opportunities available to graduates of Sociology.

Responding, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. A. Y. Muhammed, welcomed the alumni and commended their continued commitment to the Department.

Prof. Muhammed recalled the positive contributions of the set during their undergraduate years and disclosed plans to rename the Department the Department of Sociology and Policy Studies.

Also speaking, the Head of the Department, Dr Sunday J. Akor, thanked the alumni for remembering the Department and encouraged other sets to emulate the gesture of the 2006 set by investing in its development.

AbdusSalam tasks Muslim women on climate change

By Abubakar Imam

The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam, has enjoined women to cultivate the habits that are capable of mitigating the negative consequences of climate change.

Prof. AbdusSalam, who teaches at the Department of Chemistry, gave this advice penultimate Sunday (November 15, 2026) while delivering a lecture at this year's Women's Day and award presentation organised by the Women Wing of the Ilorin Branch of the Ansarudeen Society of Nigeria at the Ansarudeen Central Mosque, Off Taiwo Road, Ilorin.

The cleric-don explained that the changes in atmospheric conditions currently being experienced were mainly human-induced.

He, therefore, enjoined Muslim



Prof. AbdusSalam

women to provide awareness on environmental changes to their gender-mates and other members of the society.

As leaders in their various households, Prof. AbdusSalam also encouraged them to adopt environmentally responsible practice, saying that it is necessary to reduce the impact of climate change on them and the society at large.

The Chief Imam, who is also a former Director of the General Studies Division, appealed to pregnant women to ensure that they take their antenatal consultation more seriously.

Prof. AbdusSalam also encouraged women to vigorously promote the consumption of safe water and sanitation practice. He explained that doing so would help their various communities to navigate the troubling situation.

The event was attended by many dignitaries including the Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. Bashir Omipidan, and the wife of the Vice Chancellor of the Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Mrs Bilikisu Oladimeji, among several others.

Two UNILORIN dons bag Curious TV award

By Mubarak Oladosu

Two academic staff members of the University of Ilorin, Dr Adesina Adegbite, and Dr Roheemat Adeyemi, have been honoured by Curious Television, an arm of Curious Multimedia Network, at its 2026 Annual Mega Awards Night recently held at the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Hall, Ilorin.

Dr Adesina Adegbite, who teaches in the Department of Performing Arts and Film Studies, received the 2026 Public Affairs and Media Impact Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to public discourse, media engagement and impactful journalism.

On her part, Dr Roheemat Adeyemi, a lecturer in the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, and a queen of Oyo Empire, received the 2026 Yoruba Cultural Heritage Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the preservation and promotion of Yoruba language, culture and traditional heritage.



Conferring the awards, the Chief Executive Officer of Curious Television, Mr Olufemi Emmanuel Akobi, said the honour recognises Dr Adegbite's insightful public affairs analysis, intellectual contributions across broadcast platforms and consistent support for credible and impactful journalism in Kwara State and beyond.

He also described Dr Adeyemi as a worthy ambassador of Yoruba heritage whose combination of academic excellence, cultural consciousness and dedication to women's advancement exemplifies the role educated women can play in safeguarding indigenous knowledge and sustaining traditional values.



Dr Adeyemi was specifically celebrated for her remarkable academic accomplishments as the very first doctorate degree holder among the queens of the Empire, alongside her sustained advocacy for female education and commitment to documenting and preserving the oral history, cultural identity and heritage of the Oyo traditional institution.

The Curious Television boss emphasised the need to encourage individuals, particularly scholars and custodians of traditional institutions, to document indigenous knowledge, preserve cultural history and promote the transmission of valuable traditions to the younger generation.

In his acceptance remarks, Dr Adegbite expressed appreciation to the management of Curious Television for the recognition. He pledged to sustain his contributions to public enlightenment, intellectual engagement and the advancement of society.



DID YOU KNOW?

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

Unilorin scholar charges government to tackle poverty, injustice to stop extremism

By Muizdeen Adewole



A Lecturer at the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies, University of Ilorin, Dr Mahmud Danjuma, has charged the government at all levels to go beyond military operations and tackle the root causes of extremism such as poverty, unemployment, political exclusion, injustice and bad governance for Nigeria to achieve lasting peace.

Dr Danjuma made the call last Wednesday, November 18, 2026) while presenting a paper at the Two-Day Capacity Building Workshop organised for teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies by the Kwara State Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development in collaboration with the Kwara State University of Education, Ilorin, and Nusret Educational and Cultural Company Limited, in Ilorin.

In his paper, titled "Understanding Radicalism, Extremism and Violent Experiences: A Multidisciplinary Analysis of Their Causes, Manifestations, Consequences and Prevention in Contemporary Society", Dr Danjuma argued that while radicalism may involve peaceful demands for fundamental reform, it becomes dangerous when it promotes intolerance, hatred and violence. He pointed out that violent extremism is the most destructive form because it justifies killing and terror to achieve ideological, political or religious goals.

According to him, many young people are not drawn to extremism by religion alone, but by a combination of economic hardship, youth marginalisation, corruption, discrimination, lack of accountability and a feeling that justice is inaccessible.

He warned that when citizens perceive that certain communities are deliberately excluded from political and economic opportunities, extremist narratives become more attractive to vulnerable individuals, and security measures alone cannot address that frustration.

Dr Danjuma, therefore, urged the government to strengthen the rule of law, promote inclusive governance, provide employment opportunities, improve educational infrastructure, protect human rights and ensure accountability for abuses.

He also called for effective rehabilitation and reintegration programmes for victims, survivors and persons who disengage from violent groups, noting that peacebuilding must include long-term rehabilitation and reconciliation, not just the immediate cessation of violence.

The don equally charged religious leaders and scholars to reclaim sound scholarship and teach moderation. He said Islam emphasises balance and moderation, justice, mercy, peaceful coexistence and the sanctity of human life, and warned against the misuse of concepts such as jihad and takfir by persons without scholarly competence. He stressed that qualified scholars must actively promote peaceful teachings, challenge distorted interpretations, and encourage consultation with people of knowledge, as contained in the Qur'an.

He further charged families and educational institutions to play their part in protecting young people from radicalisation. He said parents should provide proper moral and religious upbringing, encourage open communication, monitor children's exposure to harmful online content, teach respect for people with different beliefs, and provide emotional support and positive mentorship. Schools, colleges, universities and religious learning centres, he added, should promote critical thinking, religious literacy, respect for cultural and religious differences, moral discipline, peaceful conflict resolution and digital literacy.

The Arabist also called on traditional and community leaders to promote dialogue, mediate disputes, address grievances and strengthen relationships between different religious and ethnic groups, while collaborating with security agencies and civil society to identify emerging threats through lawful and community-sensitive approaches.



UNILORIN SU donates equipment to varsity clinic

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Students' Union (SU) of the University of Ilorin has donated equipment to the University Health Services (University Clinic) as part of its efforts to support healthcare delivery and improve the welfare of students and other members of the University community.

The donation, which was presented penultimate Tuesday (November 10,2026), was described as a token of appreciation and a practical demonstration of the students' commitment to supporting critical university services.

Speaking during the presentation, the Students' Union President, Mozeed Adam, appreciated the University management, particularly the Director of University Health Services, for the continuous support extended to students and other members of the University community.

He said the gesture was inspired by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, whose philosophy emphasises the importance of making meaningful contributions rather than engaging in activities that merely create appearances.

The student leader said that the Union considered it necessary to contribute to the development of the University Clinic, noting that the donation was intended to make a positive impact on the University community.

He explained that the contribution followed consultations and deliberations among student leaders, adding that it represented the collective appreciation of the students for the services rendered by the University's healthcare facility.



Responding on behalf of the University management, the Director of University Health Services, Dr Rasheed Odunola, commended the Students' Union leadership for the initiative, describing it as a demonstration of thoughtfulness, commitment and practical support for institutional development.

Dr Odunola said it was encouraging that the students had translated their concern for the University into a tangible contribution.

He recalled his longstanding relationship with the students and expressed confidence that the tradition of cooperation among students, management and other stakeholders would continue to strengthen the institution.

He also acknowledged the contributions of members of the Student Affairs Unit and other University officials who had continued to support student welfare.

In his remarks, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, commended the Students' Union for identifying the University Clinic as a critical area requiring collective support.

He explained that the University had identified certain strategic units, including Admissions, Security and the University Clinic, as essential services that deserved sustained institutional attention and partnership.

According to him, the University Clinic occupies a particularly important position in the University's welfare structure because of its responsibility for providing healthcare services to students and staff.

He expressed the hope that the Students' Union's initiative would encourage other stakeholders, particularly the alumni and well-meaning individuals, to contribute towards improving healthcare facilities and services.

The Dean stressed that providing adequate healthcare facilities was essential, even when members of the University community might not require medical attention at a particular time.

He, therefore, urged members of staff of the University Clinic to remain committed to supporting students, assuring them of the continued cooperation of the Student Affairs Unit.

He also appreciated the University management and the clinic staff for their contributions to student welfare.

Present at the event were the Sub-Deans of the Student Affairs Unit, other members of the Students' Union Executive Council and some staff members of the University Clinic.

SSANU doing its best for members' welfare-Falowo

By Abubakar Imam

The Chairman of the University of Ilorin Branch of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Mr Naheem Olusola Falowo, has said that the Association, at national and branch levels, is doing its best towards ensuring the welfare of its members.

Mr Falowo disclosed this last Monday (November 16, 2026) while featuring on '*Table Talk*', a current affairs programme of *UNILORIN 89.3FM*. The programme was anchored by the Station's Studio Manager, Mr Segun Agboola.

While saying that the Union operates as a single entity, Mr Falowo said that the leadership of the Association would continue to do everything within its province to ensure that the welfare of its members are protected.

He promised that his leadership would never lose sight of its responsibilities to its members or compromise on issues that affect their rights and conditions of service.



■ *Mr Falowo*

Mr Falowo assured members of the Association that he and other leaders would remain committed to transparency, accountability, consultation and the pursuit of the collective interests of its members.

He assured that the Association would continue to speak with one voice, stand together in solidarity and pursue every legitimate avenue to ensure that the concerns of the Association received the attention of stakeholders.

Mr Falowo commended the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and his management team for ensuring the welfare of staff members of the University.

The Chairman explained that the management of the University has done relatively well in meeting the expectations of staff members as he encouraged the University Administration to do more for staff in order to enhance productivity.

Speaking on sister universities in Kwara State, Mr Falowo encouraged the Kwara State Government to provide more support for the Kwara State University, Malete, and the Kwara State University of Education, Ilorin, as well as other state-owned tertiary institutions. He said that the institutions should be given more support for them to attain more greatness.

Igbomina Youth Assembly honours Akogun for outstanding support

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Igbomina Youth Assembly (IYAss) has honoured the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, for his outstanding contributions and sustained support for the development of Igbomina land and its youth population.

The award was presented penultimate Saturday (November 14, 2026) during the Assembly's 15th anniversary celebration held at Igbomina House, Ganmo.

The anniversary celebration, which featured fundraising, the launch of a magazine and awards presentation, was held under the theme, "The Youth as Catalyst for Economic Prosperity in Igbomina Land."

Speaking at the ceremony, the National President of Omo Obile Igbomina, Sir Bisi Fakayode, who was the Chief Host, commended the Assembly for sustaining a platform that promotes youth participation in community development. He urged Igbomina youths to remain committed to unity, leadership, entrepreneurship and the socio-economic advancement of their homeland.

He also acknowledged the contributions of individuals like Mr Akogun, noting that community development requires the collective efforts of well-meaning sons and daughters of Igbomina land.

Speaking earlier, the National President of the Igbomina Youth Assembly, Mr Oyinloye Oluwasogo Kehinde, expressed appreciation to individuals and organisations that had supported the Assembly over the years. He described Mr Akogun as a worthy supporter of the youth, whose contributions had encouraged the Assembly in its pursuit of youth development and community advancement.



Mokuolu's dad passes on at 93
By Abubakar Imam

He called on other well-meaning individuals to emulate such gestures by investing in initiatives that would create opportunities for young people and promote the progress of Igbomina land.

Responding, Mr Akogun expressed appreciation to the Igbomina Youth Assembly for the recognition, describing it as an encouragement to do more for his community.

He said that the development of Igbomina land remained a collective responsibility, stressing that the youth constitute an important resource in driving social, economic and human capital development.

Mr Akogun reaffirmed his commitment to supporting initiatives that promote unity, education, youth empowerment and community development. He also congratulated the Assembly on its 15th anniversary, urging its leadership and members to sustain the vision and ideals upon which the organisation was established.

Mokuolu's dad passes on at 93

By Abubakar Imam

The death has been announced of a retired staff of the Nigerian Railway Corporation, Elder Israel Ekundayo Mokuolu. He was aged 93.

Elder Mokuolu, who passed away peacefully in the early hours of Friday, November 20, 2026, in his Lagos home, was the father of a former Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), Prof. Olugbenga Mokuolu.

A statement signed by Prof. Mokuolu, who was also the Chairman of the Planning Committee of the historic 50th Anniversary of the University, described the deceased as a conscientious father who made tremendous sacrifices to raise and provide for his children.



Late Elder Mokuolu

Prof. Mokuolu said that his father also left behind a legacy of love, devotion and selflessness.

Apart from Prof. Mokuolu, the deceased was also survived by his beloved wife, children and grandchildren, including a retired Assistant Director at the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, Mr Olusegun Mokuolu.

Details of the burial arrangements will be made available in due course.

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Date: Wednesday, 2nd December, 2026
Time: 9:00 am
Venue: Multipurpose Hall

UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 12TH TO 19TH NOVEMBER 2026

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	566,250.00
Sundry Other Incomes	339,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	970,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	1,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	1,000.00
Capitation NHIS	2,995,700.00
Refund	67,400.00
Refund Salary	3,220,000.00
Refund Non Salary	100,000.00
Administrative Charges Income	3,000.00
CCSCA Application fees	25,200.00
Clinic Registration Staff	5,000.00
Contractor's Registration Fees	25,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	149,900.00
Hire of University Property	13,000.00
Insurance Claims/Others	14,880,656.00
CODL- General Payment	40,400.00
CODL- Form Processing Charges	151,200.00
CODL- Undergraduate Charges	7,387,620.00
CODL Clearance Charges	251,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	1,000.00
Others	15,000.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	1,077,300.00
Undergraduate Change of Course	10,200.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	119,500.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	442,200.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	190,322.50
Postgraduate School Verification of Results	80,800.00
Remedial Application Form	121,600.00
Remedial Acceptance payment	210,000.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,442,100.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance	105,600.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	151,200.00
Institute of Education Verification of Results	40,400.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	80,800.00
Institute of Education Application Form	25,200.00
JUPEB School Charges	6,242,400.00
JUPEB Acceptance payment	504,000.00
JUPEB Application Form	604,800.00
Total Receipt for the Period	**₦42,656,748.50**
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Sinclair Hospitality Services Ltd Accommodation and Feeding of University Guests	1,451,432.50
Hajar Nigeria Limited Purchase of Kitchen and Household Equipment	2,171,398.95
Riolyx Nig Ltd Repair of Electrical Components of 1 MVA Cummins Generator	7,527,633.75
Meem Solar Solutions Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,028,117.50
Funbas Engineering Nig Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,564,374.00
Zaamb Integrated Services Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	414,100.00
Rabfak Autofarm Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	963,900.00
Clean Consults Integrated Services Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,340,237.50
Khaajims Heritage Services Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	442,000.00
Gatasuak Nigeria Enterprises Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,354,985.00
Mukbanah Greenlands Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,319,625.00
All-B Consult Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,569,848.00
Blessing Fumigation and Pest Control Venture Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,536,868.00
Al-Haqq Model Multr-Investment Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,514,062.50
Humaj Tafida Enterprises Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,267,622.00
Badaj Steel Structure Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,319,455.00
Bofat Consult Nig Enterprise Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,371,135.00
Oyatoahmed Ventures Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,514,062.50
Rajab and Amid Nig Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,422,262.50
Okin-Gold Ventures Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,296,114.00
Dabb Contractors and Allied Ventures Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	863,600.00
Zaahfat Investment Services Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,256,538.00
Mafal Associates Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,270,750.00
Pagers World Global Construction Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	840,140.00
Wazlat Global Services Ltd Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,266,160.00
Al-Ameen Integrated Company Limited Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	703,290.00
Hajar Nigeria Limited Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	427,040.00
Benfason Integrated Company Limited Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	737,715.00
Yasbam Royal Global Consults Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	951,787.50
F and B Tasty Flavours Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	515,500.00
Demos Ventures Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	232,625.00
Oloriegbe Catering Food Vendors for 41st ConvocationCeremonies	280,000.00
Golden Pot Foods Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	348,750.00
Barbecue Rental Catering Services Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	226,875.00
Masterpiece Funke Kugbayi Venture Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	302,500.00
Mohammed Shakirat Titiola Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	125,750.00
Ayodele Esther Bola Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	291,500.00
Ayoku Taibat Tayo Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	129,375.00
Saka Ganiyat Bola Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	129,375.00
Muhabaa Multi Service Enterprises Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	151,250.00
Agboola Segun Olatunde Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	175,000.00
Oluwadamilola Afelumo Food Vendors for 41st Convocation Ceremonies	280,000.00
Tekra Global Concept Ltd Installation, Testing and Commissiong Of ICT and Lab.Equipment and Solar CBNTETFUND	152,059,390.74
Excel Associates Procurement and Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Engineering Lab. Equipment CBNTETFUND	146,809,883.05
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	35,925,320.75
Purchase Advance Various	223,000.00
Unilorin Press Printing Job	989,800.00
Unilorin Petrol Stations Supply of Fuel	379,500.00
NYSC Allowance for October 2026	2,105,000.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	1,247,673.40
Total TSA Charges Various	58,664.50
Total payment for the period	**₦383,783,986.64**

Signed
Abiodun Lawal FCNA
Bursar

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	IDOWU AOLAT ADEOLA	REGISTRY	22-Nov
2	ADEYELE SAMUEL	SECURITY DIVISION	22-Nov
3	OLATOKE SAMUEL ADEGBOYEGA	SURGERY	22-Nov
4	SALIMAN RASHEED SAHBAN	SECURITY DIVISION	22-Nov
5	AHMED OLATUNJI	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	22-Nov
6	SANNI JUBRIL OLAYINKA	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	22-Nov
7	ABDULKAREEM SULYMAN AGE	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	23-Nov
8	KOLAWOLE FOLASHADE CAROLINE	HEALTH SERVICES	23-Nov
9	RAHEEM TOYIN MOHAMMAD	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	23-Nov
10	DOSUMU OMOTAYO OLUTOLA	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	23-Nov
11	ODUSOTE JAMIU KOLAWOLE	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	23-Nov
12	AFOLAYAN RAZAQ BAYO	STATISTICS	23-Nov
13	ABDULRAHEEM MULIKAT	MARKETING	23-Nov
14	ABDULRAZAQ BUKOLA FATIMOH	REGISTRY	23-Nov
15	AKOREDE GANIU JIMOH	VETERINARY PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY	23-Nov
16	ASHAOLU MODUPE OLUREMI	REGISTRY	23-Nov
17	SIDIQ RAMAT BOBOOKIRI	VETERINARY ANATOMY	24-Nov
18	OYINLOYE OLALEKAN IBUKUN	RADIOLOGY	24-Nov
19	OGUNADE RAYMOND OLUTOYIN	RELIGIONS	24-Nov
20	ADEOYE TAIYE OLUSHOLA	GEOPHYSICS	24-Nov
21	HAROON-SULYMAN SHAKIRAT OLUWATOSIN	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	24-Nov
22	AHMED BAYO MUSA	MATHEMATICS	24-Nov
23	SULAIMAN ISMAIL OLAREWAJU	REGISTRY	24-Nov
24	OLAREWAJU SAMUEL ADEBISI	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	24-Nov
25	FAMAKINDE OLUWASEUN SHERIFAT	REGISTRY	24-Nov
26	ABDULSALAM SEKINAT BUKOLA	VETERINARY PHYSIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY	24-Nov
27	OLADIMEJI HALIMAT BOLANLE	ECONOMICS	24-Nov
28	AGBABIAKA TOYIN OLAYEMI	MICROBIOLOGY	25-Nov
29	AREMU IDOWU OMODELE	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Nov
30	OJENEYE BAMIDELE	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Nov
31	OYEDEPO TITILAYO ADENIKE	REGISTRY	25-Nov
32	JENYO FAUSAT OLANIKE	REGISTRY	25-Nov
33	MUSA AMUDA KADIR	REGISTRY	25-Nov
34	ABDULHAMID MOSHOOD ABDULSALAM	PROCUREMENT & MAINTENANCE SUPORT	25-Nov
35	UYANNE ELIZABETH OBIAGELI	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	25-Nov
36	ABDULFATAI AISHAT OMOTAYO	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Nov
37	ADENIYI OLAKIITAN IBUKUN	STATISTICS	25-Nov
38	AKERELE ELIZABETH	REGISTRY	25-Nov
39	MOMODU IBRAHIM GENTLE	REGISTRY	25-Nov
40	ORISAJI ELIZABETH ABIKE	REGISTRY	25-Nov
41	ADEKUNLE ADEBAYO SURAJUDEEN	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	26-Nov
42	ADEKEYE HANAH OLUWATOYIN	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	26-Nov
43	AFOLABI KAYODE OJO	SCIENCE EDUCATION	26-Nov
44	OMOKANYE HABEEB KAYODELE	OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY	26-Nov
45	OYEYEMI OMOTAYO ISAAC	REGISTRY	26-Nov
46	SANNI JEMEEL ADEDOTUN	ECONOMICS	26-Nov
47	ABDULLAHI RASAQ MAITO	LIBRARY	26-Nov
48	ADEGUN ISAAC KAYODE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	27-Nov
49	OSENI OLUWAFEMI SAMUEL	SECURITY DIVISION	27-Nov
50	JOSHUA FLORENCE FUNSHO	REGISTRY	27-Nov
51	EWURUM MAUVEEN ONYEKACHI	HEALTH SERVICES	27-Nov
52	NWACHUKWU UKAMAKA MARY	REGISTRY	27-Nov
53	AHMED ABDULKADIR	REGISTRY	27-Nov
54	TIJANI SULEIMAN DARE	AGRONOMY	27-Nov
55	EMMAUNEL OLUBUNMI MODUPE	REGISTRY	27-Nov
56	ADEBISI TAIBAT TUNRAYO	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	27-Nov
57	ADEDOJA RUTH OWOADE	REGISTRY	27-Nov
58	SOFOLUWE ABAYOMI OLUMIDE	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	28-Nov
59	BALOGUN OLUSEGUN SAMUEL	CROP PROTECTION	28-Nov
60	BALOGUN SAADUDEEN	WORKS: MECHANICAL	28-Nov
61	POPOOLA ABIOLA OLUWAGBEMIGA	PSYCHOLOGY	28-Nov
62	OJUBANIRE ABDULFATAI FUNSO	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	28-Nov
63	ADEYEMI OLUWATOYIN FUNKE	REGISTRY	28-Nov
64	BABALOLA MARIAM OLADUNNI	REGISTRY	28-Nov
65	DADA EMMANUEL OLATUNDE	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	28-Nov
66	YUSUF ABDULRAHMAN OLALEKAN	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	28-Nov
67	DAWODU BASHIR ABIOYE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	28-Nov

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The 2025/2026 Session in the annals of UNILORIN (2)

(Excerpt from UNILORIN STAR, 2026 Edition)

Continued from last week

The 2025/2026 Session witnessed substantial Federal Government support facilitated by the Vice Chancellor's strategic engagements.

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) allocated ₦2.56 billion to the University in 2025 for infrastructure, ICT support and staff training. In addition, the University secured ₦4 billion under the Special High Impact Project (SHIP) for the College of Health Sciences and ₦750 million for hostel construction.

To lessen students financial burden, the University facilitated the disbursement of ₦1.59 billion under the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND) to 12,983 undergraduate students across all Faculties, guaranteeing that no student drops out on account of financial constraints.

In the area of campus mobility and green economy, the University commissioned five 54-seater Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses and 20 electric-powered tricycles in January 2026, in a deliberate move to strategically address transportation challenges occasioned by the relocation of the Campus Motor Park.

In the course of the Session, the University successfully transitioned to a paperless administrative system.

A key driver of this reform is the Memo Manager, a smart correspondence tracking system, an initiative that would eliminate loss of mails in transit and enable staff to monitor the movement of correspondence.

The University of Ilorin again emerged as one of the winners of the 6th National Tertiary Admissions Performance-Merit Awards (NATAP-M).

The awards, which were organised by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and attended by Chief Executives of universities, polytechnics, monotechinics and Colleges of Education and other important stakeholders in the nation's educational sector, highlighted the commitment of the University to admission regulations.

The award, which attracts a prize money of N25 million, was granted in recognition of the significant roles the University of Ilorin plays in advancing Nigeria's educational landscape.

It was presented to the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, by the Minister of Education, Dr Maruf Tunji Alausa, on behalf of the organisers.

Receiving the award, Prof. Egbewole thanked JAMB for the recognition and assured the Board that the University would continue to improve on its service delivery for it to continue to produce high quality manpower for national development.

In the course of the Session under review, the University's Central Research Laboratory (CRL) was selected as one of the few laboratories in Nigeria that would be used to conduct a national baseline study on lead analysis capacity in North Central Nigeria.

The initiative, which is being carried out in collaboration with Resolve to Save Lives and supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), focuses on lead assessment and baseline studies across Nigeria.

The project involves evaluating selected laboratories for their capacity to analyse lead in different matrices, including air, water, soil, food products, and human blood.

Remarkably, out of thousands of laboratories assessed nationwide, only about ten were selected, with UNILORIN's CRL emerging as one of the most qualified based on its human resource strength, infrastructure, and administrative efficiency.

The selection underscores the strong potential of the University for collaboration with international organisations and government agencies on critical public health interventions, a development, which the Director of the CRL, Prof. Ibraheem Adeola Katibi, described as a significant milestone in the annals of the University.

According to Prof. Katibi, the recognition would not only enhance the visibility of the CRL, but it would also place the University on the global map in terms of advanced research and analytical capacity.

Also, in the Session under review, the University recorded another remarkable milestone in global higher education rankings as it emerged as Nigeria's number one University in Aquatic Science in the 2026 SCImago Institutions Rankings while also securing fifth position among the seven Nigerian universities featured in the 2026–2027 U.S. News Best Global Universities Rankings.

The impressive performances highlight the University's sustained excellence in research, innovation, quality publications and international visibility, with both globally recognised ranking organisations acknowledging the increasing influence of the University in scholarship, citation impact and academic development.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said the latest achievements reflect the collective efforts of the University staff, students, alumni and partners, noting that the rankings further strengthen the institution's resolve to realise its Vision 1:10:500 agenda of becoming one of the world's leading universities.

Beyond Aquatic Science, UNILORIN recorded outstanding performances across several disciplines, ranking 2nd in Nigeria and 10th in Africa in Surgery, 3rd nationally and 10th in Africa in Library and Information Science, 3rd in Nigeria and 36th in Africa in Veterinary Medicine, 3rd in Nigeria and 41st in Africa in Mathematics, and 2nd nationally and 37th in Africa in Animal Science and Zoology.

Similarly, the 2026–2027 U.S. News Best Global Universities Rankings placed the better by far University as the fifth-ranked Nigerian university.

The U.S. News report identified the University's strong citation impact as one of its greatest strengths, describing it as compelling evidence of the quality, relevance and global influence of researches produced by UNILORIN scholars.

The analysis further showed that the University's steady rise in international rankings reflects the success of deliberate institutional policies promoting quality research, innovation, multidisciplinary collaboration and global academic engagement.

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