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Egbewole attributes 99% programme accreditation to quality library resources

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has attributed the accreditation of 99 per cent of the academic programmes of the University to the high quality of its library resources and staff.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (October 27, 2026) when he received the National Executive Officers of the Cataloguing, Classification and Indexing (CCI) Section of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA), who paid him a courtesy visit ahead of their 46th Annual Seminar/Workshop hosted by the University of Ilorin's Library from October 26 to 30, 2026.

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Prof. Egbewole

UNILORIN, RUDN to expand academic, research collaboration



By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin is set to benefit from expanded academic, professional and research opportunities following discussions on a new collaboration with the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University), Moscow.

The discussions involved the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and a delegation of Nigerian university leaders during a working visit to the Faculty of Philology of RUDN University on the sidelines of the Third Russia–Africa Summit and Economic and Humanitarian Forum in Moscow, Russia.

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UNILORIN inducts 73 inaugural PharmD graduates

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin has inducted 73 Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) graduates, marking the 10th induction ceremony of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the first involving graduates of its PharmD programme.

The ceremony, held at the University Auditorium last Thursday (October 29, 2026), featured the administration of the Pharmacists' Oath on the Class of 2026. *(Contd. on page 5)*



Prof. Etudaiye

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Egbewole congratulates Oloyede on turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto

...hails Sultan on 20th anniversary on throne

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated one of his predecessors in office, Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, on his turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto on Sunday (November 1, 2026) by the Sultan of Sokoto, His Eminence, Alhaji Muhammad Saad Abubakar.

Prof. Egbewole also congratulated the Sultan on his 20th anniversary on the revered Caliphate throne, and thanked him for finding Prof. Emeritus Oloyede, who administered the University between 2007 and 2012, worthy of appointment into such highly valued traditional office.

The Vice Chancellor noted, in a press statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, that the conferment of the prestigious title on Prof. Emeritus Oloyede, who is also the immediate past Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), is "a well-deserved honour to a rare breed public servant, a detribalised Nigerian bridge builder, and an incorruptible statesman."

Prof. Egbewole particularly rejoiced with Prof. Emeritus Oloyede, who is also the Secretary-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), saying, "The new chieftaincy title is in recognition of his well-known contributions to the nation's educational development, service excellence, community service, and humanitarian credentials."



Prof. Emeritus Oloyode



Prof. Egbewole



Sultan of Sokoto

He further described the erudite Professor of Islamic jurisprudence as "a veritable symbol of renewed hope for national rebirth."

While wishing Prof. Emeritus Oloyede long and fruitful reign in his new traditional assignment, Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary General of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU), said the conferment of the title on him is indicative of the fact that Nigeria is not done with the multi-tasking former JAMB boss yet.

Also congratulating the Sultan on his 20th coronation anniversary, Prof. Egbewole rejoiced with the prominent royal father whose reign so far has symbolised societal peace, religious harmony and national development.

He then wished the Sarkin Muslumi and President-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) long life in continuous sound health and more fulfilling reign on the stool of the Caliphate.

Management hails Committee on successful Convocation ceremonies

By Abubakar Imam

The management of the University of Ilorin has commended the Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, on the successful conduct of the 41st Convocation ceremonies of the University, held from Friday, October 16 to Sunday, October 25, 2026.

In a memo dated October 28, 2026 and addressed to the Chairman and members of the Committee, the management acknowledged the exemplary leadership, dedication and commitment of the Chairman and Members of the Committee, which accounted for the successes recorded throughout.

The memo, which was signed by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, noted that the successful conduct of the ceremonies was a testament to the meticulous planning, effective coordination and diligent supervision of the various activities associated with the ceremonies.

Mr Alfanla added that the management noted the efforts of the Chairman and his colleagues on the Committee in coordinating the ceremonial programmes, harmonising the activities of the various sub-committees, strict adherence to the approved schedules and maintaining the dignity, as well as decorum of the occasion, which contributed immensely to its overall success.



Prof, Fawole

The management, according to the Registrar, further appreciated the Committee's ability to effectively coordinate the various stakeholders by ensuring effective collaboration among the relevant committees, University officers and other personnel involved in the exercise.

"Your attention to details, effective communication and prompt resolution of operational challenges", Mr Alfanla explained, "helped to ensure the smooth and orderly conduct of the ceremonies".

He pointed out that the Committee's collective commitment and sense of responsibility have further enhanced the University's reputation for excellence, professionalism and effective event management.

While expressing the management's to the Committee for the outstanding performance and invaluable contributions, Mr Alfanla wished the Chairman and his colleagues on the Committee success in future assignments.

The 50-Member Committee is headed by the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) of the University, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, while the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, serves as its Secretary.



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Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, the Vice Chancellor described the Library as central to the existence of the University, noting that it serves as the custodian of knowledge and plays a vital role in teaching, learning and research.

Prof. Egbewole welcomed members of the Association's Executives Committee to the University and expressed hope that their stay would be fruitful.

He also acknowledged the emerging challenges confronting the library profession and expressed optimism that the workshop would help identify practical solutions and strategies for addressing them.

The Vice Chancellor assured the visitors of the commitment of the University to supporting initiatives that promote professional development, strengthen library services and enhance knowledge management in higher education.

The leader of the CCI Section, Prof. Racheal Opeyemi Odunlade, appreciated the University management for its hospitality and support, noting that the University could have declined the request to host the event following its recent engagement with the parent body of the Nigerian Library Association. She, however, commended the Vice Chancellor for welcoming the section and providing an enabling environment for the professional gathering.

Speaking on the workshop's theme, "Universal Bibliographic Control: Exploring the Impact of AI on Global Coordination of Metadata," Prof. Odunlade said the event was timely, given the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on how information is created, organised, described, discovered, shared and preserved.



■ *Prof. Etudaiye*

She noted that emerging technologies offer opportunities to improve cataloguing, classification, subject indexing, authority control, multilingual metadata creation and information accessibility across different platforms and countries.

She explained that Universal Bibliographic Control promotes international cooperation by ensuring that bibliographic records created in one country are accessible and usable worldwide, thereby improving metadata consistency, interoperability, resource sharing and information discovery.

However, Prof. Odunlade cautioned that AI adoption must address concerns about accuracy, algorithmic bias, cultural representation, intellectual property, data privacy, language diversity and the preservation of human expertise.

Prof. Odunlade also stressed the need for information professionals to ensure that AI upholds the core values of librarianship, including equitable access to information, intellectual freedom, accuracy and the preservation of humanity's intellectual heritage. She urged African professionals to ensure that indigenous languages, local knowledge systems, cultural heritage materials and scholarly outputs are adequately represented in global



■ *Prof. Odunlade*



metadata systems, while actively contributing to the development of international standards and policies.

In a keynote address, titled "Universal Bibliographic Control: Exploring the Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Global Coordination of Metadata," a Professor of Library and Information Science at the University of Ilorin, Adeyinka Tella, identified the need for libraries and information professionals to embrace technological advancements while maintaining professional standards.

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UNILORIN, RUDN to expand academic, research collaboration

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Prof. Egbewole signed the inter-university agreements with the RUDN University, on the sidelines of the 3rd "Russia–Africa" Summit and Economic and Humanitarian Forum, which took place in Moscow from October 28 to 29, 2026.

Under the proposed collaboration, the University of Ilorin will benefit from professional retraining programmes, summer schools and winter schools to be organised by RUDN University's Centre for Additional Professional Education (APE).

The initiative will provide UNILORIN staff and students with opportunities for specialised training, international academic exposure and professional development.

The meeting also explored scientific cooperation through joint conferences and collaborative research, which will provide opportunities for UNILORIN academics to engage with their Russian counterparts, exchange knowledge and strengthen their research capacity.

RUDN University disclosed that its APE Centre had trained 3,650 personnel from 35 Nigerian higher educational institutions over the past three years, adding that the proposed partnership is expected to strengthen UNILORIN's international academic relations, enhance staff and student development, and expand its participation in global research and knowledge exchange.

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Represented by Dr Aderinola Ololade Dunmade, Prof. Tella explained the importance of ensuring that bibliographic records created in one country remain accessible and usable worldwide to promote international cooperation, reduce duplication of effort and improve access to knowledge across geographical and linguistic boundaries.

He also noted the need for African information professionals to ensure that indigenous languages, local knowledge systems, cultural heritage materials and scholarly outputs are adequately represented in global metadata systems.

He, however, recommended strengthening AI literacy among cataloguers through training in AI evaluation, prompting, data quality and model limitations; adopting linked-data approaches by improving identifiers, authority control and readiness for the Bibliographic Framework (BIBFRAME); developing institutional AI metadata policies that provide for human review, data provenance and bias checks; and investing in open infrastructure, including repositories, shared vocabularies, persistent identifiers and digital preservation systems.

Musa-Olomu to deliver 308th Inaugural Lecture, Nov. 5

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Three hundred and eighth (308th) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor (Dr) Abdus-Samiu Adewale Musa-Olomu, MBBS, M.Sc., Ph.D, FWACS, FICS.
Department: Surgery,
Faculty: Clinical Sciences,
Topic: "Beauty of a Surgeon's Knife: Bringing Smiles to Patients' Faces"
Date: Thursday, 5th November, 2026
Time: 5.00 p.m.
Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin
Chairman: Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN Vice Cancellor, University of Ilorin

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar



Prof. Musa-Olomu

UNILORIN inducts 73 pioneer PharmD graduates

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The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was represented at the event by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, who urged the graduands to sustain the standard of excellence of the University through continuous learning, networking and mentorship.

Prof. Egbewole described Pharmacy as a profession requiring integrity, compassion and constant learning. He encouraged the inductees to maintain ties with the University and contribute through mentoring, employment, entrepreneurship and teaching. He also highlighted the Diaspora Bridge Programme of the Ministry of Education as an avenue for sharing professional knowledge.

The keynote speaker, who.is also the Chief Executive Officer of KCC Pharmaceuticals Limited, Ilorin, Pharm. Adebayo Oladipupo Adeniyi, challenged the graduands to make integrity, innovation and leadership the guiding principles of their careers.

Pharm Adeniyi urged them to uphold ethical standards, protect the medicine supply chain and prioritise patient safety. He encouraged the use of Artificial Intelligence, digital health solutions and data analytics, stressing that technology should support, not replace, professional judgement.

He described leadership as responsibility, accountability, mentorship and service rather than position or title. He



Pharm. Adeniyi



Haleemah Korodo

also advocated stronger collaboration among universities, government and industry to promote local drug manufacturing, research and development. He urged the inductees to embrace lifelong learning and help establish a positive reputation for the inaugural PharmD programme.

The Registrar of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN), Pharm. Ibrahim Babasehu Ahmed, represented by the Council's Zonal Director, Pharm. E. S. Bayode, congratulated the University, Faculty and inductees.

Pharm Ahmed said induction was a requirement for registration under the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, 2022. He explained that graduates must complete a compulsory one-year internship at PCN-accredited centres and pass the Pre-registration Examination for Pharmacists before becoming eligible to practise in Nigeria.

He urged them to observe professional ethics, avoid misconduct and the "Register and go Syndrome", and uphold their responsibilities to patients and the public. He also highlighted pharmacists' contributions to public health, vaccine services and pharmaceutical research.

In his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Abdulganiyu Giwa, described the occasion as a landmark, being the Faculty's 10th induction and first for PharmD graduates. He recalled that the Faculty was approved by Senate in December 2009 and commenced academic activities in the 2010/2011 academic session, with Prof. P. F. Olurinola as pioneer Dean.

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Prof. Giwa said the graduates were admitted in the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 sessions during the transition from B.Pharm to PharmD.

He urged them to uphold their oath through honesty, integrity, compassion and service, while appreciating the Vice Chancellor for supporting the transition.

Speaking the Faculty Officer, Deputy Registrar, Mrs Rasheedat A. Babamale-Afolabi, appreciated the University management, PCN, guests, professional bodies, Faculty staff, parents and guardians. She urged the inductees to demonstrate integrity, innovation and leadership in practice.

In her valedictory address, the overall Best Graduating Student, Haleemah Abosede Korodo, thanked God, her family, lecturers and Faculty staff for their support. She congratulated her colleagues and encouraged them to remain committed to excellence. Korodo won 16 of the 30 awards presented, including the PCN Overall Best Graduating Student Award.

The 73 inductees took the Pharmacists' Oath, pledging to serve humanity, protect patients' confidential information, maintain professional competence and place service above personal interests.

Dignitaries present at the event included the Kwara State Commissioner for Health, Dr Amina Ahmed El-Imam, Special Guest of Honour; the Executive Secretary of the Kwara State Hospitals Management Board, Dr Abdulraheem Malik, the Guest of Honour; PSN Kwara State Branch Chairman, Pharm. Munirat Kikelomo Bello, and members of her team; and Fellow Abiole Aina Okeowo, among several others.











COREN team applauds UNILORIN Engineering programmes

By Tajudeen Babamale







The accreditation team of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) has commended the University of Ilorin for its committed academic staff, high staff retention rate, conducive working environment and positive feedback from employers of its Engineering graduates.

The team, led by a Professor of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, Mohammed Shu'aibu Abubakar, FNSE, gave the commendation last Wednesday (October 28, 2026), during its exit meeting with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, at the end of an accreditation visitation to seven Engineering programmes of the University.

The programmes assessed were Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Materials and Metallurgical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

Prof. Abubakar, who appreciated the Vice Chancellor, his management team and the entire staff and students of the Faculty for their cooperation throughout the exercise, explained that accreditation was designed to promote institutional growth and strengthen academic standards rather than witch-hunt institutions.

He reported that his team inspected facilities across the University, including the University Library, workshops, laboratories, student hostels, sporting and recreational facilities, and healthcare facilities. He added that they also interacted with staff and students, examined students' academic records and admission requirements, and assessed coursework, examination questions and answer scripts, laboratory and survey reports, as well as staff qualifications, among others.

Prof. Abubakar commended the University for its competent and committed academic staff, high staff retention, functional recreational facilities, conducive working environment, relatively adequate electricity and water supply, good road networks, and positive industry feedback on the quality and professional readiness of its Engineering graduates.

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Belgore donates archival material to CILS

By Abubakar Imam

In fulfilment of his pledge to assist the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin with relevant archival materials, an elder-statesman and Chairman of the Ilorin Emirate Zakat and Sadaqat Committee, Engr. Saad Belgore, has presented a portrait of Prince Muhammad Laufe Shuaib to the Centre.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, which held at his residence in Ilorin penultimate Thursday (October 14, 2026) Engr Belgore described Prince Laufe as "one of the most consequential royal figures in the annals of Ilorin".

He explained that Prince Laufe, who was the eldest son of the 7th Emir of Ilorin, Shaykh Shuaib Bawa, was also the elder brother of the 8th Emir of Ilorin, Shaykh Abdulkadir Shuaib Bawa, and father of the ninth Emir, Alhaji Sulu Gambari; uncle of the tenth Emir, Shaykh Aliyu AbdulKadir as well as the paternal grandfather of the incumbent Emir, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR. He added that Prince Laufe was also the father of Prof. Ibrahim Gambari, a former Nigeria's Permanent



Representative to the United Nations and Chief of Staff to ex-President, late General Muhammad Buhari.

Engr Belgore, who is also a successful entrepreneur, encouraged the CILS to commission a study on the life and times of Prince Laufe, which, he explained, would reveal several lessons that members of the present and future generations of indigenes of Ilorin Emirate and others can learn from.

He pointed out that the factor, which informed his appointment as the District Head of Lanwa in the present-day Moro Local Government Area of Kwara State following the appointment of his younger brother and previous occupant of the position, Shaykh Abdulkadir Shuaib Bawa, as Emir in 1920, remains a lesson in sacrifice, compromise, loyalty, perseverance and faith, which should not be lost to history.

Receiving the item, the Director of the Centre, Prof. Ali Arazeem Abdullahi, commended Engr Belgore for living up to his words.

Prof. Abdullahi, who teaches at the Department of Sociology, said that the material would not only be displayed at the Centre's gallery with a footnote but efforts would also be made to take up the challenge thrown at the Centre as regard the documentation of the life of the late statesman.

He, therefore, encouraged others to emulate Engr Belgore by bringing out and donating such relevant materials and others like personal records, calendars and letters written by indigenes and residents of Ilorin for preservation and transmission of knowledge on Ilorin and its people.

El-Imam becomes 'Ewa Islam' of Offa Kingdom

By Abubakar Imam

A Senior Lecturer at the Department of Microbiology, University of Ilorin, Dr Amina El-Imam, was penultimate Saturday (October 17, 2026) installed as Ewa Islam (Beauty of Islam) of Offa Kingdom.

The installation of Dr El-Imam, who currently serves as the Kwara State Commissioner for Health, was performed by the Chief Imam of Offa Kingdom, Shaykh Muyideen Salman Hussein, at his Arabic Training Institute, Offa.

Speaking at the event, the Chief Imam described Dr El-Imam as a pride of the Offa Kingdom. He added that Dr El-Imam has been diligently discharging her responsibilities to the people and government of Kwara State before and since her appointment as a Commissioner and Member of the Kwara State Executive Council over three years ago.

Responding, Dr El-Imam thanked the Chief Imam and the entire Offa Muslim community for the honour done to her through the honourary title.

While assuring that she would not take the privilege for granted, Dr El-Imam promised to continue to serve as a good ambassador of Offa, Islam and womanhood everywhere she finds herself.



Among the dignitaries who attended the event were the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON; the Olofa of Offa, Oba Mufutau Gbadamosi Esuwoye; and the Proprietor of Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Shaykh Mustapha Muhammad Kamalud-Deen Al-Adabiy, among several others.



UNILORIN, Huawei promote professional ICT skills

By Isaac Lewu

The Director of the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulkarim Oloyede, has urged students to complement their academic qualifications with professional certifications and practical skills to enhance their competitiveness in the global labour market.

Prof. Oloyede, who stated this penultimate saturday (October 23, 2026) at the Huawei ICT Roadshow held at the University Auditorium, commended the Huawei ICT Academy ambassadors and instructors for supporting students' professional development.

He stressed that University education should go beyond classroom teaching, urging students to take advantage of professional training opportunities to improve their career prospects.

The Director explained how a professional certification he obtained earlier in his career contributed to his promotion at the University, despite his initial doubts about its value. He noted that academic qualifications alone might not guarantee career success, as employers increasingly seek candidates with relevant practical skills and additional competencies.

He also warned that Artificial Intelligence (AI) could displace some jobs, advising students to acquire digital skills and learn to use emerging technologies effectively to remain relevant in the changing world of work.

Also speaking, the Manager of the UNILORIN Innovation Hub, Dr Muhtahir Oloyede, encouraged students to maximise opportunities offered by the Huawei ICT Academy and other professional development initiatives. He emphasised the importance of combining academic knowledge with industry-relevant skills, innovation and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Dr Oloyede said students should take deliberate steps to prepare for the demands of the global technology industry by pursuing professional certifications and practical training alongside their university education. He noted that such efforts would improve their employability and readiness for emerging career opportunities.

In his remarks, the Huawei Talent Manager, Mr Knimi Musa, urged students to prepare for opportunities beyond Nigeria through continuous learning and skills development. He identified Artificial Intelligence, Data Communication, Cloud Computing and the Internet of Things (IoT) as important areas for professional growth in the evolving ICT industry.

Mr Musa highlighted Huawei's Seeds for the Future programme, Talent Job Fair and Huawei ICT Competition as platforms for international exposure, career development and practical learning. He also celebrated the achievement of Mr Jimoh Usman, an alumnus of the University's Department of Telecommunication Science, who emerged among the competition's winners and was described at the event as the only Nigerian to hold two Huawei Certified ICT Expert (HCIE) certifications.

Also speaking, a former Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Jamiu Odusote, appreciated the organisers and other contributors for the success of the roadshow. The event, themed "Connection, Glory, Future," highlighted the role of technology in connecting talents, celebrating excellence and preparing young people for the future.

Others in attendance included Dr Y. O. Imam-Fulani, Mrs Aisha Jimoh-Mahmud, Mr N. O. Yusuf and Mr S. A. Sanni of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences.



Oloyede to chair IEDPU's 61st confab

By Abubakar Imam

A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and immediate past Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, will on Friday, December 25, 2026 preside-over the opening ceremony of the 61st annual national conference of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU).

An invitation letter dated October 12, 2026 and addressed to the former Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*, explained that the event would hold at the Union's National Secretariat, Geri Alimi, Ilorin, beginning at 10.00 a.m.

The letter, which was signed by the National President of the Union, Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, said that the event would also be targeted at raising the sum of ₦2 billion naira needed to complete its ongoing projects including its Central Mosque and re-equipping schools established by it.

Other dignitaries expected at the event, according to Alhaji Abdulmalik, include the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON; and the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, among others.



■ *Prof. Emeritus Oloyede*



■ *Alhaji Abdulmalik*

Prof. Emeritus Oloyede, whose leadership at the University established the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), is the third former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who will chair the annual sociocultural programme, several past editions of which he had attended. Former Chief Executives of the University who had played the same role in the past were its 9th Vice Chancellor, the late Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON, in 2018 and its sixth Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, who served as the Chairman of the 2024 edition of the conference.

Speaking to *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the development, the Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee, Prof. Aliyu Ajibola Akanbi II, said that the choice of Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Kuliya of Sokoto Caliphate, would also be a means of celebrating his accomplishments in public service by the people of the Ilorin Emirate.

Prof. Akanbi II, who is also the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin, explained that as a member of the Ilorin community for about five decades, the choice of the former Vice Chancellor is also a way of telling the whole world that the Union is not just for indigenes of the Ilorin Emirate but also a platform for good friends of the community such as Prof. Emeritus Oloyede to play their roles towards its development.

The Union, which was established over 80 years ago, is the umbrella sociocultural organisation of the good people of the Ilorin Emirate who are the host community of the University.

COREN team applauds UNILORIN Engineering programmes

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The Team Lead urged the University Management, the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, and the Departments to sustain these strengths while implementing the team's recommendations to further enhance the quality of the programmes.

Responding to the report, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, pledged to implement the recommendations of the COREN accreditation team to strengthen the Institution's engineering programmes and sustain the University's academic and infrastructural standards.

Speaking through the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, the Vice Chancellor thanked the team for what he described as a job well done. He noted that accreditation exercises provide new direction for academic programmes by identifying institutional strengths and areas requiring further attention.

He assured the team that the University would sustain its achievements while addressing the recommendations arising from the exercise.

Also speaking, the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, called for better coordination among professional regulatory bodies, the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation and National Universities Commission (NUC) to prevent policy inconsistencies in the universities.

Responding to the accreditation team's recommendation that newly recruited Engineering graduates who possess COREN certification should be appointed as Lecturer II rather than Assistant Lecturer to motivate them and recognise their professional qualifications, the Registrar explained that the University acted in accordance with official directives and policies governing the career progression of staff members with COREN certification.

He noted that policy inconsistencies could affect the implementation of professional certification requirements in the public service, adding that similar challenges existed in other fields, including Medical Laboratory Science, Physiotherapy and Pharmacy.

The Registrar reaffirmed the commitment of the University to the fair treatment of its staff and expressed appreciation to the accreditation team for its recommendations towards improving Engineering education at the institution.

UNILORIN CIPM visits Registrar, holds maiden workshop

By Temitope Omoniyi



The University of Ilorin Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM), last Tuesday (October 27, 2026), paid a courtesy visit to the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, in his office.

The visit preceded the Chapter's inaugural meeting and professional development training held at the University Auditorium Basement.

Receiving the delegation, the Registrar congratulated the Executive Committee and members on their inauguration, charging them to remain steadfast in driving professional excellence, human resource development, and high ethical standards within the University community.

The delegation was led by the Chairman of the Chapter, Mrs Toyin Adeoti, who was accompanied by the Secretary, Mrs Omowumi Azeez; the Public Relations Officer, Mrs Omobukola Omotoye; the Treasurer, Mr Qudus Na'llah; and an Ex-Officio member, Mr Moses Opaleke.

Addressing members at the workshop, Mrs Adeoti announced that the regular monthly meetings of the Chapter will subsequently hold every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The practical workshop session that followed the meeting was facilitated by Mr Moses Opaleke, who delivered hands-on insights on the practical applications of Microsoft Excel for enhanced professional efficiency and human resource management.

Ikibe hails Egbewole on successful Convocation ceremonies

By Abubakar Imam

The Chairman of the UNILORIN Television Management Board, Prof. Solomon Ikibe, has congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on the successful celebration of the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the University.

Prof. Ikibe, in a statement, described the ceremonies as "very peaceful, quite colourful and extremely memorable".

The Chairman, who is a former Head of the Department of the Performing Arts and Film Studies, University of Ilorin, said that the ceremonies were quite better compared with the previous ones in every parameter as he said that both the graduands and parents he interacted with expressed satisfaction with the way the entire ceremonies went.

Prof. Ikibe was particularly impressed with the absence of the usual traffic jam throughout the ceremonies, saying that what he and many others experienced was a clear departure from the traffic gridlock, which defined past Convocation ceremonies.

The don equally congratulated the Chairman of the University's



■ *Prof. Ikibe*

Ceremonials Committee, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, and his colleagues on the Committee for delivering a very wonderful Convocation ceremony.

He also appreciated the Head of the Department of the Performing Arts and Film Studies, Dr Shadiat O.O. Shuaib for the wonderful Convocation play performed by her Department.

Prof. Ikibe said that the play was a stimulating artistic performance with a lot of lessons for Nigerians and the entire humanity.

He also commended staff members of the University for their cooperation with the University authorities throughout, adding that the story would have been different if both the staff and students were indifferent to the call by the University Administration for their cooperation.

Speaking on the performance of UNILORIN Television during the ceremonies, the Chairman described the role of the station as very impactful.

He explained that the station covered and disseminated each of the events to its viewers. He recalled that the station was part of the world press conference addressed by the Vice Chancellor as it also covered the grand finale.

Prof. Ikibe thanked the Vice Chancellor for his support to the station, which is making it visible in every activity of the University as he pleaded for more assistance for the station to always discharge its responsibilities to the fullest.

The Chairman assured the Vice Chancellor that the Management Board of the Television would not rest on its oars but would always mobilise available human and material resources to ensure that programmes and projects of the University are given deserved coverage.

Mustapha, Ameen, Laaro get Kwara govt appointments

By Abubakar Imam

The Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, has approved the appointments of a Professor of Aviation Law at the University of Ilorin, Ismail Mustapha Adua; a newly promoted Professor at the College of Health Sciences, Hafast Ameen; and a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Mass Communication, Dr Abdulkadir Oba Laaro, as Chairmen of the Governing Councils of the International Aviation College (IAC), Ilorin; Kwara State College of Nursing Sciences, Oke-Ode; and the Kwara State Signage and Advertisement Agency (KWASSA), respectively.

The appointments of the trio, along with those of several others, were disclosed in a press statement dated October 27, 2026 and signed by the Deputy Chief Press Secretary to the Governor of Kwara State, Mr Mashood AbdulRafiu Agboola.

The statement explained that the approval of the appointments was to ensure professionalism and efficient service delivery.

The Governor, while congratulating the appointees on their pick, charged them to justify the trust and confidence reposed in them by discharging their responsibilities diligently and in a way that supports the ongoing efforts to provide quality



■ *Prof. Mustapha*



■ *Prof. Ameen*



■ *Dr Laaro*

education, advance human capital development and make Kwara worth living in.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the three academics on their appointments.

In a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that the University would remain very grateful to the Governor for always considering alumni and staff members of the University for appropriate appointments.

While wishing the trio a very successful tenure, Prof. Egbewole encouraged them to use the privileges of their appointments to serve the people of the State to the best of their ability.

Mass Comm. Dept, Kwara NIPR hail Laaro's appointment

By Abubakar Imam

The appointment of a Member of the Editorial Board of *UNILORIN Bulletin*, Dr AbdulKadir Oba Laaro, as the Chairman of the Governing Council of the Kwara State Signage And Advertisement Agency (KWASSA) has been described as befitting and well-deserved.

This assertion was made by staff and students of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, and the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) in their separate congratulatory messages to Dr Laaro, copies of which were sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

Specifically, the Department thanked the Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, for picking the Mass Communication teacher for the role.

It noted that the expertise, dedication, and wealth of experience of Dr Laaro in communication research will contribute meaningfully to the development of the agency.

The Department wished Dr Laaro God's continued mercy, wisdom, and guidance as he assumes the responsibility and works towards the achievement of the agency's objectives.

Similarly, the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), Kwara State Chapter, also congratulated Dr Laaro on his appointment as Chairman of the Governing Council of KWASAA by the Governor of Kwara State and Chairman of the Nigeria Governors' Forum, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON.

The appointment, according to the NIPR, is a deserved recognition of Dr Laaro's integrity, professionalism and dedication to service as it is also seen as a source of pride to the Institute and to the Public Relations profession in Kwara State.

The Institute added that Dr Laaro's experience in communication and public engagement will be a great asset to the agency, which shapes how the state presents itself.

The Institute wished Dr Laaro a successful tenure as it assured him of its readiness to support him in any way it can.

Alafara bags FARST



The Governing Council of the Academy of Innovative Research, Science & Technological Development (AcIRSTD) last Thursday (October 29, 2026) conferred the Fellowship of the Academy of Researchers, Scientists & Technologists (FARST) on the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdullahi Alafara Baba,

The event, which was part of the International Conference on Science, Engineering and Sustainable Green Technology, held at the Nigerian National Merit Award House, Maitama, Abuja.

Apart from Prof. Alafara, who is also the President, Materials Science and Technology Society of Nigeria (MSTSN), the award was also conferred on 17 other distinguished scholars across Nigeria.

The Fellowship, according to the organisers, was granted to Prof. Alafara in recognition of his extraordinary contributions, innovative research, and outstanding leadership in the advancement of science, technology, and national development.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* after the event, Prof. Alafara expressed his gratitude to Allah for adding another award to his credentials. He equally thanked the organisers of the event for finding him worthy of the recognition.

He also thanked the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and his management team for their consistent support for him and other staff members of the University, which has been culminating in their excellent performances.

While promising to continue to discharge his responsibilities to the University, Prof. Alafara assured the management that he would do everything within his province towards monitoring younger colleagues for the benefit of the University and the nation at large.

UNILORIN Innovation Hub plans student startups through contest

By Isaac Lewu

The Innovation Hub of the University of Ilorin has announced plans to organise a multidisciplinary innovation challenge to identify, develop and support promising student-led startups, promoting entrepreneurship and turning ideas into commercially viable ventures.

The Innovation Hub Manager, Dr Mutahir Oluwaseyi Oloyede, disclosed this recently while featuring on a special personality interview on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM.*

He outlined the programmes of the Hub for equipping students and researchers with skills to develop innovative solutions to societal problems. He said the challenge would bring together students from different Faculties to create technology-driven solutions, with selected teams pitching their ideas to judges, sponsors and potential investors at the grand finale.

Dr Oloyede said the competition would have three stages, beginning with expressions of interest from groups of two to five students from different Departments. Ideas would be screened and shortlisted before selected teams present their proposals to judges. A maximum of 10 ideas would reach the grand finale,



Dr Oloyede

where participants could attract investment and other support.

The initiative would identify winning ideas while preserving other promising submissions for further development. The Hub also hopes to help successful teams formalise their businesses and build sustainable startups before graduation. Participants would gain leadership, teamwork, management and other entrepreneurial skills.

Dr Oloyede, who is a former Ag. Head of the Department of Information Technology, said the Hub was open to students and staff, including lecturers and researchers with ideas requiring development. It provides a space for University community members to collaborate, exchange ideas and develop practical solutions capable of attracting investment and competing beyond the University."

The Manager also revealed that some student-led projects were at different development stages. These included Malaria Detect, an artificial intelligence-based concept designed to identify malaria through symptoms, which is still being nurtured and has yet to enter testing. He also mentioned Face Trust, which had reached the testing stage after receiving a ₦15 million Federal Government grant. He expressed optimism that continued support would turn such initiatives into viable businesses.

Dr Oloyede commended the management of the University under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for establishing the Hub in line with the University's Vision 1:10:500.

He said that the facility was designed to bridge academic learning and industry by ensuring graduates leave the University with certificates, entrepreneurial capabilities and potential businesses of their own.

Alaro warns against unethical reproductive practices, call for framework to protect family

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of the Quality Assurance Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRazzaq Abdulmajeed Alaro, mni, has said that every effort must be made to ensure that scientific innovation operates within appropriate ethical, religious and legal boundaries.

Prof. Alaro made this call while speaking at a webinar on gene editing, IVF and surrogacy last Tuesday (October 20, 2026) organised by the Ilorin Emirate Professors' Association (IEPA).

He explained that Islamic jurisprudence recognises legitimate medical treatment, but maintains specific conditions for the use of assisted reproductive technologies.

Prof. Alaro, who is also a former Head of the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, said that the mainstream Sunni Islamic position generally permits IVF where the sperm and egg belong to a legally married couple and the resulting embryo is transferred to the wife during the subsistence of the marriage.

He, however, noted that the use of donor sperm, donor eggs, donor embryos and surrogacy is generally prohibited under the position adopted by major contemporary Islamic jurisprudential bodies, particularly because of concerns about lineage, parentage, inheritance and family identity.

Prof..Alaro also distinguished between gene-editing interventions intended to treat serious diseases and those aimed at enhancing non-medical traits.



Prof. Alaro

He said therapeutic interventions may be considered permissible under appropriate conditions, while heritable germline editing and non-medical genetic enhancement raise serious ethical and religious concerns.

Beyond religious considerations, the Professor of Islamic Law highlighted the social consequences of infertility, including stigma, marital pressure and the disproportionate burden often placed on women.

He warned that the commercialisation of reproductive services, coupled with weak safeguards, could create opportunities for exploitation, trafficking and other abuses.

Prof. Alaro also raised questions about the legal status of children born through assisted reproductive technologies, particularly in relation to parentage, custody, maintenance, inheritance and the protection of genetic information.

The renowned cleric-don called for a comprehensive national legal framework to regulate assisted reproductive technologies and emerging genomic interventions in Nigeria.

According to him, such a framework should provide for the licensing and inspection of fertility clinics, transparent reporting of treatment outcomes, informed consent, accurate identification and handling of reproductive materials, and effective protection of patients' personal and genetic data.

He further recommended collaboration between medical experts, legal practitioners, religious scholars and policymakers to develop regulations that reflect scientific evidence while addressing Nigeria's ethical, cultural and social realities.

In his welcome address, the President of IEPA, Prof. Abdul Kabir Hussain Solihu, said scientific advancement must be accompanied by ethical reflection, social responsibility and respect for human dignity.

Prof. Solihu, who teaches at the Kwara State University, Malete, stressed the importance of balancing scientific innovation with ethical and religious considerations.

"Our goal is not to reject progress, but to ensure that progress remains anchored in moral clarity and Islamic values," he said.

Varsity School gets Ag. Headteacher

By Mustafa Abubakar

Mr H. T. Ibrahim has emerged as the Ag. Headteacher of the University School following the retirement of Mallam M. I. Salihu from service.

Mallam Salihu proceeded on statutory retirement penultimate Thursday, (October 15, 2026), after years of dedicated and meritorious services at the School.

Meanwhile, the management, staff and pupils of the school have expressed appreciation to the retired Head teacher for his dedicated services and contributions to the development of the school.

They also congratulated Mr Ibrahim on his appointment and wished him a successful tenure as he assumes responsibility for the leadership of the University School.



Mr Ibrahim

My research patented technology for smokeless biofuel — Odusote, UNILORIN Innovator of the Year

By Mustafa Abubakar

University of Ilorin's Innovator of the Year 2026, Prof. Jamiu Kolawole Odusote, has disclosed that he developed and patented a locally fabricated fixed-bed torrefaction chamber designed to convert agricultural and forestry residues into smokeless, high-energy biofuel.

Prof. Odusote, who disclosed this last Sunday (October 23, 2026) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, said the invention, patented on February 16, 2025, converts biomass such as agricultural residues, leaves and sawdust into stable, energy-dense biochar for the production of smokeless briquettes that can be used domestically and commercially for energy production.

The don, who is the Director, Centre for Blue and Regenerative Economy, said the innovation was developed to address the rising cost of fossil fuels, unsustainable wood-fuel use and its link to deforestation, as well as the health and environmental burden associated with traditional biomass burning, which produces heavy smoke emissions. He added that the high cost and limited availability of imported pyrolysis equipment also underscored the need for a locally fabricated alternative.

Prof. Odusote explained that the chamber transforms agricultural and forestry residues into stable, smokeless and energy-dense fuel, reducing dependence on traditional wood fuels and reducing the pressure on forests. He



■ *Prof. Odusote*

added that minimising smoke emissions could improve air quality, reduce exposure to harmful particulates and contribute to climate-change mitigation by lowering greenhouse-gas emissions and providing a renewable substitute for fossil fuels.

He identified limited local awareness of torrefaction, perceived upfront capital costs compared with traditional fuels and variations in biomass feedstock properties as major challenges encountered by the research team. He said the team addressed these through the use of widely available mild steel and mineral wool insulation to reduce capital costs and simplify repairs, while a straightforward mechanical design and digital temperature control were adopted to reduce operator training requirements.

According to him, the chamber is currently being used by undergraduate and postgraduate students for research projects on smokeless briquettes, adding that feedbacks from users were being collated to facilitate further modification. He said the modified chamber was expected to produce liquid bio-oil alongside solid biochar.

Prof. Odusote said the research group would partner with relevant research agencies, waste-management companies and agro-industries to integrate the technology into biomass value chains, develop a manufacturer-support network and explore carbon-benefit registration and other incentive schemes to create sustainable revenue streams.

He said the innovation, if adopted, could advance national energy security, promote sustainable waste management and create new rural income opportunities.

According to Prof. Odusote, it aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 7 on Affordable and Clean Energy, SDG 12 on Responsible Consumption and Production, SDG 13 on Climate Action and SDG 15 on Life on Land.

He said potential adopters include universities and research institutes, agricultural and agro-processing industries, renewable-fuel and biofuel producers, waste-management and biomass-recovery firms, small industrial boiler operators, bakeries and brick kilns seeking alternative fuels, as well as solid-fuel manufacturers and environmental service providers participating in carbon-offset schemes.

TAU appoints Omotoso Provost, CMHS

By Mustafa Abubakar

Thomas Adewumi University (TAU), Oko-Irese, Kwara State, has appointed Prof. Gabriel Olaiya Omotoso of the Department of Anatomy, University of Ilorin, as the new Provost of its College of Medical and Health Sciences.

The appointment, which was announced through the official social media platforms of the institution, was part of its strategic leadership initiatives aimed at strengthening academic excellence, innovation and transformative leadership across the institution.

Prof. Omotoso brings to the new position extensive academic and professional experience in the medical and health sciences.

In his new capacity, Prof. Omotosho is expected to provide academic and administrative leadership for the College while contributing to the development of the University in medical education, research and innovation.



■ *Prof. Omotoso*

How I emerged UNILORIN researcher of the year — Mustapha

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Researcher of the Year 2026, Dr S. I. Mustapha, has attributed his emergence to sustained contributions to sustainable energy, biomass and waste conversion, biofuel production, catalysis and environmental remediation.

The researcher, who disclosed this last Tuesday (October 27, 2026), in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office, said the recognition was based on his broad research portfolio rather than a single project. According to him, his work addresses interconnected challenges of energy security, waste management and environmental pollution.

Dr Mustapha, who teaches at the Department of Chemical Engineering, said that his research investigates how microalgae, agricultural biomass and other organic wastes can be converted through thermochemical processes into bio-oil, hydrogen-rich gases and other valuable products. "Rather than being attributable to a single project, my research portfolio addresses the interconnected challenges of energy security, waste management, and environmental pollution," he said.

He explained that his research also involves developing advanced catalysts to improve product quality and conversion efficiency, as well as converting biomass-derived materials into adsorbents for removing pollutants from contaminated water. He said the approach seeks to transform underutilised biological resources and waste into valuable products while reducing environmental burdens and supporting a



Dr Mustapha

circular economy in which waste is regarded as a resource rather than a disposal problem.

The researcher said his work was motivated by Nigeria's energy challenges, increasing agricultural and municipal waste, environmental pollution and the need for sustainable industrial processes. "My research journey has been driven by a passion for transforming renewable and waste feedstocks into clean energy carriers, value-added chemicals, and functional materials for environmental remediation," he said, adding that locally available resources such as microalgae and agricultural residues could provide alternative feedstocks for producing energy carriers and valuable chemicals.

Dr Mustapha said one significant finding from his microalgae conversion research was that appropriate catalyst selection could improve bio-oil quality by reducing undesirable oxygen-containing compounds and nitrogen content while enhancing its fuel properties. He added that another important contribution was the integration of biomass conversion with environmental remediation, demonstrating the possibility of combining energy recovery with wastewater treatment within a circular resource-use framework.

He said his broader research also covers hydrogen as a clean energy carrier, biomass-derived materials for pollutant removal and catalytic processes for biodiesel production. He noted that his current research focus is on moving findings from laboratory-scale investigations towards scalable, economically viable and industrially relevant processes through process optimisation, modelling, techno-economic assessment and environmental evaluation.

"Our ultimate goal is to develop sustainable, locally adaptable solutions for converting biomass and waste into valuable fuels, chemicals, and environmental remediation materials, with the potential for pilot-scale demonstration and eventual commercial application," he said.

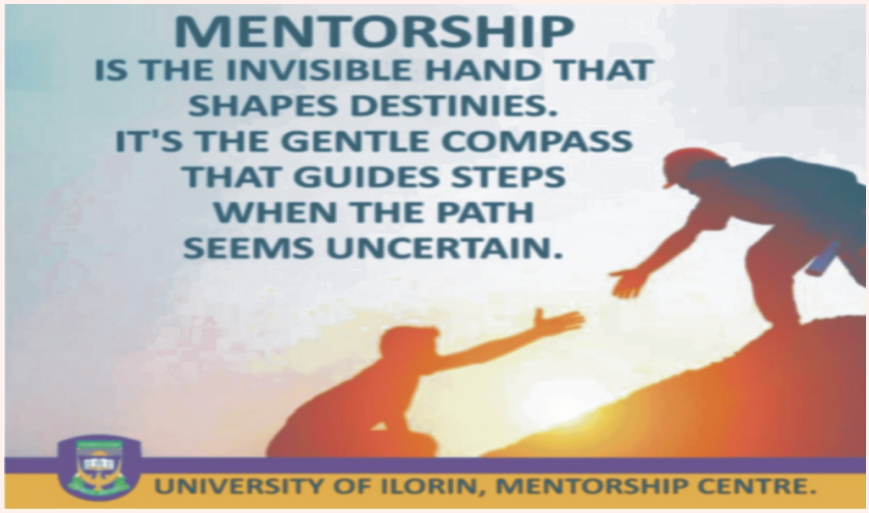
However, he identified funding, specialised equipment, analytical characterisation and the cost of consumables as major challenges. He said collaborations with research teams at the Durban University of Technology and the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, had strengthened his work through knowledge exchange and complementary expertise.

Looking ahead, Dr Mustapha said he would deepen research into converting microalgae and other biomass resources into biofuels, hydrogen-rich gas and valuable chemicals, while exploring the reuse of resulting carbon-rich materials for environmental remediation.

He called for sustained investment in early-career researchers, modern laboratory infrastructure and research capacity development, while acknowledging the support of the University Management under the leadership of Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

He stressed that stronger funding from government, industry and research partners remained essential, particularly in capital-intensive engineering fields.

Dr Mustapha said the recognition was both an honour and an opportunity to mentor emerging researchers, strengthen collaborations and advance research towards practical applications.



Adewole emerges as Kwara MMPN's PRO

By Mustafa Abubakar

A senior staff member of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Muizdeen Mahmud Adewole, has been inaugurated as the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Kwara State Chapter of the Muslim Media Practitioners of Nigeria (MMPN), alongside other members of the new Executive Committee.

The new Executive Committee, which will serve for a three-year tenure, was inaugurated penultimate Wednesday (October 21, 2026) at the Justice AbdulQuadri Orire Mosque, GRA, Ilorin, the secretariat of the Association. Mr Adewole is expected to coordinate the chapter's public communication and image-building activities as part of efforts to strengthen the visibility and effectiveness of MMPN in the state.

In his acceptance speech, Mr Adewole thanked members of the association for the confidence reposed in him and pledged to run an open, responsive and inclusive communication system for the chapter. He said his priority would be to project the good works of MMPN, strengthen its relationship with media organisations and the public, and



Mr Adewole

ensure that the voice of Muslim media practitioners in Kwara State is heard with clarity, accuracy and dignity.

He also urged members to see the association as a platform for service and not self-promotion, noting that responsible journalism, truthfulness and unity remain the strongest tools for promoting Islam and serving the Muslim Ummah. Mr Adewole assured the leadership that he would work closely with the executive and all stakeholders to reposition the chapter for greater visibility, relevance and impact.

The inauguration also featured the unveiling of representatives from various media organisations across Kwara State, in a move aimed at expanding the Association beyond existing NUJ chapel structures and bringing more Muslim media practitioners into its fold.

Representing the University of Ilorin on the expanded structure is Mr Tajudeen Babamale, who was unveiled as the representative of the chapter.

The North Central Coordinator of MMPN and Chairman of the Shuurah Committee, Mallam Mustafa Abubakar, said the initiative was designed to provide a fresh beginning for the Association, urging members to place the interest of Islam and the Muslim Ummah above personal considerations.

He described MMPN as a non-political organisation established to unite Muslim media practitioners and promote responsible media practice in the service of Islam and the Muslim community.

The inauguration marked another step towards strengthening the Kwara chapter and creating a broader network of Muslim media practitioners across television, radio, print and online platforms.

Pakata Community hails UNILORIN on community development initiatives

By Abubakar Imam

The President of the Pakata Area Development Association (PADA), Mr Murtala Alowonle, has, again, commended the University of Ilorin on its positive impacts on the growth and development of the entire Ilorin Emirate, particularly Pakata community.

Mallam Alowonle gave this commendation last Tuesday (October 20, 2026) while commissioning the projects implemented by members of the 2026 Group 7 of the University's Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET) posted to Pakata for their Community Based Experience Scheme (COBES).

He said that he and other members of the community were impressed that the students could mobilise resources for the renovation of a classroom at Barakat LGEA Primary School, Ilorin; and Government Girls Day Secondary School, Pakata, Ilorin and also carried out the repair of a damaged borehole facility with the provision of pumping machine for the use of staff and students of the School, among other



positive interventions.

Mr Alowonle also thanked the students for the provision of solar-power facilities at the Pakata Health Centre, Ilorin, which he said would enhance the security of the health facility and the patients who patronised it particularly at night.

He assured the students that the projects would be effectively used by the beneficiaries to enhance human development.

The community leader also expressed satisfaction with the emergence of a member of the last year's team to the community, Mr Abdulkadir Jimoh, as the best graduating student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering for the year 2026.

Mr Alowonle, who specifically thanked the Coordinator of the Scheme, Prof. Lanre Shuaib-Babaita for the quality guidance provided the students, said that members of the community would continue to look forward towards more of such interventions.



UNILORIN students qualify for TLG Capital-funded African entrepreneurship competition

By Mustafa Abubakar

Forty students of the University of Ilorin have qualified to participate in an African Entrepreneurship Competition funded by TLG Capital, an Africa-focused investment firm, in partnership with the University of Westminster and the University of Ghana.

This development was made available to the *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Wednesday (October 28, 2026) by Prof. Foluke Eunice Sola-Ojo.

The competition brings together students from Nigeria, Ghana and the United Kingdom to collaborate on innovative solutions to some pressing development challenges in Africa, through entrepreneurship.

At UNILORIN, participation in the competition is being coordinated through the African Support Bureau for Entrepreneurship (ASBE Students Club) of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC).

The 40 students were selected from 210 applicants following a competitive selection process. They will participate in cross cultural teams comprising five or six students drawn from the three partner universities.

The teams are expected to research, develop and pitch viable, finance-focused business ventures addressing real-world challenges, with emphasis on social impact and long-term sustainability.

The competition is being coordinated by Prof. Sola-Ojo, while the immediate past Director of TEC, Prof. U.A. Raheem, and former Director of TEC and Chairman, ASBE Governing Board, Prof. P.O. Adeoye, will serve as mentors to the successful UNILORIN candidates in the cross-cultural teams.

The initiative is designed to equip participating students with entrepreneurial skills, networks and practical experience required to develop sustainable solutions to challenges confronting communities across Africa.

Areas to be explored by the students include poverty alleviation, financial inclusion, healthcare, sanitation and sustainable agriculture.

A major component of the competition is student-led research, which requires participants to identify and define the challenges they seek to address. This is intended to ensure that proposed solutions are based on local realities and community needs.

The proposed ventures are also required to align with at least one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reflecting the competition's emphasis on responsible innovation and sustainable development.

Alapansanpa donates Engineering books to UNILORIN

By Abubakar Imam

The Danmasani of Ilorin, Engr Suleiman Yahaya Alapansanpa, FNSE, has donated five different books on Electrical Engineering to the University of Ilorin.

Engr Alapansanpa, who is also the Chairman of the Ilorin Emirate Durbar Committee and former Chairman of the Board of Nigerian Electricity Management Service Agency, made the presentation on Thursday (October 15, 2026) at his GRA, Ilorin, residence.

He said that the books contain relevant information on electrical installations and related issues, which he explained would be useful to students and lecturers of the Department of Electrical Engineering and others

Receiving the books, the University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, thanked Engr Alapansanpa for deeming it fit to make the donation to the University.

Prof. Omopupa said that the donation couldn't have come at a better time as he said that the University was preparing for the re-accreditation of its Engineering programmes.



While thanking Engr Alapansanpa, the University Librarian encouraged other well-to-do individuals to emulate the retired power technocrat by donating books and other materials to the University.

Ilorin SWAN honours UNILORIN's 2026 Best Female Accounting graduand

By Abubakar Imam



The Ilorin Chapter of the Society of Women Accountants of Nigeria (SWAN) has celebrated Miss Esther Moyinoluwa Santo for emerging as the 2026 Best Female Graduating Student of the Department of Accounting, University of Ilorin.

Miss Santo, who graduated at the age of 20, made a CCGP of 4.85 at the end of her four years training at the University.

Presenting an award to Miss Santo last Thursday (October 29, 2026) at the Office of the Head of the Department of Accounting, the Chairperson of the Ilorin Chapter of SWAN, Mrs Bilikisu Bola Lawal, said that the annual award was aimed at encouraging academic and professional excellence among female accounting students of the University.

Mrs Lawal, who described SWAN as an affiliate of the Chartered Institute of Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), congratulated Miss Santo for her encouraging brilliance and astonishing integrity as she urged her to continue to be committed to career growth, personal and community development.

While thanking Miss Santo for justifying her parents' investment, Mrs Lawal promised that the award would hopefully be extended to the best graduating male student of the Department as time progresses.

In her remarks at the event, a former Head of the Department, Prof. Khadijat Adenola Yahaya, expressed delight with the performance of the honouree.

Prof. Yahaya, who is also a chartered accountant, urged Miss Santo to always be humble and maintain her integrity, saying that if she does the sky would not limit her career progression.

Prof. Yahaya, who is also an ex-Officio Member of SWAN, encouraged Miss Santo to adhere strictly to all the advice given to her and never allow her success to derail her from deserving and enjoying an enviable future.

Also speaking, the Head of the Department, Dr Ezekiel Adigbole commended SWAN for sustaining the annual programme.

Dr Adigbole pointed out that Miss Santo did not only emerge as the best graduating student of the Department but also the best from the entire Faculty of Management Sciences.

Responding, Miss Santo thanked the Ilorin SWAN for the honour, which, she said, "was unexpected but extremely exciting".

Miss Santo, who hails from Idanre, Ondo State, thanked all her lecturers, particularly Prof. Yahaya, who was her Level Adviser, for their positive impacts on her since her first day as a student of the Department.

The honouree, who has also qualified as a chartered accountant, promised to continue to be a pride to the Department, the University of Ilorin, SWAN and the accounting profession.

The event was witnessed by several dignitaries including a senior member of SWAN, Mrs Bashirat Onigbogi, among others.

NECFON Chairman urges dialogue, fairness, collective responsibility

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Chairman of the National Executive Cadres Forum of Nigeria (NECFON), University of Ilorin Branch, Mr Muhammad Jamiu Galadima, has urged members of the Forum to embrace dialogue, fairness, transparency, and collective responsibility.

Mr Galadima gave the charge last Wednesday (October 28, 2026) while speaking at a sensitisation programme on the main responsibilities of the forum to the University community, held at the Secretariat of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU).

He said every member of NECFON is expected to contribute ideas, ask questions, and support decisions that advance their common interests.



■ *Mr Galadima*

Mr Galadima also emphasised the need for promotion of unity and mutual respect among members, stressing that although different units may have different experiences and challenges in the course of discharging their responsibilities, they share a common professional interest.

According to him, "Our objective is not confrontation for its own sake, but meaningful dialogue that will improve the professional standing, career prospects, and welfare of executive cadres, which is very key."

He appreciated members for prompt payment of their monthly dues and called on those who are yet to be committed to their payment to do so, assuring them that as from January 2027, the monthly dues of members would be deducted at source. Members present at the forum unanimously agreed to the deduction of their dues at source.



Alooma pledges support for campus journalists

By Abubakar Abdulquadri and Bashir Dawodu

The General Manager of the *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), has pledged support for the campus journalists in order to further promote and project the activities of the University of Ilorin to the rest of the world.

Mr Alooma gave the assurance last Thursday (October 29, 2026) while addressing the Union of Campus Journalists (UCJ) during a courtesy visit to the station.

He noted that UCJ is not only working for the progress of students but also working for the whole system.

The General Manager commended the role of UCJ towards the success of the University of Ilorin in terms of research and other achievements.

He also acknowledged the UCJ for partnering with the University and also collaborating with the *UNILORIN FM* radio station, stressing that their programmes are developing the system, giving students content and also grooming them to be good broadcasters.

He equally advised them to improve on their annual publication, hold workshops and also be consistent with their programmes as the case may be.

The General Manager also called on members of the UCJ to reach out to those who are making waves in the real world to come to their aid for donations and for building a Secretariat on campus.

Earlier, in her opening remarks, the President of the UCJ, UNILORIN Branch, Adeleke Asmau, expressed gratitude to the Directorate of Corporate Affairs and UNILORIN 89.3 FM for granting approval for 30 minutes of airtime for their programmes last session, which she described as very impactful as she sought for more support.

The UCJ President informed her host that the induction ceremony for newly admitted students who have interest in becoming members of the Association will hold on November 13, and she sought the station's support for its success.

Geography Dept to mark 50th anniversary

By Muizdeen Adewole

The Department of Geography and Environmental Management, University of Ilorin, is set to mark the 50th anniversary of its establishment.

The event, which would hold on Wednesday, 4 and Thursday, 5 November, 2026, at the University Auditorium beginning at 10:00am prompt, will be highlighted with the conferment of awards on about 54 personalities.

A statement issued by the Local Organising Committee of the event, a copy of which was made available to the *UNILORIN Bulletin,* explained that the two-day celebration would feature an Anniversary Lecture, an Academic Exhibition, an Award Night and Dinner,



Dr Agaja

among other activities.

The statement added that the programme would bring together scholars, alumni, students, policy makers, diplomats, security chiefs, industry leaders and friends of the Department from across Nigeria and beyond to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and chart a new course for the future of Geography.

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, is the chief host at the event, while the Head of Department, Dr Toluwalope M. Agaja, will be the host.

The Anniversary Lecture will be delivered by Prof. J. O. Oyebanji while the Ambassador of Poland to Nigeria, Amb. Michal Cygan, and Brigadier General Olakunle Olusegun Nafiu will serve as distinguished guests of honour. Also a renowned industrialist, Prince (Dr.) Samuel Adedoyin, will serve as the Father of the Day and Chief Launcher, with Mrs Oladimeji Jumoke being the Mother of the Day and Co-Launcher.

UNILORIN hosts maiden sensitisation workshop for NYA

By Muizdeen Adewole

In line with the Vision 1:10:500 of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, the University of Ilorin will host the Maiden Sensitization Workshop for the Nigerian Young Academy (NYA), in collaboration with the Nigerian National Academies.

The landmark workshop is scheduled to take place on Tuesday November 3, 2026 at the University Auditorium beginning at 10.00 a.m.

The workshop, themed "Developing Academic Excellence for Impact in the 21st Century: The Roles of National Academies", is designed to inspire, mentor, and connect the next generation of scholars with the nation's most distinguished academic bodies.

It will bring together young academics, mentors, postgraduate students, final-year undergraduates, teaching and non-teaching staff, Fellows of the Nigerian Academies, academics from sister universities, and members of the KU8+ Consortium.

The chief host of the event is the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, while the co-host is Prof. Temitope Elizabeth Odetoye, FNYA, Chair, UNILORIN-NYA Taskforce.

According to the organisers, the workshop will provide a rare platform for young scholars at UNILORIN and beyond to understand the workings, opportunities, and responsibilities of the National Academies, and how academic excellence can be translated into national development and global impact.

The event is expected to deepen mentorship, strengthen research collaboration, and position UNILORIN as a hub for grooming future Fellows of the nation's prestigious Academies.

Falowo tasks SSANU members on unity, patience

By Isaac Lewu

The Chairman of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), University of Ilorin Branch, Mr Naheem Olushola Falowo, has urged members of the Association to embrace tolerance, unity and responsible communication, assuring them that the Union would continue to protect their interests.

Mr Falowo gave the charge while speaking at a meeting of the Association at its Secretariat.

The Chairman, who is a staff of the Bursary Department of the University, noted that members and leaders must tolerate one another as he said that people are bound to see issues differently.

He cautioned members against posting controversial comments on the union's WhatsApp platform that could cause rancour, urging them to promote mutual understanding and constructive engagement.

On the 2026 agreement, Mr Falowo explained that although the Federal Government had signed the agreement and directed universities to implement it, the communication received was only a notification, adding that formal implementation directive from the Minister of Education was still being awaited.



Mr Falowo

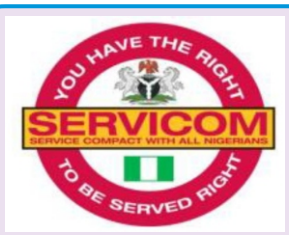
He appreciated the management of the University for its magnanimity in implementing the CONTTA . He also noted that SSANU had secured a 35 per cent increment from the Federal Government.

Speaking on the outstanding CONTTA arrears, Mr Falowo explained that the payment was meant for non-teaching staff under the CONTISS structure, including members of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT). He urged members to remain patient while awaiting the Federal Government's payment of outstanding arrears.

Responding to series of questions from members, the Chairman disclosed that the University management and the union had reached an understanding that certain units would soon be headed by non-teaching staff.

He urged members to trust the leadership, assuring them that decisions taken by the executive were guided by the best interests of the Association.

Mr Falowo reiterated the need for members to remain united and patient, assuring them that the Union would continue to engage relevant authorities to secure their entitlements and advance their collective interests.



DID YOU KNOW?

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

UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 20TH TO 29TH October 20, 2026

RECEIPTS:		AMOUNT
Academic Transcript		5,500.00
Income from Fitness Centre		5,000.00
Administrative Charges Income		3,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic		439,838.75
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges		294,200.00
Sundry Other Incomes		9,643,808.75
Income from Verification /Screening		770,000.00
Staff I.D Cards		2,000.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre		111,838.75
Others		30,000.00
Rent on University Property		2,004,000.00
Capitation NHIS		2,989,900.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)		8,000.00
Refund Salary		500,000.00
CODL- Clearance Charges		200,800.00
CODL- Form Processing Charges		176,400.00
CODL- Undergraduate Charges		256,760.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment		1,242,600.00
Undergraduate School Charges		694,798.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration		75,600.00
Undergraduate Change of Course Form		255,000.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges		8,753,100.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results		2,033,400.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment		170,000.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment		2,934,600.00
Postgraduate School Charges		2,784,910.00
Postgraduate Application Form		75,600.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment		345,000.00
Remedial School Charges		2,595,000.00
Remedial School Application form		258,400.00
Ilorin Business School Charges		3,127,800.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of Results		60,600.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance payment		352,000.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form		226,800.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation		525,200.00
Institute of Education School Charges		201,895.70
Institute of Education Application Form		201,600.00
Institute of Education Verification of Results		60,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance payment		1,260,000.00
JUPEB Application Form		1,461,600.00
JUPEB School Charges		11,212,600.00
Total Receipt for the Period		**₦58,349,749.95**
PAYMENTS		
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:		
Amas Delight Catering Service	Committee Services	1,894,902.50
Meen Solar Solutions	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	846,685.00
Funbas Engineering Nig Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,516,485.00
Zaamb Integrated Services Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	707,625.00
RabfakAutofarm	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	994,500.00
Clean Consults Integrated Services	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,261,400.00
Khaajims Heritage Services	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	484,500.00
Gatasuak Nigeria Enterprises	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,326,459.00
MukbanahGreenlands Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,173,000.00
All-B Consult Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,537,480.00
Blessing Fumigation and Pest Control Venture	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,473,492.00
Al-Haqq Model Multr-Investment Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,434,375.00
HumajTafida Enterprises	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,240,065.00
Badaj Steel Structures	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,319,455.00
Bofat Consult Nig Enterprises	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,154,640.00
Oyatoahmed Ventures	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,434,375.00
Rajab and Amid Nig Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,363,612.50
Okin-Gold Ventures Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,282,752.00
Dabb Contractors and Allied Ventures Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,025,525.00
Zaahfat Investment Services Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,243,584.00
Mafal Associates Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,284,562.50
Pagers World Global Construction Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	960,160.00
Wazlat Global Services Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,199,520.00
Al-Ameen Integrated Company Limited	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	644,682.50
Hajar Nigeria Limited	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	427,040.00
Benfason Integrated Company Limited	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	938,910.00
Yasbam Royal Global Consults	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	507,620.00
Ibumedia	MIXLR Annual Subscription and provision of Streaming materials	1,740,038.00
Usmus Global Hub	Printing of Journal for Faculty of Law	2,473,088.00
Ruling Digital Product	Purchase of Printer	1,950,000.00
Ibadan Electricity Distr Coy (Challenge)	Mini Campus Electricity Charges	397,416.30
ZebartGlobal Ltd	Supply of Bookshelves and File Cabinets	6,752,075.00
IstabaraqimNig Ltd	Supply of 55MT Aluminium Sulphate for water Treatment Plant	68,200,000.00
MessrsHabraib Global Resources Ltd	Repair of Electrical and Mechanical at Different Locations	226,759.65
Adbliss Innovations	Solar Energy and Protective device to power Network Equipment	8,827,700.00
Toyes Global Resources Nig Ltd	Supply and Installation of Enterprise wireless internet deploymt	19,642,390.00
MessrsGadal Ventures Ltd	Electrical Repair	10,125,729.99
Davelaw Technologies Nig Ltd	Supply and Installation of 15KVA Inverter with Solar for Faculty of Mgt Sciences	7,068,555.00
Asbirob Engineering Limited	Renovation of Works at Different Location	7,967,496.91
Rockfield Petroleum Products Ltd	Supply of Fuel	1,075,000.00
Abe Ayodeji Technical Enterprises	Repair of Photocopier	221,000.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:		
Various	Variousi.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	53,992,279.73
Purchase Advance	Various	8,941,875.00
Unilorin Petrol Mgt Board	Supply of Fuel	4,342,194.90
Total TSA Charges	Various	77,937.50
Total payment for the period		**₦234,698,942.98**

Signed
Abiodun Lawal FCNA
Bursar

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	ABDULKAREEM ZAINAB OLORUNBUKADEMI	TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCE	01-Nov
2	ATOLAGBE MOTUNRAYO	REGISTRY	01-Nov
3	YUSUF MEDINAT AJIBOLA	SECURITY DIVISION	01-Nov
4	SULEIMAN ZAKARI ALIYU	ANAESTHESIA	01-Nov
5	OYENIRAN SAHEED	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	01-Nov
6	MUSTAPHA ADEDAYO SAHEED	INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT	01-Nov
7	BELLO KAMAL ASOLA	MARKETING	01-Nov
8	AJIBOYE OLUFUNKE SARAH	VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGY	01-Nov
9	AMBALI HAUWA MOTUNRAYO	VETERINARY MEDICINE	02-Nov
10	ARIKEWUYO HALIMA OLUWASEYI	HEALTH SERVICES	02-Nov
11	IJAIYA HAKEEM OLASUNKANMI	PRIVATE & PROPERTY LAW	02-Nov
12	SALIU RASAQ	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Nov
13	ADETA-BABAMALE RASHEEDAT ADENIKE	REGISTRY	02-Nov
14	TIAMIYU AKEEM	TECHNICAL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE	02-Nov
15	MUSTAPHA USMAN KOLA	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	03-Nov
16	AFOLABI OLUGBENGA ONAOLAPO	PATHOLOGY	03-Nov
17	JUBRIL AUDU MOHAMMED	SECURITY DIVISION	03-Nov
18	AKANG AUSTINE BENARD	REGISTRY	03-Nov
19	KATIBI OLUDOLAPO SHERIFAT	PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH	03-Nov
20	SANUSI MUHAMMED	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	03-Nov
21	OJO ISAAC MAYOWA	PROCUREMENT & MAINTENANCE SUPORT	03-Nov
22	MAHMOUD-MUKADAM ABDUR-RASHEED	ARABIC	03-Nov
23	IBRAHIM SULYMAN OLAITAN	LIBRARY	03-Nov
24	OLOWO YUSUF KUDIRAT	REGISTRY	04-Nov
25	ABDULSALAM ABDULRASAK	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	04-Nov
26	ALEGE FOLORUNSHO BELLO	REGISTRY	04-Nov
27	DARE AKINTADE OYEDELE	MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY	05-Nov
28	IYANDA MURTALA OLAYODE	AGRIC. & BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING	05-Nov
29	ADEBAYO KAYODE AKINSOJI	SECURITY DIVISION	05-Nov
30	ABOLARIN ROSELINE OLUWASEYI	REGISTRY	05-Nov
31	MUHAMMAD-LAWAL ABDUL-AZEEZ	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	05-Nov
32	AKANGBE AYOTOMISINOLUWA ADEMOLA	CRIMINOLOGY & SECURITY STUDIES	05-Nov
33	OSANG FELIX OWAN	UNILORIN SUGAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE	05-Nov
34	BABARINDE FUNMILOLA JUSTINA	TRAINING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	05-Nov
35	OLORUKOOBA HALIMA OMOLARA	NURSING SCIENCE	05-Nov
36	DAUDA ABDULRAFIU	ACCOUNTING	05-Nov
37	OKORO HUSSEIN KEHINDE	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	06-Nov
38	IBIKUNLE MONSURAT BIMPE	VICE-CHANCELLOR'S LODGE	06-Nov
39	ALIYU FOLUKE RASHIDAT	ENGLISH	06-Nov
40	OLANREWAJU TEMITOPE MARIM	PROCUREMENT & MAINTENANCE SUPORT	06-Nov
41	SANNI OLABISI MUSLIYU	BURSARY	06-Nov
42	IMAM AMINU	ANATOMY	06-Nov
43	KOLA-ADEROJU ABDULMALIK OLAYINKA	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	06-Nov
44	OLUYOMI RUTH BUKOLA	REGISTRY	06-Nov
45	OGUNNIRAN VICTORIA OLUDUNNI	ARTS EDUCATION	06-Nov
46	OLORUKOOBA ZAINAB TITI	REGISTRY	06-Nov
47	POPOOLA TAJUDEEN OLALEKAN	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	07-Nov
48	SANNI RALIAT KIKELOMO	REGISTRY	07-Nov
49	SHITU TESLIM	MICROBIOLOGY	07-Nov
50	OYEWUMI KAYODE JOHN	PHYSICS	07-Nov
51	NWABOTU IFEANYI ANTHONY	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	07-Nov
52	AKINSOLA SAMSON IBUKUN	PHYSICS	07-Nov
53	ABDULWAHAB YUSUF ADEBAYO	REGISTRY	07-Nov
54	AHMED-ZAKARIYAH RAHMAT BUKOLA	REGISTRY	07-Nov
55	OMIDIJI OLAYEMI JUMOKE	REGISTRY	07-Nov

A week of glory, grandeur, and gratitude

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On his part, the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, represented by his Deputy, Elder Kayode Alabi, reaffirmed his administration's commitment to education as a strategic pathway to sustainable development.

In his goodwill message, the Governor commended the University of Ilorin for maintaining high academic standards, particularly its recent ranking as Nigeria's top institution for research quality, and charged graduands to "deploy their knowledge with integrity, creativity and discipline" and to see their degrees "not merely as a pathway to employment but as a platform for creating opportunities and developing solutions."

Also in his speech, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, UNILORIN Governing Council, Surv. Abiodun Jacob Aluko, hailed the University as a leadership factory and thanked President Tinubu for sustaining TETFund and NELFUND. He, however, passionately appealed for more research funding, saying, "No nation can develop beyond the level of research conducted in its universities."

In a remarkable demonstration of his well-known erudition, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole delivered three different speeches, one to each set of graduands on each of the three days event! On the first day, he told the graduands of the four-year programmes that their degrees rest on three investments - Parental, Institutional and Self-investment - and charged them to justify the sacrifices of their parents and investments in their education by becoming agents of positive change.

In the address, titled "Let This Investment Count", Prof. Egbewole urged the graduands to translate their academic knowledge, professional skills, and personal values into practical solutions to Nigeria's challenges, including unemployment, insecurity, inadequate healthcare, food insecurity, and declining moral standards. He charged them to "go out into the world and provide solutions."

In his speech on Day 2 of the Convocation, titled "What Next", the Vice Chancellor charged the new graduates of the institution to step confidently into the world and demonstrate that they possess three essential attributes, which include certification, competence and character.

And on Day 3, the Vice Chancellor charged the new graduates of the University to be direct and deliberate in their journey in life and flow with the mantra "Forward Ever", as he titled the speech.

The ceremony ended with project commissioning, Convocation Luncheon and Staff Merit Awards, while another Special Jumaat Service and Thanksgiving Service held on Friday, 23rd October and Sunday, 25th October at the University Central Mosque and St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy, respectively.

A post-mortem review of the 41st Convocation Ceremonies would not be complete without a mention of the fantastic job done by the Ceremonials Committee, the chaperon of the week-long event. Through thick and thin, the Committee, led by Prof. Fawole, delivered a world-class event that would continue to be the talk of the town until next year's October when the 42nd edition of the annual academic ritual would be held. The Committee deserves commendation on the fantastic organisation, especially the innovative three-day initiative for the event that used to be held on one or two days previously. This well thought-out initiative substantially accounted for the absence of traffic gridlock throughout the ceremonies. No wonder, the Vice Chancellor, who is not known to be too generous with praises, had very kind words for the Committee, in his reaction to the successful outcome of the ceremony.

In a commendation letter, sent to the Committee Chairman, and signed on his behalf by the Registrar, Prof. Egbewole noted the efforts of Prof. Fawole and other members of the Committee in effectively "coordinating the convocation programmes, strictly adhering to the approved schedules and maintaining the dignity, as well as decorum of the occasion, which contributed immensely to its overall success."

Indeed, the 41st Convocation was better by far in all ramifications.

Ogedengbe emerges NSIL's Deputy Scribe

...Onuora-Oguno becomes Research Director

By Abubakar Imam

A lecturer in the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, Mr John Afolabi Ogedengbe, has been elected as the Deputy Secretary 1 of the Nigerian Society of International Law (NSIL).



The election of Mr Ogedengbe was one of the highlights of the 47th annual conference of the Society held between Tuesday, October 13 and Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos.

Mr Ogedengbe replaces a former Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, Prof. Azubike Onuora-Oguno, who, himself, was elected as the Director of Research of the Society.

The Society, which is peopled by scholars and individuals who are interested in international law and international relations, was founded in 1968 by the late Judge Taslim Olawale Elias, who was a former Chief Justice of Nigeria and later a Judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

The Society has as its objectives the study, dissemination and advancement of Public and Private International Law, Comparative Law and Institutions, International Relations, and related subjects.

One Airwave, Many Echoes: UNILORIN FM's 41st Convocation Symphony

By Idris Alooma

If a drum is well beaten, the dance will never be forgotten. That ancient wisdom found new meaning during the just concluded 41st Convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, where *UNILORIN 89.3 FM* did not just cover an event; it created an experience.

As the Yoruba wise saying goes, "Àgbájọ ọwọ́ la fi ń ṣoyà, àjèjé ọwọ́ kan kò gbẹ̀rù dórí," meaning one hand cannot lift a load, but many hands make the load lighter. *UNILORIN FM* proved that one station can create many echoes.

The countdown was flagged off in grand style on October 7, 2026, at 11 a.m., by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN. With the eloquence of a scholar and the pride of a father, the Vice Chancellor unveiled the rich bouquet of programmes for the convocation and reeled out his landmark achievements, setting the tone for a ceremony of pride and fulfilment.

The microphone then moved to the engine room. The Chairman of the University's Ceremonials Committee, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, dissected the ins and outs of the convocation ceremonies. He spoke of one committee, many assignments, and a synergy that became the soul of success. He commended the dedication of every member and paid glowing tribute to the Vice Chancellor for his visionary leadership. Indeed, if you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together — Prof. Fawole's Committee went far.

Then began the parade of architects behind the grandeur. *UNILORIN FM* beamed its searchlight on every sub-committee, giving voice to the hands that built the success.

From the Secretariat led by Prof. Fawole and Mr Kunle Akogun as the Secretary, to Arena under Mr A.T. Jimoh, Protocol under Mr Adewuyi M.O., Health under Dr. Rasheed A. Odunola, Welfare under Mrs. Sherifat T. Saka-Lawal, Programme & Printing under Mr M.A. Opaleke, Publicity under Mr Akogun, Telecom and Technical under Mr Aloga, Production & Performance under Dr Olapeju O. Shuaib, Accommodation under Mr M. K. B. Yusuf, Environment under Prof. Yusuf Abdulraheem, Transportation under Prof. Fawole, Security under Mr Paul Ogidi, and Park and Ride under Mr.



Mr Alooma

S.O. Agboola.

In some cases, two voices were heard from one committee — Prof. Abdulrasheed A. Adeoye of Production & Performance, Mr Femi Awolola of Park and Ride, Mr Naheem Olusola Falowo of Arena, Mr Suberu Ibrahim of Security, and Mr Aloga of Transportation — all testifying that when spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion.

The station also brought to the airwaves the Principal Officers of the University: the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal, and the University Librarian, Prof. Kamakdeen Tunde Omopupa.

The KU8+ family was not left out, represented by a pioneer member, Prof. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji, the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Pategi University, now Vice-Chancellor of the African School of Economics (The Pan-African University of Excellence), Abuja. Also featured was the Director of GNS, Prof. Lambe Mustapha. We also interviewed the President of the UNILORIN Alumni Association, Prof. Abdulrasaq Kilani. The brightest star of the day, the overall best graduating student, Mr Francis Joseph Olusegun, his proud parents, and many other graduands poured their joy live on air. Every voice became a verse in the convocation anthem.

And what did *UNILORIN FM* do? The station did wonders. While it broadcasts 24 hours daily, it went the extra mile. For three days, from 4 a.m. till nightfall, it ran a special convocation marathon — countdown programmes, special commentaries, vox pops on the streets of campus, incisive news reportage, aggressive social media engagement, live transmission of events and minute-by-minute situation reports. It was not just radio; it was a town crier with a golden voice that reached the world.

Behind this feat was an enabling atmosphere created by the amiable Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, a man wearing three caps at once — Director of Corporate Affairs, Secretary of the Ceremonials Committee, and Chairman of the Publicity Sub-Committee. As the elders say, a man who can carry three loads at once must have strong shoulders — Mr Akogun proved it.

But the real magic was in the *UNILORIN FM* family itself. Led by yours sincerely, the team rose as one. Mr Temitope Olawuyi, Karikatalk, Head of Programmes and Online Streaming, brought innovation and digital firepower; the Head of News, Mrs Temitope Folorunso, held the news front with distinction; the Head of Yoruba Unit, Mrs Damilola Afelumo; the Head of Islamic Unit, Mr Tijani Adewoyin, Miss Bimbo Durojaye, Mr Tolu Jolayemi (Head of Production) Mr Olusegun Olukayode, Miss Barakat Abdulraheem, Mr. Femi Fajemiyo, and Mr Abubakar Imam, the Deputy Editor, *UNILORIN Bulletin*, who ensured every story found space in the Bulletin, all gave their all.

The hero of the hour remains Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole. A workaholic with rare human management skills, innovative and calm under pressure, he steered the ship before, during and after, earning commendation from all quarters.

In truth, *UNILORIN FM* did not just report the convocation; it immortalised it. It turned mortar boards into microphones and certificates into conversations. As the proverb says, when the story is sweetly told, it remains in the mouth of the listeners.

Long after the gowns are folded and the caps are kept, the echoes will remain — One Programme, Many Echoes, one station, a thousand memories. *UNILORIN FM* has once again shown that it is not just Better by Far, it is Best by Far.

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TOWN & GOWN
by Kunle Akogun



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41st CONVOCATION CEREMONIES

A week of glory, grandeur, and gratitude

*16,152 total graduands; Kid prodigy shatters record with 5.0 CGPA; Admonitions for graduands, kudos to UNILORIN by leaders

The University of Ilorin once again lived up to its billing as it rolled out drums in grandeur for its 41st Convocation Ceremonies between Friday, 16th to Sunday, 25th October, 2026. The University campus, usually known for its clean and green ambience, was particularly beautifully adorned in its signature colours for the special occasion.

Apart from the Main Auditorium, which sat about 2000 people, including graduands, guests and top University officials, other venues used for the three main days of the convocation proper were the Multipurpose Hall, where the proud parents of graduands were seated, and the Marquee beside the Auditorium, where students who could not be accommodated in the main Hall sat. The beautiful thing was that whether one sat inside the Main Auditorium, the Multipurpose Hall, or under the Marquee, nobody missed any piece of the action as the event inside the Auditorium was beamed live to all guests and even those who were not on campus on those days. Indeed, everybody in any part of the world got connected seamlessly to what was happening on the University campus throughout the convocation days, all thanks to the meticulous planning and clinical execution by the Ceremonials Committee, led by Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, a renowned clinician, consummate consultant paediatrician, and former Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University.

What began with prayers ended with praises, as the University celebrated 16,152 graduands, sustained intellectual excellence and remarkable institutional progress. Of the graduands, 11, 213 bagged their first degrees (365 First Class, 4,367 Second Class Upper, 5,102 Second Class Lower, 1,006 Third Class and 30 Pass graduates.), 4,939 higher degrees and Diplomas, comprising 160 Postgraduate Diplomas, 901 Master degrees, 114 Professional Master degrees, two Master of Philosophy degrees and 251 Ph.D. degrees. Also in the pack were 3,511 graduands from the University's affiliated institutions.

The ceremonies commenced on Friday, 16th October, 2026 with a Special Juma'at Service at the University Central Mosque followed by an Interdenominational Service on Sunday, 18th October, 2026 at the Chapel of the Light. Both services sought divine guidance for a hitch-free celebration.

The intellectual curtain-raiser was the Vice-Chancellor's Press Briefing and Media Chat on Monday, 19th October, 2026, at the University Auditorium. At the media engagement with members of the elite UNILORIN Accredited Press Corps, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, announced the programme run-down for the 41st Convocation Ceremonies, officially releasing the total number of graduands, and award winners. He also dwelt substantially on the various landmark achievements made by the University during the 2025/2026 academic session.

On Tuesday, 20th October, the Performing and Film Arts Theatre came alive with the staging of the Convocation Play, titled "***The Death of the Crown Escort",*** written by Dr Abdulmalik A. Amali, and directed by Prof. AbdulRasheed Adeoye. It was performed in two sessions, the Command Performance for University top shots and the other session for the general public. The drama, set in a fictional Odu community in Idoma land of Kogi State, was not just entertainment for the fun of it but a pithy commentary on inter-generational cultural conflict caused by apprehension over the adoption of new practices.

Then came the convocation proper, which kicked off on Wednesday, October 21, with graduands from the Faculties of Education, Agriculture (Home Economics), Communication and Information Sciences, Environmental Sciences (Architecture), Social Sciences, and Institute of Education taking the centre stage.

On Thursday, October 22, it was the turn of the Faculties of Arts, Basic Medical Sciences, Life Sciences, Management Sciences, and Physical Sciences, which gave the University the Overall Best Graduating Student in person of Olusegun Francis Joseph of the Department of Mathematics with a perfect 5.00 CGPA.

On Friday, October 23, the grand finale featured the Convocation Lecture by Sierra Leone's Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Hon. Dr. Haja Ramatulai Wurie, titled "From Lecture Hall to Cabinet Room: The Journey from Academia to Public Leadership." She charged leaders to lead with substance, purpose, and evidence, stressing the need to build people and institutions that will outlast them. It was an enthralling and captivating moment, as the youthful and highly cerebral lecturer held the audience spell-bound with her enchanting delivery.

The Convocation Lecture was followed immediately by the convocation of graduands from the Faculties of Agriculture, Basic Clinical Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences (Optometry), Law, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine and Postgraduate School. The Day also featured Award of Prices.

The star of the ceremony was Olusegun Francis Joseph of the Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Physical Sciences, who emerged Overall Best Graduating Student with a historic perfect 5.00 CGPA, the first of its kind in history of the University.

As is usual on solemn occasions like this, speeches were made by leaders, academic and political, with admonitions and felicitations running through all. From the Visitor, the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, to the Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the University's Governing Council, Surv. Abiodun Jacob Aluko, and the Chief Host himself, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, the speeches touched on topical national issues as well as UNILORIN-specific issues of particular concerns.

In his speech, the Visitor, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, represented by the Minister of State for Education, Prof. Suwaiba Said Ahmad, told the graduands to go beyond seeking employment by creating jobs, embracing innovation and using their knowledge to solve problems and serve humanity, pointing out that "in a world increasingly shaped by digital technology and Artificial Intelligence, I encourage you not only to seek employment, but also to create it. Become innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, and problem solvers."

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