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Victory for UNILORIN Alumni Association

..... court throws out Fasakin's suit

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

After four years of legal battle, an Ilorin High Court has put to rest the leadership crisis rocking the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, dismissing, in its entirety, the suit challenging the Association's current leadership.

This was disclosed in a statement by the National President of the Association, Prof. AbdulRazaq O. Kilani, last Wednesday (November 4, 2026).In the statement, a copy of which was made available to ***UNILORIN Bulletin***, Prif. Kilani said that the court ruled that the suit, filed by Bayonle Salami and seven others against the National Executive Committee, lacked merit, describing the reliefs sought as a mere academic exercise already overtaken by events.

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NUC accreditation team commends UNILORIN's Civil Engineering programme



Prof. Etudaiye

By Tajudeen Babamale

The National Universities Commission (NUC) Accreditation Team for the Civil Engineering programme of the University of Ilorin, has commended the Department on its performance and urged both academic and non-teaching staff to sustain their commitment to excellence.

The leader of the Accreditation Team, Prof. Toochukwu Chibueze Ogwueleka, made the commendation when he led members of the team on a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, last Tuesday (November 3, 2026), following the completion of their assessment of the programme.

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Poorly processed garri can cause goitre — Musa-Olomu

By Abubakar Imam

A Professor at the Department of Surgery, University of Ilorin, Abdus-Samiu Adewale Musa-Olomu, has urged government at all levels to ensure that local gari producers are trained on how to properly process and produce the foodstuff in order to ensure that the substance (cyanoclycosides) that encourages goiter are removed from it to safety levels.

Prof. Musa-Olomu stated this last Thursday (November 5, 2026) while delivering the 308th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Beauty of A Surgeon's Knife: Bringing Smiles to Patient's Faces", at the University Auditorium.

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Prof. Musa-Olomu

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NUC applauds UNILORIN's prosthetics innovation

By Tajudeen Babamale

An Accreditation Team from the National Universities Commission (NUC) to the Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Ilorin, has commended the University on its remarkable contributions to community development, particularly its innovation in prosthetics and commitment to translating academic research into practical solutions to societal challenges.

Speaking last Friday (November 6, 2026) during its exit visit to the Vice Chancellor following the completion of the 2026 accreditation exercise, the team leader, Prof. Ephraim Nwoye, described the University's prosthetics initiative as an outstanding achievement. He noted that its impact extended beyond academic recognition to transforming the lives of people living with physical disabilities.

The Professor of Biomedical Engineering explained that providing prosthetic limbs to individuals who previously depended on crutches and other mobility aids was a significant scientific and therapeutic intervention capable of restoring mobility, independence and dignity.

Prof. Nwoye particularly commended the Department's successful development, 3D printing and fitting of prosthetic limbs for beneficiaries, an achievement which, he noted, had attracted national and international attention and brought considerable recognition to the University. He urged the Institution to sustain the initiative through increased financial investment and improved infrastructure.

The Accreditation Team also acknowledged the availability of online academic resources and the University's impressive internet infrastructure. It, therefore, advised the University to intensify awareness campaigns, orientation programmes and practical training to ensure that students maximised these resources for learning and research.

Prof. Nwoye further commended



Prof. Etudaiye

the University for securing approximately ₦10 million in TETFund support for library resources for a one-year period, describing the intervention as commendable and worthy of emulation by other universities.

He encouraged the University to sustain its investment in library resources by providing access to recent academic publications and expanding subscriptions to relevant electronic journals and research databases.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, commended the Accreditation Team for its constructive observations, recommendations and commendations, describing the exercise as a partnership aimed at strengthening academic programmes and enhancing the University's capacity to serve its stakeholders.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, Prof. Egbewole assured the team that the University would carefully review its observations and address the identified areas requiring improvement, particularly in staffing, facilities, infrastructure and the provision of adequate examination spaces.

Prof. Egbewole disclosed that the University was exploring innovative approaches to strengthening the



Prof. Nwoye (right with Prof. Etudaiye



Department, including leveraging the expertise of its alumni in the diaspora to contribute to its academic development through teaching, knowledge exchange and skills transfer.

While appreciating the Accreditation Team for its professionalism, valuable recommendations and commitment to improving the quality of academic programmes, the Vice Chancellor expressed optimism that the next accreditation exercise would reflect considerable progress in addressing the concerns raised by the team.



Victory for UNILORIN Alumni Association

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The court held that under Article 10 of the Association's Constitution (Exhibit D) and paragraph 7 of the supporting affidavit, the tenure of the Dr Wale Fasakin-led Executive Committee, which began in 2020, had lapsed in 2024 long before the originating summons was filed in January 2025.

The court, therefore, declined to grant any relief that could have no practical effect, noting that in the interest of justice a fresh election had already been conducted and a new set of executives duly elected.

In a striking remark, the court described any attempt to compel the former President to convene a congress for a fresh election as a clog in the wheel of progress, a position that effectively affirms the stability and continuity of the current leadership. Each party was ordered to bear its own costs.



Prof. Kilani

Reacting to the judgment, the National President of the Association, Prof. A. O. Kilani, expressed appreciation to all stakeholders who stood firm to ensure the Association survived the onslaught launched by Dr Wale Fasakin and his group since 2022.

Prof. Kilani described the judgment as a clear affirmation of the democratic process and the will of members who elected the new Executive Committee.

He also thanked members and well-wishers who stood by it throughout the proceedings, while warning Dr Fasakin to halt his nefarious activities, including the continuous impersonation of the National President of the Association.

Prof. Kilani reaffirmed the commitment of the Association to its objectives such as fostering fellowship among University alumni, promoting the welfare of its members, supporting the University management in its development, and advancing the good name of the institution.

The President called on all members to put the issue of the litigation behind them and join hands in building a united, productive and forward looking Association.

UNILORIN alumnus, Usman appointed Huawei Technical Director

By Mustafa Abubakar

A 2021 graduate of the Department of Telecommunication Science, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Mr Jimoh Usman, has been appointed Technical Director, Finance Services Industry (FSI), at Huawei Technologies.

The appointment marks another significant milestone in Mr Usman's professional career and adds to his growing list of achievements in the global Information and Communication Technology (ICT) industry.

Mr Usman had earlier made history in October 2026 as the first Nigerian to obtain two Huawei Certified ICT Expert (HCIE) certifications in different technical domains. He achieved the feat after obtaining the HCIE-WLAN certification, adding it to his earlier HCIE-Datacom qualification. The HCIE is the highest level of Huawei's professional ICT certification programme.

He graduated from the University of Ilorin in 2021 as the third best student in his Department and became the second Nigerian to obtain the prestigious HCIE certification in 2024.



His professional experience includes network infrastructure and solutions, particularly within the Financial Services Industry, where he has served as a Network Team Lead.

The University community celebrates this outstanding alumnus on his latest appointment and wishes him greater accomplishments in his professional career.



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Prof. Ogwueleka praised the cooperation and support received from the Department, particularly the Head of the Department, the Dean of the Faculty and the Directorate of Academic Planning (DAP), noting that their contributions facilitated the accreditation exercise.

While also applauding the student enrolment for the programme, staff-to-student ratio, philosophy and curriculum, Prof. Ogwueleka further observed that the quality of students' marking scripts reflected the University's reputation for high academic standards.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described accreditation exercises as important opportunities for universities to strengthen their academic programmes and improve institutional standards.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, the Vice Chancellor noted that the University would welcome accreditation exercises even on a yearly basis, if possible, because of their value in drawing attention to critical areas of academic development.

Prof.Egbewole described the NUC team as partners in progress as he appreciated the honest observations and professional feedback provided during the exercise.

He assured the team that all areas of concern identified during the assessment would receive immediate attention, adding that the University was committed to further strengthening its Civil Engineering programme.

According to him, the ultimate goal is to produce graduates who can compete effectively with their counterparts across the globe.

The Vice Chancellor also reaffirmed the commitment of the University to continuous improvement in the quality of its academic programmes and the overall standard of its graduates.

Poorly processed garri can cause goitre — Musa-Olomu

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The Inaugural Lecturer also said that people should try as much as possible to avoid or stay near gari processing mills to prevent the inhalation of cyanide fumes that can cause goitre.

Prof. Musa-Olomu also encouraged government at all levels to ensure that the populace have access to well treated potable water in all the nooks and crannies of the country in order to reduce the incidence of goitre; and to promote the use of iodised salts.

He also encouraged the people to re-examine myths and cultural beliefs, saying that it is always important to seek expert medical care promptly instead of relying on mythological beliefs.

The don said that people should ensure adequate and early patronage of hospitals and that parents and guardians should ensure protection of children and offer them counselling services to avoid unnecessary injuries.

Prof. Musa-Olomu said that whenever the children are injured, early and immediate reporting in the hospital is necessary; as they are the most vulnerable to injury, saying that doing that would also lead to the avoidance of complications.

The Inaugural Lecturer, who is a former Chief Medical Director of the Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta, also encouraged members of the public to avoid food items that are likely to encourage development of goitre such as garbage and excessive use of drug that are not prescribed by doctors.

Prof. Musa-Olomu also said that members of the public should keep strictly to the prescription of their doctors as excess of drug usage can cause problems like development of goitre in diabetic, hypertensive patients and those on cough medication.

He also encouraged members of the public to avoid patronage of quack doctors as well as traditional bone setters, who, he said, rather than providing solutions, would accelerate challenges.



The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Etudaiye (right), receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Musa-Olomu (left), last Thursday

Prof. Musa-Olomu, who is a former Head of the Surgery Unit at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, also encouraged the Federal Government to ensure the training of more General Surgeons for the benefit of the nation's health system.

The don explained that based on the nature of their training, General Surgeons can function anywhere and treat their patients in their primary area of specialisation and effectively manage the patients of other specialities of surgery effectively.

He said that General Surgeons can, therefore, be posted to anywhere in any part of the country and they would be able to function excellently well.

He also encouraged the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) to collaborate with relevant stakeholders for them to work towards ensuring the declaration of a General Surgeons' Day (GSD), which will be used to draw the attention of the public to the importance of surgery in the life of individuals.

The Inaugural Lecturer equally advised Local Government Councils across the country to encourage community extension health workers to ensure more health counselling that can encourage the people to patronise orthodox medicine and dissuade them from cultural beliefs and attitudes and the wrong notion they have about orthodox medical practice.

He also said that State and Local Governments, in particular, should regularly organise training for traditional bone setters, as it is done for Traditional Birth Attendants to offer safe care to the populace.

To mitigate the widespread poverty currently ravaging the land, the Federal Government, according to Prof. Musa-Olomu, should ensure the provision of Health Insurance Scheme, with a view to making it more accessible to a vast majority of people to make healthcare affordable.

He also encouraged the management of tertiary health institutions across the country to mandate their staff members to give prompt attention to patients, whenever they come to hospitals.

The medical teacher also urged the Federal Government to create the Office of the Surgeon-General of the Federation as handed over by the colonial masters. This, he reasoned, would ensure that salaries of doctors and other healthcare workers are much better as the holder of the position of Surgeon-General would be placed next to that of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and thereby enhance the prestige of medical professionals, particularly medical doctors.



Finance Dept holds maiden international conference on AI and sustainability

By Bashir Dawodu

The Department of Finance, University of Ilorin, has held its 1st maiden international conference, which brought together academics, students, researchers and finance experts from various institutions to examine the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in transforming the financial sector and promoting sustainability.

The conference, themed "Artificial Intelligence, Finance, and the Path to Sustainability in Emerging and Developing Countries," was held last Monday, (November 2, 2026), at the University Auditorium.

Speaking on the theme, the Guest Speaker and Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Prof. Taiwo Oyedele, who was represented by the Director of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) of the Ministry, Dr Joseph Babafunso, highlighted the opportunities AI presents for the financial sector.

He identified financial inclusion, operational efficiency, transparency, improved risk management and resilience as some of the major benefits of integrating AI into financial services.

He, however, cautioned that the adoption of AI also comes with significant challenges, including data privacy breaches, algorithmic bias and national security vulnerabilities.

Prof. Oyedele stressed the need for Nigeria to establish a comprehensive legal framework to regulate the deployment of AI, despite its growing adoption across critical sectors such as banking, agriculture and healthcare.

"Nigeria still lacks a comprehensive legal framework governing AI deployment, despite rapid adoption across banking, agriculture, healthcare and other sectors. This is a gap we must close, urgently and thoughtfully," he said.

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■ *Prof. Bakare-Odunola*



■ *Dr Popoola*



■ *Prof. Olaniyan*



■ *Dr Abdulmumin*



Management commends New Media student volunteers

By Mubarak Oladosu

The management of the University of Ilorin has commended four volunteers of the University's New Media team for their outstanding contributions to the growth and development of the University during their studentship.

The commendation was conveyed through separate letters dated October 29, 2026 addressed to each of the volunteers and signed by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla.

The recipients of the commendation letter are Mr. Lawrence Peace Emen of the Department of Geophysics, Miss Abdulsalam Zainab Oluwafikunayomi of the Department of Economics, Miss Aliyu Rahmat Olajumoke of the Department of Science Education and Miss Jolayemi Emmanuel Iynoluwa of the Department of Educational Technology.



Prof. Egbewole

Mr Alfanla commended each of the four students on their outstanding contributions as student volunteers with the University New Media Unit.

The letters further read, "Your dedication, creativity, and expertise in content creation, graphic design, and other media-related activities have contributed significantly to the effective dissemination of the University's activities and enhancement of its visibility, as well as public image across the various new media platforms."

The University Management expressed appreciation for their "selfless service, commitment, and invaluable contributions to the growth and development of the University."

The management also congratulated the students on the significant milestone of their graduation from the University last month and wished them success in their future endeavours.

Finance Dept holds maiden international conference on AI and sustainability

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In his keynote address, the Chief Executive Officer of CRC Credit Bureau Limited,Dr Ahmed Babatunde Popoola, described Artificial Intelligence as a transformative force capable of repositioning finance from a largely transactional function to an intelligent infrastructure for economic development and sustainability.

Dr Popoola urged researchers, academics and policymakers to ensure that AI-driven financial innovations promote societal protection and human empowerment.

He also called for context-sensitive regulations for AI in finance and encouraged the development of AI tools tailored to the peculiarities of emerging and developing economies, rather than relying solely on global principles.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, called on participants to embrace Artificial Intelligence, noting that the technology had come to stay and was increasingly becoming essential in accomplishing tasks beyond conventional human capabilities.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, commended the Department for organising the Conference, describing it as an important platform for deepening understanding of the relevance of AI to the financial sector.

He urged participants to translate the knowledge and insights gained at the Conference into practical applications in their respective fields.

Similarly, the Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences, Prof. T.O. Olaniyan, emphasised the need for Nigeria to embrace the AI revolution to remain competitive in the global community.

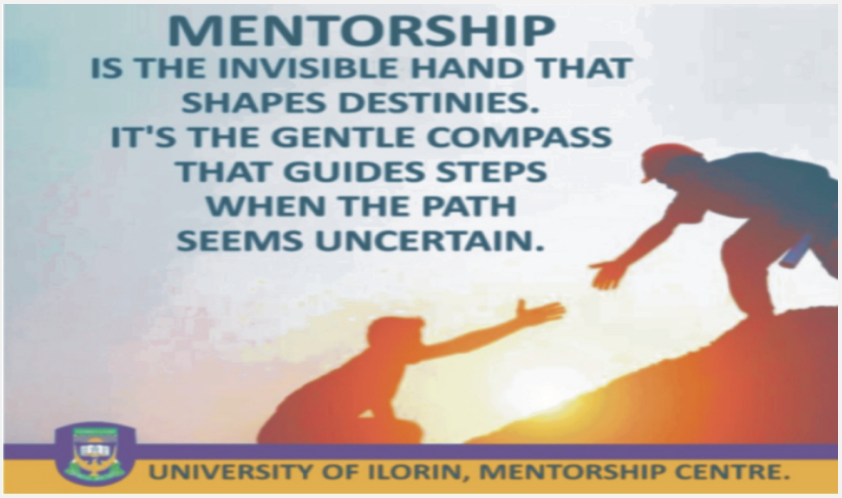
He encouraged Nigerians to adopt the technology responsibly,stressing the importance of understanding both its benefits and potential drawbacks.

In her welcome address, the Head of the Department, Dr Bilqees A. Abdulmumin, expressed appreciation to participants for honouring the Department's invitation.

She described the Conference as timely and relevant, particularly in view of the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence on financial systems and economic development.

Dr Abdulmumin also commended the University management on its continued support towards the growth and development of the Department.

Highlights of the Conference included paper presentations, presentation of awards and a drama performance by students of the Department of Performing and Film Arts.





Prof. Egbewole



Prof. Emeritus Oloyede



Prof.Gambari

CPSS honours Egbewole, Oloyede, Gambari, others

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the immediate past Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON; a former Nigeria's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Chief of Staff to former President Muhammadu Buhari, Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, and a former Chairman of the Committee of Pro-Chancellors of State Universities in Nigeria, Prof. Yusuf Ola-Olu Ali, SAN, were among several dignitaries honoured by the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin on Friday, October 23, 2026.

Also honoured at the same event, which was organised in conjunction with the students of the Centre, were past Directors of the Centre such as Prof. Isaac Olawale Albert, Prof. Joseph Fayeye, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, Prof. Oyeronke Olademo and Prof. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji as well as Prof. Olabisi Olasehinde-Williams.

The list of the honourees also include senior security chiefs such as the Commissioner of Police, Kwara State Command, Mr Ojo Adekimi; and the Commandant of the Kwara State Command of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Mr Abbas Nda Mohammed, among others.

Speaking at the event, the Director of the Centre, Prof. Abdul-Jelil Gbemisola Animasawun, explained that the decision to celebrate the scholars was informed by the need to recognise their individual and collective contributions to the development of the Centre and the society at large.

Prof. Animasawun, who is a counter-terrorism expert, added that they were also honoured for their contributions to the growth of Peace Studies in Nigeria as well as the need to encourage others to emulate them.

Speaking specifically on his predecessors, Prof. Animasawun thanked them for their cumulative achievements and contributions, which continued to attract students, scholars and other stakeholders to the Centre.

The don, who took over the leadership of the Centre in 2025, explained that the Centre would continue to celebrate the former Directors and all those who impacted positively on peace building as he also assured them that the management and staff of the Centre would ensure that the light of the CPSS does not get extinguished.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sidelines of the event, one of the honourees and the incumbent Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, said that he and his colleagues were delighted that they were found worthy of celebration by the Centre.

Prof. Jawondo, who is also a former Director of the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin, said that the importance of peace in any society cannot be over-emphasised.

The don pointed out that neither positive growth nor development can be experienced in an atmosphere of confusion and conflict.

He, therefore, encouraged everyone, no matter the position they occupy, to always promote peace and harmony anywhere they find themselves.

The event was attended by staff members, students, friends and colleagues of the honourees as well as members of the general public.

Oyeniran admitted into NAEAP Council of Fellows

By Mustafa Abubakar

A Professor in the Department of Educational Management, Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Saheed Oyeniran, has been admitted into the Council of Fellows of the Nigerian Association for Educational Administration and Planning (NAEAP).

Prof. Oyeniran was admitted at the 45th Annual National Conference of the Association, tagged "Caliphate 2026," held at the Emir Zayyanu Auditorium, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto.

The recognition marks a significant milestone in Prof. Oyeniran's academic career and acknowledges his status in the field of educational administration and planning.

His admission into the Council of Fellows underscores his scholarly contributions, professional commitment and service to the advancement of educational management and leadership in Nigeria.

The honour further adds to his professional accomplishments and reflects the esteem in which distinguished academics and practitioners in the education sector are held. His elevation is also a source of pride and inspiration to colleagues, students and the wider academic community.



Prof. Oyeniran



UNILORIN hosts national academies, harps on intergenerational collaboration

By: Muizdeen Adewole

The University of Ilorin last Tuesday (November 3, 2026), hosted the President and Fellows of Nigeria's National Academies at its maiden Sensitisation Workshop for the Nigerian Young Academy (NYA).

The Workshop, with the theme "Developing Academic Excellence for Impact in the 21st Century: The Roles of National Academies," was organised by the UNILORIN-NYA Taskforce in collaboration with the National Academies.

Declaring the Workshop open, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, said academic excellence must be sustained through deliberate intergenerational collaboration.

According to him, the older generation offers wisdom, experience and institutional memory through mentorship, while the younger generation brings energy, creativity and technological adaptability to drive innovation.



■ *Prof. Etudaiye*

Prof. Egbewole said the future of the university system depends on building capacity in the next generation to transform the country rather than seek escape from it. The engagement, he noted, aligns with the University's Vision 1:10:500 and the need to translate knowledge into societal impact.

The Vice Chancellor commended the National Academies and the Nigerian Young Academy for the initiative.

In her welcome address, the Chair of the UNILORIN-NYA Taskforce, Prof. Temitope Elizabeth Odetoye, FNYA, said the workshop was conceived to promote a community of excellent, ethical and impactful young scholars.

Prof. Odetoye said the role of National Academies extends beyond recognition to responsibility, mentoring, knowledge production and policy advice for national development. She appreciated the University Management and the Presidents of the National Academies for their support.

Presenting a paper on "Why the Nigerian Young Academy Matters," the President of the Nigerian Young Academy, Prof. Temitope Olabisi Onuminya, MNYA, said the Academy was created to fill a critical gap for young researchers.

She explained that prior to NYA, there was no common forum or united voice for young researchers in Nigeria, pointing out that NYA now provides that platform and a formidable research voice for Nigeria internationally.



Prof. Onuminya, the first female President of NYA, listed its interventions to include leadership training for early-career researchers, advocacy against plagiarism featured in Nature and Science, nationwide survey on sexual abuse in tertiary institutions with policy recommendations, and COVID-19 prevention strategies with 10 webinars and 8 policy briefs for public health agencies.

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Oloyede turbaned as Kuliyan Sokoto

By Abubakar Imam

The historic city of Sokoto played host to hundreds of dignitaries from all walks of life penultimate Sunday (November 1, 2026) as the 8th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and immediate past Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, was formally turbaned as the Kuliyan Sokoto by the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammad Saad Abubakar III, CFR, at his ancient palace.

Also turbaned at the same event was a Professor in the Department of Telecommunication Science and Director, Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), University of Ilorin, Abdulkarim Oloyede, who became the Galadima Kuliya of Sokoto. The new Galadima Kuliya is a son of the multiple award-wining former Vice Chancellor.

Speaking at the event, the Sultan described Prof. Emeritus Oloyede as a wonderful and detribalised Nigerian who deserves to be celebrated for his numerous contributions to scholarship, propagation



Prof. Emeritus Oloyede

of Islam, peaceful coexistence and general human development.

The Sultan, who is also the President-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), urged the new Kuliya to continue to serve as a role-model as he appealed to him to always support the development of Sokoto as well.

The prestigious traditional title, which was conferred on him by the Sultan while speaking at an event organised by the University of Ilorin to mark the successful completion of tenure of the Prof. Emeritus by the authorities of the University last year at the University Auditorium, recognises a distinguished career marked by significant contributions to education, Islamic affairs, leadership and national development.

The event brought together distinguished individuals who converged on Sokoto to celebrate an honour that reflects a legacy of knowledge, service and contributions to human development.

Among those who attended the event were the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, who was represented by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin and Secretary, Ilorin Emirate Durbar Committee, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo; the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Aremu Gbadebo, who was represented by a former Military Administrator of Sokoto and Bauchi State, Navy Captain Rasheed Raji; the Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Segun Aina; the Kuliya of Ilorin, Prof. Yusuf Ola-Olu Ali, SAN; the Malami Ubandoma of Ilorin and Imam of National Mosque, Abuja, Dr AbdulKadir Salman Solagberu and Prof. Ishaq Lakin Akintola, among others.

UNILORIN hosts national academies, harps on intergenerational collaboration

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Making his presentation on "The Relevance and Impact of the Nigerian Academy of Letters on Intellectualism, Governance, and the Community," the President of the Nigerian Academy of Letters, Prof. Andrew Haruna, FLAN, FNAL, described NAL as the apex body for the humanities in Nigeria. He said while STEAM disciplines build the nation's physical infrastructure, the humanities build its societal fabric, anchoring national growth on culture, language, ethics, policy, and critical thought. He added that as the highest scholarly recognition in literature, history, philosophy, linguistics, theatre arts and languages, NAL sets the standard for rigour and integrity, and protects indigenous knowledge from erasure.

Prof. Haruna said NAL's impact goes beyond the academy into governance and national cohesion. The Academy regularly sends communiqués, policy briefs and position papers to government on education, security and social integration, including its 2026 Convocation Lecture on Mother-Tongue Education and its call to decolonise classrooms. He added that Fellows serve as the moral conscience of the nation, safeguarding democracy and ethics, and now advocating moral guardrails for AI in education and governance. In a multi-ethnic nation, NAL also preserves indigenous oral traditions and languages to promote civic values and counter polarisation.

Prof. Haruna dwelt extensively on mentorship, describing it as a core obligation of Fellowship, not a passive honour. He said Fellows must cultivate the next generation of scholars and bridge the gap between foundational professors and emerging voices.

Delivering the Nigerian Academy of Science lecture, the President, Prof. Abubakar Sambo, FAS, represented by Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu, FAS, described NAS as the foremost independent scientific body established in 1977.

He disclosed that NAS has elected 308 Fellows since inception, including five from UNILORIN, and serves as Nigeria's representative to the International Science Council and other global bodies.

Prof. Sambo said NAS impacts communities through science advisory to government, its Research Leaders Mentorship Programme supporting 20 early-career researchers, and promotion of scientific literacy, noting that Fellowship of NAS remains the highest scientific honour in Nigeria.

In his address on the impact of the Nigerian Academy of Engineering, the President, Engr. Prof. Umar Garba Danbatta, FNSE, said 21st century excellence must be measured by impact, not just publications.

He outlined the roles of National Academies to include promoting research integrity, strengthening academia-industry-government collaboration, providing evidence-based advice on infrastructure and power, and mentoring the next generation.

Prof. Danbatta listed NAEng's recent national interventions on the 2024 Alau Dam flooding and power sector financial reforms, and announced that the Call for Nomination of Fellows will close on November 13, 2026.

The event was well attended by dignitaries, academics, researchers and students, both physically and virtually. Among those present were Principal Officers of the University of Ilorin, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, staff members and young scholars. The workshop ended with renewed commitment to mentorship, collaboration and impact-driven scholarship as the pathway to academic excellence and national development.

Management congratulates Unilorite's excellent performance in Essay contest

By Mubarak Oladosu

The management of the University of Ilorin has congratulated Miss Yakubu Tolulope Mary of the Department of Plant Biology, on her emergence as the Third Prize Winner at the NUPEMCo University 2026 Essay Competition, themed "Securing the Future: Why Pension Matters to Every Nigerian Worker."

In a congratulatory letter dated October 28, 2026 and signed by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, the management described Mary's performance as exciting.

The letter, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin* reads in part, "On behalf of the University Management, I write to congratulate you on your emergence as the Third Prize Winner of the NUPEMCo University Essay Competition 2026, organised by the Nigerian University Pension Management Company Limited."

The letter further stated, "Your outstanding performance in the competition, themed 'Securing the Future: Why Pension Matters to Every Nigerian Worker,' is a testament to your intellectual ability, academic excellence, and commitment to learning."

The letter further reads, "This remarkable achievement has brought honour to the University and reflects the quality of scholarship and talent among our students. Your success is indeed commendable and worthy of emulation."

"Please accept the congratulations of the University Management on this well-deserved recognition. I encourage you to sustain this spirit of excellence and continue to distinguish yourself in your academic pursuits and future endeavours," the letter concluded.

Management commends Unilorite on 41st Convocation logo design

By Mubarak Oladosu

The management of the University of Ilorin has commended the designer of the logo of the 41st Convocation ceremonies of the University, Miss Abdullateef Toyibah Abiodun, for her outstanding creativity and invaluable contributions to the University.

This commendation was conveyed through a letter dated October 29, 2026 and signed by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla.

The letter reads, "On behalf of the University Management, I write to commend you for your outstanding creativity and invaluable contribution to the University through the design of the logo for the 41st Convocation Ceremonies held on Friday, 23rd October, 2026."



Mr Alfanla

The letter further praised Miss Abdullateef, who graduated from the Biology Unit of the Department of Science Education during the 41st convocation ceremonies.

He noted, "Your dedication, artistic skills, and expertise in graphic design have contributed significantly to the successful visual representation of this important University event. The logo reflects the significance and prestige of the 41st Convocation ceremonies, enhanced the University's identity and public image across various communication platforms."

The Registrar also celebrated her graduation and said, "I congratulate you on this important milestone of your graduation from the University and wish you success in your future endeavours."

Ibrahim bags NAMP Fellowship

Prof. M. O. Ibrahim of the Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Physical Sciences, has been conferred with the Fellowship of the Nigerian Association of Mathematical Physics.

The investiture took place at the University of Benin, Benin City, during the 36th Annual Conference of the Association last Wednesday.



Prof. M. O. Ibrahim



UNILORIN research team tackles lead poisoning

By Abubakar Imam

In a major step towards safeguarding public health and aligning with the newly approved National Policy on Cosmetic Safety, the University of Ilorin's Sustainable Environmental Pollution Control Group (USEPCG) has successfully taken its groundbreaking research from the laboratory to the policy table through a groundbreaking research targeted at eliminating lead poisoning.

This development was disclosed last Monday (November 2, 2026) by a Professor at the Department of Chemical Engineering, George Adewale Adeniyi, in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

Prof. Adeniyi explained that a research group consisting of himself, a colleague of his at the Department of Chemical Engineering, Dr Mary Ajala; a software expert at the Department of Computer Science, Dr Joseph B. Awotunde; a lecturer at the Department of Physics, who specialises in Medical Material, Dr Samson I. Akinsola and two students from the Department of Industrial Engineering and Statistics, respectively, Mr Kingsley O. Iwuozor and Mr Alabi, Muideen Ojo with the support of Mr Najib Sanusi Gaya, Mr Abdulrahman O. Mafe and Mr Oriade Yusuf Olamilekan conducted the research in Kano State.

The don said that the research group, operating under a national collaborative project, titled "Tackling Lead Poisoning in Nigeria: A Multi-State Assessment of Lead (Pb) in Cosmetics & Ceremonial Powders", concluded a highly impactful two-day advocacy meeting with the Kano State Government.

He added that the project, which was conducted in collaboration with the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON), the Cosmetic Safety Unit of the NAFDAC, and the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Work (FMoHSW), with funding from Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL), established a baseline for lead poisoning across eight commonly used cosmetic types in Nigeria.

Prof. Adeniyi said that the research findings, which show that out of 411 samples screened across 44 Local Government Areas of Kano State, over one-third (38%) failed safety standards, registering lead (Pb) levels above 10 ppm, were presented to the Kano State Government.

He noted that unregistered local Tiro/Kohl and ceremonial powders were identified as the highest-risk products, putting women and children at significant risk of long-term neurological and developmental damage.

The findings, according to Prof. Adeniyi, led to the convocation of an advocacy meeting, which was held from October 26 to 27, 2026 and the State Commissioner for Health,Dr. Abubakar Labaran Yusuf and the Director of Public Health and Disease Control, Kano State Ministry of Health, Dr Ibrahim Ali Umar Gano

Prof. Adeniyi, who is a former Researcher of the Year, University of Ilorin, added that the meeting turned out to be a resounding success as it brought together policymakers, market women associations, religious leaders, and health officials.

In a direct response to the evidence presented by the UNILORIN team, Prof. Adeniyi said that the Kano State Government immediately constituted a Technical Committee to oversee the implementation of the research recommendations, which include bilingual public health advisories, market surveillance, and the establishment of rapid XRF screening points at major markets like Kurmi and Sabon Gari.

According to Prof. Adeniyi, this milestone in Kano State marks the beginning of a nationwide advocacy rollout.

Reacting to the development, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, congratulated Prof. Adeniyi and his team for a job well done.

Mr Akogun said that the University would continue to celebrate Prof. Adeniyi and his team for exemplifying the commitment of the University to impactful, solution-driven research that directly influences national policy and protects the lives of Nigerians.

Two Unilorites clinch top NVMA Kwara positions

By: Muizdeen Adewole



The University of Ilorin has once again asserted its leadership in the Veterinary profession as two of its lecturers secured top positions in the newly elected Executive Council of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA), Kwara State Chapter.

A Senior Lecturer at the Department of Theriogenology and Production, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Dr Musa Imam Abubakar, emerged as the Chairman, while Dr Abdullateef Isiaq Olohundare of the Department of Veterinary Pathology, was elected as the Auditor.

The elections ushered in a new Executive Council that will pilot the affairs of the Association from 2026 to 2028. This is contained in their certificates of return issued on 20th October, 2026, and signed by the Chairman of the Electoral Committee, Dr Hyelni Sambo Yoksa.

For Dr Abubakar, the victory is a continuation of service. He had served as the Vice Chairman of the Association between 2024 and 2026, a period during which he was widely acknowledged for his diligence, loyalty and commitment to the growth of the Association. His elevation to Chairmanship is, therefore, seen by many members as a natural progression and a reward for meritorious service.

In his inaugural address delivered at the Conference Room of the University of Ilorin Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Dr Abubakar expressed profound gratitude to God and to members of the Association for the confidence reposed in him.

He paid special tribute to the outgoing Chairperson and other Executive Committee members for their services, and to past leaders and senior colleagues whose efforts have sustained the Chapter over the years.

He also welcomed the newly-inducted veterinary doctors into the Association, urging them to uphold their professional oath and remain committed to learning.

Outlining his vision for the Chapter, Dr Abubakar said his Administration would work on five key priorities: unity and members welfare; professional development and mentorship; advocacy and constructive partnerships; public service and professional visibility; and accountable leadership.

Dr Isiaq, on his part, also expressed appreciation to members for electing him as Auditor, a position that demands trust, integrity and accountability. He said he was humbled by the confidence reposed in him and promised to discharge his duties with transparency and diligence.

Receiving the duo in his office, the Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. S. A. Ameen, congratulated Dr Abubakar and Dr Isiaq on their well-deserved victory, describing their election as a source of immense pride to the Faculty. He noted that their emergence reflects the high calibre of academics in the Faculty and the confidence that the larger veterinary community reposes in the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Ameen commended the duo for bringing honour to the Faculty and assured them of the full support of the Faculty management as they take up their new responsibilities. He expressed confidence that they will bring to bear the UNILORIN spirit of excellence, integrity and service, and will use their positions to further strengthen town and gown collaboration and advance the cause of the veterinary profession in Kwara State and beyond.

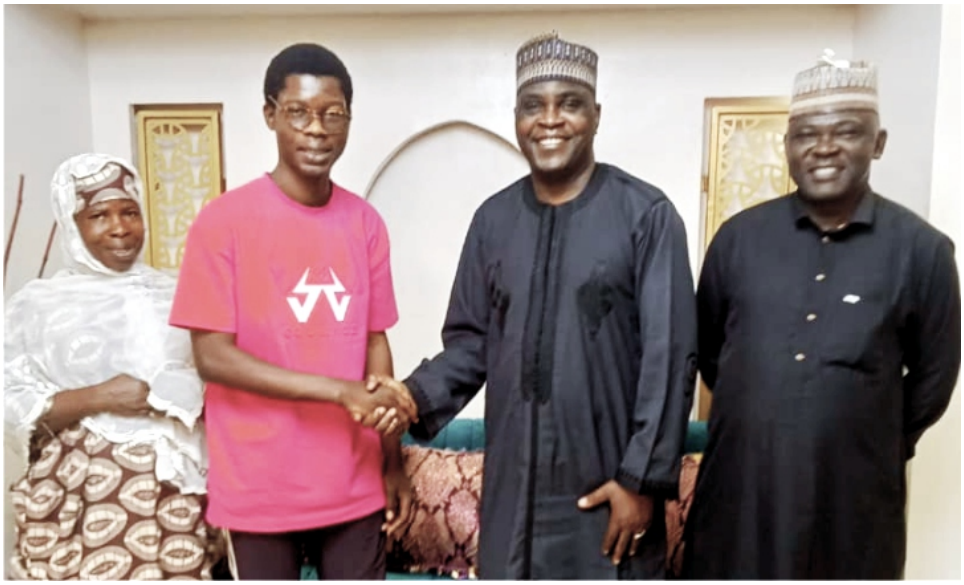
The election of the duo has been widely celebrated within the University community, particularly in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, where colleagues described it as a well-deserved honour and a reflection of the quality of staff that the University continues to produce.

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. I. A. Raufu	Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Microbiology	Director, Centre Development and In-House Training (CREDIT)	1st November, 2026
Prof. Risikat E. Kadir	Basic Medical Sciences / Anatomy	Head, Department of Anatomy	1st August, 2026
Prof. Bolanle O. Olawuyi	Education / Social Science Education	Director, Unilorin Counselling and Human Development Centre	1st November, 2026
Prof. M.A. Akanmu	Education / Science Education	Dean, Student Affairs	1st October, 2026
Dr. S. O. Ibrahim	Physical Sciences / Industrial Chemistry	Desk Officer KU8+	1st November, 2026

GOF to sponsor indigent UNILORIN medical student

By Abubakar Imam



The Sarkin Gobir and Madawaki of Ilorin, Alhaji Yakubu Garba Gobir, has announced a comprehensive scholarship for a newly-admitted medical student of the University of Ilorin, Mr Fawas Ayomide Ariyo, under the auspices of the Gobir Organisation Foundation (GOF).

Alhaji Gobir, who also holds the traditional title of Waziri Kasar Hausa, made the announcement penultimate Sunday, (November 1, 2026) while receiving Mr Ariyo and his mother at his residence in GRA, Ilorin.

The scholarship, according to Alhaji Gobir, will cover tuition and other approved university charges, accommodation and essential educational expenses throughout Mr Ariyo's medical studies, subject to satisfactory academic progress.

He also explained that the Foundation would also facilitate appropriate academic and professional mentorship for Mr Ariyo to support his development.

Alhaji Gobir explained that his decision was inspired by Mr Ariyo's remarkable determination, academic promise and resilience in overcoming difficult circumstances, as highlighted in an article written by a Deputy Director (Information) at the University of Ilorin and immediate past National Secretary of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Mr Abubakar Imam.

He noted that the initiative reflects the Foundation's broader commitment to expanding educational opportunities for deserving young people, particularly those pursuing careers in Medicine and other healthcare professions.

According to Alhaji Gobir, supporting the education of promising medical students represents a meaningful investment in the future of healthcare delivery in Kwara State and Nigeria.

Alhaji Gobir, a pharmacist by training, observed that the shortage of qualified healthcare professionals remains a significant challenge and emphasised the importance of encouraging talented young people to enter and remain in the medical profession.

He encouraged Mr Ariyo to remain focused, disciplined and committed to his studies, reminding him that medicine is a demanding profession requiring dedication, compassion and lifelong learning.

Alhaji Gobir further explained that the Foundation intends to develop a structured scholarship and mentorship programme for academically promising students from disadvantaged backgrounds, with particular attention to Medicine and allied health disciplines.

Mr Ariyo's progress, he added, would provide valuable experience in shaping and expanding the initiative to benefit other deserving students.

Responding on behalf of himself and his mother, Mr Ariyo expressed profound appreciation to Alhaji Gobir and the GOF for the generous intervention.

Mr Ariyo pledged to remain dedicated to his studies, strive for academic excellence and justify the confidence and investment placed in his future.

The scholarship forms part of the Gobir Organisation Foundation's emerging programme of interventions in education, healthcare and poverty alleviation, aimed at creating sustainable opportunities and improving the wellbeing of underserved communities.

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SCAM ALERT: WARNING TO ALL STUDENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The Management of the University of Ilorin wishes to alert students, particularly newly admitted students, and the general public to the activities of fraudsters who may attempt to deceive unsuspecting individuals into making payments into unauthorised bank accounts under the guise of collecting University charges.

For the avoidance of doubt, the University of Ilorin does not operate an OPay account or accounts with any digital bank or mobile money operator for the collection of its fees and charges.

Students and members of the public are therefore strongly advised to be vigilant and avoid making payments into personal accounts or any account outside that provided by their personal university portal on logging in.

All students, especially newly admitted students, are advised to access the University's official portal exclusively through https://www.unilorin.edu.ng, log in with their appropriate credentials and follow the prescribed procedures for all University-related transactions.

Please be warned: Do not fall victim to scammers. Always verify before making any payment.

The University Management will not be responsible for payments made into unauthorised accounts.

Stay alert. Stay safe.

Signed
(for and on behalf of Management)
Kunle Akogun,
Director, Corporate Affairs, UNILORIN
03/11/26

Chemistry undergraduates explore neem's potential in antimalarial drug development production

By Mustafa Abubakar



Three final year students of the Department of Chemistry, University of Ilorin, have extracted chemical constituents from the neem tree, botanically known as Azadirachta indica and locally called Awo Opa, as part of their group research project aimed at exploring its potential application in antimalarial drug production.

The students, Adebayo Elizabeth, Aliu Oladimeji and Sumayyah Abdulkareem, who were observed processing the plant material last Tuesday (November 3, 2026), disclosed this while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* during a practical session at the Department.

They explained that their project focuses on the isolation and characterisation of chemical constituents of the plant, which is traditionally recognised for its medicinal applications, particularly in the management of malaria.

The students disclosed that the extraction process involves the use of different solvents, including water, ethanol and hexane, to obtain substances for further scientific examination.

According to them, the research is intended to provide practical knowledge of natural product extraction, chemical isolation and characterisation, while exploring the potential application of plant-derived compounds in pharmaceutical development.

They expressed their intention to publish their research findings and apply the knowledge acquired to further academic and scientific investigations.

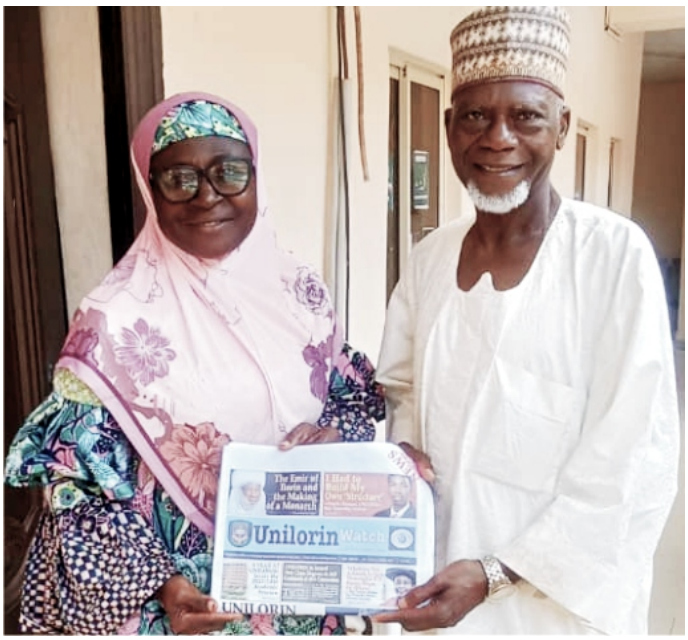
The students also appreciated the opportunity to undertake the research, describing the practical exercise as an important aspect of their academic development.

The project highlights the importance of undergraduate research in exploring the potential applications of indigenous plants and advancing scientific knowledge in natural products research.

IEDPU hails Abdulbaqi on rising profile

By Abubakar Imam

The National President of Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, has congratulated the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, on her rising profile within and outside the University.



Alhaji Abdulmalik gave this commendation penultimate Friday (October 30, 2026) when he visited the Dean in her office.

The IEDPU President expressed satisfaction with the Dean's contributions as an academic, administrator and community leader over the years.

Alhaji Abdulmalik said that he had been following the career trajectory of Prof. Abdulbaqi right from her days as a student through her sojourn as a pioneer staff member of the Kwara State Television Service and since she joined the services of the University over two decades ago.

The President urged Prof. Abdulbaqi, who is also a Council Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), to continue to serve as a role-model to her younger compatriots for the nation to produce outstanding female leaders not just for the nation's University system but for the society at large.

Responding, Prof. Abdulbaqi thanked Alhaji Abdulmalik for the visit, which she said was most unexpected.

She also thanked him for his kind words, adding that she would never take the privilege for granted.

Prof. Abdulbaqi, who also thanked Alhaji AbdulMalik and the entire leadership of the IEDPU for their interest in the stability, growth and development of the University, promised to continue to do her best as an ambassador of the Ilorin Emirate not only at the University but also everywhere she finds herself.

Akogun urges CIS students to embrace effective communication

By Isaac Lewu



The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has urged students of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS) to embrace effective communication, good conduct and strategic collaboration to promote the University's image and sustain its reputation for excellence.

Mr Akogun, who was represented by the General Manager of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), stated this penultimate Tuesday (October 27, 2026) at the Conference Room of the Directorate during a courtesy visit by members of the Executive Committee of the Communication and Information Science Students Association (CISA).

He commended the students for the initiative, describing the visit as an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the Faculty and the Directorate. He advised them to ensure that information flows promptly and through the appropriate channels, stressing that communication is essential to institutional growth.

The Director also encouraged them to uphold the University's values of excellence, peace and stability, saying that the University's emphasis on academic excellence, practical skills and good character was designed to prepare graduates for success beyond the classroom.

Mr Akogun disclosed that the campus radio station had trained more than 5,000 corps members, Industrial Training (IT) students and other trainees since 2009, adding that CISA members could benefit from its training opportunities and contribute to its programmes, urging students to share newsworthy information with the Directorate through calls or messages and to nominate representatives to understudy its activities and learn how the success stories of the University are documented.

Earlier, the CISA President, Kuforiji Ayobami Waris, said the visit was aimed at introducing the Association to the Directorate, to understand its operations and to explore ways to deepen collaboration between the Faculty and the University's corporate communication apparatus.

Kuforiji explained that the visit was also an opportunity for the Association to introduce its members to the Directorate and gain a better understanding of its responsibilities, particularly in communication, information dissemination and public relations.

He added that the Association hoped to explore areas of collaboration that would enable students of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences to benefit from the professional expertise and institutional resources available within the University. According to him, such a partnership would provide students with practical learning opportunities, enhance their skills and support their professional development.

The CISA President was accompanied on the visit by the General Secretary, Odeniyi David Dideolu; the Financial Secretary, Oladejo Mary Oluwadarasimi; the Public Relations Officer I, Fiki Kehinde Elisha; and the Software Director, Jacobs Favour Olamilekan.

Kwara NVMA hails Raufu's appointment as new CREDIT's Director

By Abubakar Imam

The Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA), Kwara State Chapter, has congratulated the immediate past Director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Adisa Raufu, on his appointment as the Director of the institution's Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT). Prof. Raufu assumed the position last Monday (November 2, 2026).

In a letter dated November 4, 2026 and signed by its General Secretary, Dr Soliu Sikiru Omotosho the Association described the appointment as a testament to Prof. Raufu's outstanding professional achievements, dedication, and invaluable contributions to the Veterinary profession and academic excellence.

He added that the Association is confident that his wealth of experience, leadership qualities, and commitment to research and development will bring remarkable progress to the Centre and further advance the Veterinary profession.

The Association wished Prof. Raufu a very successful and impactful tenure filled with greater accomplishments.



■ *Prof. Raufu*

Akogun bags IYAss award of service excellence

By Abubakar Imam

In an obviously befitting prelude to his upcoming official installation as the Chief Akogun of Oke-Ode Kingdom in the Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State in December, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has continued to garner more awards of excellence.

The latest of these awards is from the Igbomina Youth Assembly (IYAss), which, in a letter dated October 3, 2026, disclosed its decision to confer an "Award of Excellence in Promoting Education Among Igbomina Students" on the veteran journalist on Saturday, November 14, 2025 at the Igbomina House, Ganmo, to mark its 15th anniversary.

Only last Thursday (November 5, 2026), the Chief Akogun of Oke-Ode Land and Secretary to the Oke-Ode Traditional



Mr Akogun

Council (also known as Elesa-in-Council) was honoured with an Awatd of Excellence by the popular Curious Television Network.

In the letter signed by the Secretary of the Central Planning Committee of its 15th Anniversary Celebration, Princess Opeyemi Adegbite, the IYA explained that the award is another testament to Mr Akogun's notable contributions to educational development and commitment to supporting the academic growth and advancement of youths in Igbomina land

The letter stated further that the IYA considers itself privileged to celebrate the achievements of the foremost media professional and to recognise the positive impacts of his enormous contributions to the educational development of the people of Igbomina land, especially the youth, over the years.

Mr Akogun, who is the first substantive Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, has in recent times been decorated with several honours and awards in recognition of his professionalism, industry and patriotism.

Unilorite receives Diana Award for Social Impact

By Mubarak Oladosu

A 500 level medical student of the University of Ilorin, Mubarak Jolayemi Mustapha, has been named a recipient of The Diana Award 2026, an international honour recognising young people for their sustained contributions to society through social action and humanitarian work.

The award, which was presented last Wednesday (November 4, 2026) was given with regards to his activities and research on neurosurgery, neuroscience, public health and innovation.

The Diana Award which was established in memory of Lady Diana, the Princess of Wales, recognises young people whose commitment to improving the lives of others demonstrates compassion, leadership and sustained social impact. Mustapha is recognised among young changemakers whose work is contributing to positive change in their communities.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the development, the medical student explained that his journey into brain health advocacy is closely connected to his ambition to become a neurosurgeon.

He added that his interest in the field became more personal following the death of someone he knew from a neurological disease, saying that the



Mr Mustapha

experience exposed him to the challenges associated with accessing specialist neurosurgical care, particularly in settings where the number of available specialists is limited.

He recalled that Rivers State, where the incident occurred, reportedly had only two or three neurosurgeons at the time, and the neurosurgeon needed was unavailable when the individual required care.

He added that the experience convinced him that improving neurological health requires more than the availability of specialists, which led to the founding of his mission: BRAIN Unilorin in October 2023, establishing the first Nigerian chapter of the global mission:BRAIN Foundation.

The award winning Unilorite has helped to organise educational programmes, research activities, community outreaches and the University of Ilorin World Brain Day Conference, which brought together healthcare professionals, researchers, students and other stakeholders to discuss developments and challenges in brain health.

The chapter has also established the Clinical Neuroscience Research Fellowship, providing young researchers with opportunities to develop their research skills and contribute to neuroscience scholarship. Nearly 100 fellows have participated across

One of its projects, CranioGuard, engages commercial motorcyclists, pedestrians, market women and other community members on helmet use, road safety and the prevention of traumatic brain injuries. The initiative has engaged more than 500 people across approximately 10 communities in Kwara State. The organisation is also developing educational resources in more than 20 African languages to improve access to information on traumatic brain injury.

Olaitan charges Nurses on research, academic writing

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan, has urged postgraduate nursing students to embrace focused research, effective academic writing and time management to excel while balancing professional and family responsibilities.

Prof. Olaitan gave the advice last Tuesday (November 3, 2026), while delivering a keynote address titled, "Beyond the Bedside: Writing a Good Research Proposal, Academic Writing, Time Management and Work-Study Balance for Working Nurses," at a two-day orientation for the 2026/2027 set of Master of Science (M.Sc.) Nursing postgraduate students.

The programme was designed to prepare the new students for the demands of postgraduate nursing education.

The Professor of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education explained that a good research proposal should identify a specific problem, establish a knowledge gap, formulate focused research questions and adopt an appropriate methodology.

He advised students to keep their research manageable by focusing on a clearly defined problem rather than attempting to address several complex health challenges in one dissertation. He said a strong proposal must demonstrate the study's relevance, feasibility and proposed method.

On academic writing, Prof. Olaitan encouraged students to move beyond descriptive accounts of clinical



Prof. Olaitan

experiences to analytical, evidence based writing that demonstrates critical thinking and engagement with existing scholarship.

He advised them to write clearly and concisely, integrating relevant literature into their arguments rather than merely listing authors' views. He also emphasised proper referencing and adherence to current American Psychological Association (APA) guidelines, warning that citation errors could undermine academic credibility.

Addressing the challenge of combining employment and postgraduate studies, Prof. Olaitan said a rigid 50-50 balance between work and academic commitments was unrealistic for many working professionals. He noted that work shifts, family obligations and academic deadlines could compete for attention, and urged students to adopt flexible, deliberate time-management strategies.

He recommended setting aside uninterrupted periods, particularly 90-minute research sessions, for reading and proposal development. He likened protecting research time to the seriousness with which nurses observe monitoring schedules in intensive care units, advising students to include academic work in their calendars.

During an interactive session, he introduced a five minute "Ward Shift Audit" exercise to help participants assess their use of time and distinguish essential responsibilities from avoidable distractions.

The exercise grouped activities into four areas: crucial foundations, advanced MSc scholarship, urgent distractions and chronic time leaks. He challenged students to identify unproductive habits, including excessive social media use and unnecessary online conversations, and redirect the time saved to literature review and research planning.

Drawing on his professional and academic experience, Prof. Olaitan urged students to regard clinical exposure as an advantage that could enrich their research, rather than an obstacle to postgraduate study.

He encouraged them to pursue continuous learning, develop scientific confidence, maintain clear research objectives and protect their academic timelines. He also urged them to seek guidance early and maintain regular contact with supervisors.

He expressed optimism that proper planning, commitment and effective use of time would enable them to complete their programmes and contribute to nursing science in Africa.

Lawal elected into NSE EXCO

By Mubarak Oladosu

A staff member of the Computer Based Test Centre(CBT), University of Ilorin, Mr Musiliu Adebayo Lawal, has been elected as the Ex-Officio II of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Ilorin Branch, for the 2026/2027 administrative year.

This development was contained in a notification letter to the Vice Chancellor dated October 13, 2026 and signed by the Branch's General Secretary, Mr Aliyu Olatunji Temim.

The Society also stated that the election was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Society's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Explaining the role expected of Mr Lawal, the Society said, "As Ex-Officio, Engr. Musiliu Adebayo Lawal MNSE will be required to support the Chairman and Executive Committee in the administration of the Branch and in the implementation of programmes and activities aimed at advancing the Engineering profession and promoting the objectives of the Nigerian Society of Engineers."

The Branch also expressed appreciation to the University for its continued support of the Engineering profession and for providing an enabling environment for its engineers to contribute to professional development and national advancement.



Mr Lawal



Jawondo tasks lecturers, students on discipline

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, has stressed the need for discipline among staff members and students of the Department of History and International Studies.

Prof. Jawondo stated this last Monday (November 2, 2026) while speaking at a seminar organised by the Department for its staff members.

While he said that discipline among staff members is essential, the Dean explained that discipline among students, and in the relationship between students and staff members would go a long way in promoting the culture of integrity upon which the Department was established.

Prof. Jawondo, who is also a former Head of the Department, said that it is always important for everyone to know his limits and boundaries because, in an atmosphere of chaos, there cannot be any learning, and where there is no learning, there cannot be progress.

He added that what the Department inherited from its progenitors is the culture of discipline, hardwork, trustworthiness and progress.

He said that the founding fathers of the Department respected one another in terms of their knowledge, age, cultural backgrounds and schools of thought they belong to, adding that they also worked together to make the Department a strong academic establishment, which its present generation should continue to build upon today.



Prof. Jawondo

Prof. Jawondo also noted that alumni of the Department have made their marks in all walks of life as a number of them rose to the pinnacles of their careers in the civil service, journalism, academic and even in the military.

He said that everything must be done for this tradition of success to continue as he said that the Department is proud to say that it eats what it produces because 95 per cent of the lecturers in the Department are also its alumni.

He, therefore, encouraged lecturers to take the students as their children, saying that the students must be seen as the reason why they are employed by the University.

The Dean, who is also a former Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), also urged the students to see lecturers as their parents, mentors and moderators. He added that doing so will help them to build a very strong Department and make it to attain the goal for which it was established.

Prof. Jawondo thanked the management of the University under the leadership of Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for creating the enabling environment as he also thanked members of the Faculty who continue to make things work.

In his paper, titled "Role of the Level Advisers in Promoting Academic Excellence Among Students", a Senior Lecturer in the Department, Dr Mohammed Oladimeji Alabi, reminded Level Advisers of their importance in the academic growth of students.

Dr Alabi urged the Level Advisers to be diligent, disciplined, compassionate and thorough in the discharge of their responsibilities.

Also speaking, the Ag. Head of the Department, Dr T. N. Odeigah, thanked the Dean for his fascinating leadership. He also thanked Dr Alabi for his presentation.

Dr Odeigah assured the University management that the Department would continue to excel and turn out individuals who will promote the good image of the University and the nation at large.



Ambali tasks lecturers on efficient Courseware preparation

By Abubakar Imam

A Senior Lecturer at the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies, University of Ilorin, Dr Abdus-salam Babatunde Ambali, has enjoined academic staff of the University to always prepare good coursewares in order to enhance service delivery and visibility.

Dr Ambali made this call last Monday (November 2, 2026) while making a presentation at the Faculty of Arts Courseware Revitalisation Exercise held at the Faculty Boardroom.

The don, along with Dr I. Abdulmalik of the Department of French, represented the Faculty of Arts in the earlier Courseware Revitalisation Training organised by the University and which was facilitated by the pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. L. O. Aina.

Dr Ambali explained that the preparation of the courseware is akin to planning for lectures as he said that anyone who fails to plan, plans to fail.



■ *Dr Ambali*

He, therefore, stressed the need for adequate preparation to enable the lecturers impart the required magnitude and quality of knowledge on their students as expected.

Also speaking at the event, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, commended Dr Abdus-salam for his presentation, which he described as very thorough and thought-provoking. He added that the training should continue on one-on-one basis to attain the desired goal.

He also thanked the Chairman of the University Library and Publications Committee, who is also the immediate past University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab Olanrewaju Issa; and Prof. O. C. Abikoye of the Department of Computer Science for the earlier training they facilitated for Dr Abdus-salam and his colleagues earlier in the year and which has proven to be beneficial to members of the Faculty.

The Dean encouraged participants to adhere strictly to the advice offered by Dr Abdus-salam to ensure efficient service delivery to the students and the larger society.

The event attracted Heads of Departments and lecturers from all the Departments in the Faculty.

We need hostels at Pharmacy Faculty- Giwa

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulganiyu Giwa, has appealed to the authorities of the University to facilitate the building of at least two hostels within or close to the Faculty for its students. He said that each of the anticipated hostels would be dedicated to members of the opposite sexes.

Prof. Giwa made this appeal last Thursday (October 29, 2026) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sidelines of the induction of the 2026 graduands of the Faculty at the University Auditorium.

The Dean explained that having such facilities close to the Faculty would enhance learning among the students as it would also make living on campus more pleasant for them.

Prof. Giwa explained that students of the Faculty often trek long distances from and to their respective hostels everyday, saying that had it been they have their accommodation within or around the Faculty as being enjoyed by the students of the College of Health Sciences the time they devote to trekking would be committed to their studies.

The don explained that with about 700 students, the building of at least two hostels at the Faculty will be a profitable venture for would be investors.

Prof. Giwa thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and members of his management team for their support to Faculty over the years.

He assured them that the management, staff and students of the Faculty would continue to do everything possible to support the present Administration by working towards the realisation of its vision 1:10:500.



■ *Prof. Giwa*

PAWA hails Akanbi's leadership qualities

By Abubakar Imam



The Pan African Writers Association (PAWA) has commended an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin and National President of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA), Dr Usman Oladipo Akanbi, for his sterling leadership style which, it said, has considerably elevated the standard of the 45- year old Writers Association.

The Secretary-General of PAWA, Dr Wale Okediran, made this assertion penultimate Friday (October 30, 2026) on the sidelines of the recent Film Screening session by the Film Africa Network (FAN) at BAZE University, Abuja.

Dr Okediran, who also served as ANA National President from 2006 to 2009, commended Dr Akanbi for successfully building on the performance of past ANA Presidents. He explained that Dr Akanbi's efforts have continued to keep the Association on a high pedestal among members of the African Writers Associations.

He particularly saluted Dr Akanbi, who is a former President of the University of Ilorin Student Union, for ensuring the realisation of the Association's Mamman Vatsa Writers Village in Abuja, which, he said, comprises the Chinua Achebe International Conference Centre, Secretariat, Hotel, Library, as well as the Ken Saro Wiwa International Writers Residency.

Dr Okediran added that the facility, which he described as awesome, was the venue of the first World Congress of the nascent World Organisation of Writers, which was held in 2024.

Alaro honours 5 First-Class UNILORIN graduands

By Mustafa Abubakar

A Professor of Islamic Law at the University of Ilorin, who is also the Proprietor of Assunnah Madrasah, Ilorin, Abdulrazaq Abdulmajeed Alaro, has honoured five first class UNILORIN graduands for their outstanding academic achievements.

The recognition ceremony, held penultimate Friday (October 23, 2026) at Abubakr Masjid, As-Sunnah Street, along University Road, Tanke-Oke-Odo, Ilorin, was organised by Assunnah Madrasah to celebrate academic excellence among its students and teachers.

The five UNILORIN graduands honoured are Ridwanullahi Awwal Olanrewaju, a graduate of Religions; Alimi Usman Adekunle, a graduate of Arabic and Transnational Studies; Abdulfatai Muhammad, a graduate of Religions; Al-Ameen Busari, a graduate of Islamic Education; and Edunjobi Sumayyah Adufe, also a graduate of Islamic Education.



Prof. Alaro

Speaking at the ceremony, Prof. Alaro said the recognition was aimed at celebrating academic excellence and motivating students to strive for greater accomplishments in their educational pursuits.

He said the initiative was also designed to strengthen students' connection with Allah and Islamic scholarship while encouraging them to combine academic excellence with religious consciousness, discipline and good character.

Prof. Alaro urged the students to remain committed to their studies, stressing the importance of maintaining a balance between academic pursuits and religious obligations.

He cautioned against excessive preoccupation with grade point averages at the expense of moral responsibilities and other important aspects of life.

Prof. Alaro, who is also the Director of the Quality Assurance Unit, University of Ilorin, noted that sustained academic excellence could open doors to scholarships and other opportunities. He urged the honourees to pursue further educational advancement and remain committed to lifelong learning.



UNILORIN shines at WAUG

By Abubakar Imam

The University of Ilorin has, again, proven its mettle in the field of sports as its contingent to the recently-concluded 15th edition of the West African Universities Games (WAUG), hosted by Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, gave a very good account of itself.

The UNILORIN Team won Sixteen Medals (Six Gold, Four silver and Six bronze medals) in the keenly contested competition that drew the participation of many universities across the West African subregion.

In the field of badminton, a pair of Akoh Mary Ayomide and Khairat Abdulkadri won gold in Women Doubles while another pair consisting of Yahaya Ayuba and Okunola Isreal won a bronze in the Men's Doubles as Akoh Mary Ayomide also won a bronze.

In athletics, Rukayyah Kemi Mustapha won One Gold in Discuss Women, One Silver in Shot Put Women and One Bronze in Javelin Women.

Gideon Timileyin Owoeye won Gold in 110m Hurdles Men while Adeniran Peace Gold won Silver in High Jump Men.

In Chess, the University of Ilorin secured clear first place in the Open Team Event from the following members



Dr Bakinde

Gilbert Kenneth
Team Gold 1
Individual Silver 1 and
Isya-bello Abu-dharr Adegboyega
Team Gold 1
Individual Bronze 1. Others are Maliki Idris Omidiji , who won 1
team Gold, 1
individual gold and 1
individual bronze as
Fasiku David Toluwani won 1 team gold, 1
individual bronze and
Abdulganiyu Afeez Olarewaju , who also won 1 team gold, 1
Individual gold as well as Durojaiye Boluwatife Oladapo, who also 1
team gold and 1
individual silver.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the outing, the Ag. Director of Sports, University of Ilorin, Dr Surajudeen Tosho Bakinde, commended the industry and discipline of members of the UNILORIN Team.

Dr Bakinde, who is an Associate Professor at the Department of Human Kinetics Education, also thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his support to the team before, during and after the competition.

While appreciating the Chairman of the University Sports Council, Prof. M. A. Raji, and the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, Dr Bakinde also thanked the Athletics Coach, Dr Rofiat O. Dauda-Olajide, and Dr Olotu, the Chess Coach and Mr Tajudeen Sulaiman, who is the Badminton Coach; and other members of the crew for their devotion and resourcefulness.

Dr Bakinde assured the Vice Chancellor and other stakeholders that the University would continue to win more laurels.

Alumnus donates solar power system, office equipment to Economics Dept.

By Tajudeen Babamale and Bashir Dawodu



A 1986 alumnus of the Department of Economics, University of Ilorin, Mr Frank Nwabudike, has donated a 12kVA solar power system comprising solar panels, a 15kWh battery, as well as a HP LaserJet Enterprise MFP M528dn printer and a Canon imageRUNNER 2425i photocopier to the Department.

The donation was announced last Thursday (November 5, 2026) when Mr Nwabudike visited the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in his office. He was accompanied by a University Ambassador from the Department, Mr Olusoji Oyawoye, the Head of the Department of Economics, Prof. Abdulhakeem Abdullahi Kilishi, and other scholars from the Department.

Mr Nwabudike, who is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Montizen Limited, recalled his previous contributions to the University through the establishment of a laboratory in the Faculty of Agriculture in 2002, in collaboration with his companies and European partners. He said that the latest donations were a continuation of his commitment to giving back to an institution that had contributed immensely to his development.

While sharing his delight at returning to the University 40 years after graduation to commission the solar project and other donated facilities, the proud alumnus expressed gratitude for the education, friendships and experiences that shaped his life and career, particularly his involvement with the University of Ilorin Junior Chamber International (JCI), where he served as Charter President and acquired valuable leadership and community service experience.

Describing "service to humanity as the best work of life" as his guiding philosophy, the alumnus commended successive generations of UNILORIN JCI members for sustaining the organisation's tradition of developing young leaders.



The alumnus, however, encouraged fellow alumni to remain connected to the University of Ilorin and support its development, pledging that he would do more for his alma mater. He also urged the management of the University to sustain efforts to engage its alumni.

Reacting, the Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, described the donation as a significant gesture that the University deeply appreciated, noting that, its value lay not only in its monetary worth but also in the impact it will have on staff and students.

The Vice Chancellor said the University did not take the gesture for granted, particularly as Mr Nwabudike had chosen to support his alma mater despite having several other places he could have extended such generosity to.

He assured the donor that the University would strive to justify the confidence reposed in it and urged the Department to maintain contact with him and provide updates on the benefits of the facilities in the coming years.

Prof. Egbewole also commended Mr Oyawoye who facilitated the donation, describing him as a proud University Ambassador whose efforts in reconnecting alumni with their Alma Mater were appreciated.

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Olayaki to deliver 309th Inaugural Lecture, Nov. 12

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 ninth (309th) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Luqman Aribidesi Olayaki
MB; BS (ABU, Zaria); M. Sc (Lagos); Ph.D (Ilorin),
Department: **Physiology,**
Faculty: Basic Medical Sciences,

Topic: "Needle in a Haystack: Quest for Solutions to a Compromised Body's Wireless Communication System"
Date: Thursday, 12th November, 2026
Time: 5.00 p.m.
Venue: University Auditorium,
Main Campus, University of Ilorin
Chairman: Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar



Prof. Olayaki

Group rewards UNILORIN best graduating students

By Isaac Lewu

A group of three Ilorin-based entrepreneurs have rewarded the 2026 best graduating student of the University of Ilorin, Mr Francis Joseph Olusegun, with the sum of $1,000 while the best graduating student of the College of Health Sciences, Salamatu Shuaib, was rewarded with the sum of $500. The trio consists of Mr Joshua Ibitoye, Mr Ademola Abogun and Alhaji Musiliu Ayinde.

The cash award were presented to the duo penultimate Saturday(October 31, 2026) at the M&S Luxury Hotel, Ilorin.

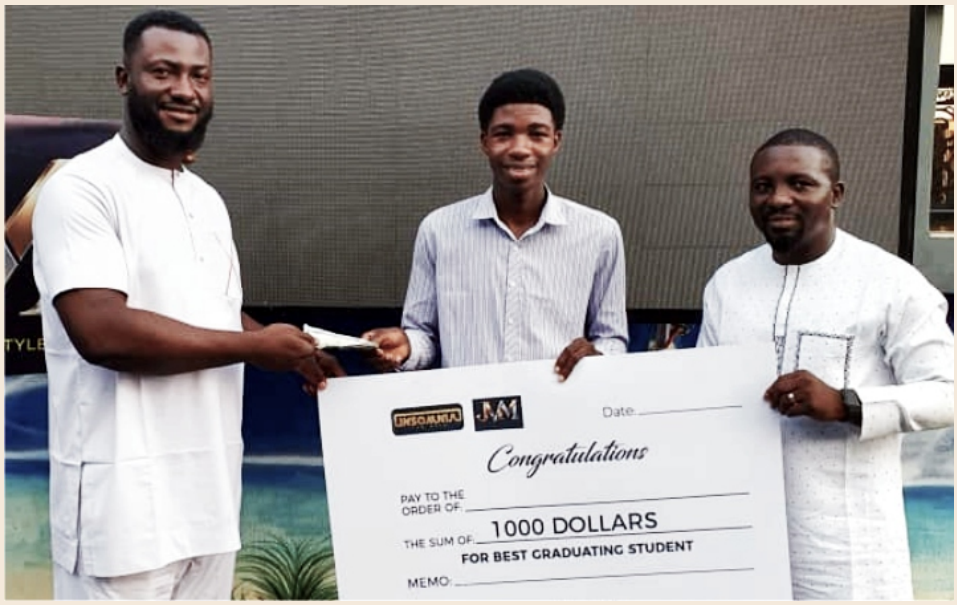
Speaking at the event, Mr Abogun said it was time high time society began to celebrate individuals who distinguish themselves through good character, academic excellence, diligence and commitment to their educational pursuits.

He explained that the initiative was designed to encourage young people to take their education seriously and demonstrate that hard work and outstanding achievements deserve recognition and reward. He added that celebrating exceptional students would inspire others to strive for excellence rather than settle for mediocrity.

Responding, the best graduating student, Francis Joseph Olusegun, expressed profound appreciation to the three entrepreneurs for identifying and rewarding his academic achievement. He described the gesture as an encouraging initiative that would motivate him to pursue greater accomplishments in his academic and professional journey.

Mr Olusegun attributed his perfect 5.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) to discipline, consistency, perseverance and a personalised study strategy. He explained that his determination to graduate with outstanding results began in 2020, after becoming curious about students who achieved exceptional academic records. Inspired by his first-year roommates, he made the pursuit of a perfect CGPA a personal goal.

He further explained that he achieved a 5.0 CGPA in his first semester and sustained the performance throughout his undergraduate studies. According to him, understanding his strengths, setting clear goals, developing an effective reading pattern and remaining committed to his ambitions were essential to his success. He encouraged students to discover study methods that work for them and remain consistent in applying them.





Similarly, the best graduating student of the College of Health Sciences, Salamatu Shuaibu, expressed gratitude to the donors for the financial reward and recognition, describing the initiative as a thoughtful way of encouraging students who have distinguished themselves academically. She commended the entrepreneurs for investing in the future of young people and creating an avenue to celebrate excellence.

She attributed her academic success to consistency, discipline and understanding what worked best for her. According to her, making reading a habit, starting early and developing a study pattern that suited her learning style helped her maintain excellent academic performance. She also explained that having a positive attitude towards education made a significant difference in her journey.

Shuaibu added that studying a course she genuinely loved made learning enjoyable rather than burdensome. She noted that she was motivated not merely by the desire to pass examinations but by the opportunity to acquire knowledge, grow and become a better person. She expressed hope that the initiative would continue to inspire students to pursue academic excellence.

UNILORIN probitas records financial growth

By Isaac Lewu



The immediate past President of Unilorin Probitas Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited, Mr Toyin Mohammed Alabi, has announced a significant improvement in the Society's financial performance, with its net worth rising from N317.58 million in 2024 to N351.39 million in 2025.

Mr Alabi disclosed this at the Society's 27th Ordinary General Meeting held on Thursday (October 29, 2026) at the UNILORIN Non-Academic staff Union Secretariat where he presented the financial reports for 2024 and 2025.

He said that the Society recorded a gross surplus of N27.03 million in 2025, compared with N25.49 million in 2024, while its net surplus increased to N21.69 million.

The President added that dividend payments rose by 21.7 per cent, from N11.13 million in 2024 to N13.55 million in 2025. He also disclosed that the society granted loans worth N154.89 million during the year, recording a 96 percent recovery rate, which he said reflected its commitment to effective credit management.

Highlighting the Administration's investments, Mr Alabi said the Society's 20-unit shopping complex generated N2.4 million, while its hostel investment continued to provide returns to members. He further disclosed that the society invested in N37 million worth of Federal Government Bonds and maintained about N35 million in its bank accounts after dividend payments and other statutory obligations.

Mr Alabi attributed the achievements to transparency, accountability, prudent financial management and peaceful coexistence among members. He appreciated the members, staff and the Kwara State Ministry of Business Innovation and Technology for their support, while acknowledging the contributions of past presidents and promising continued growth and improved returns for members.

The newly elected President of the Cooperative Society, Mr O. O. Osenni expressed appreciation to members for the confidence reposed in the new leadership, pledging to promote transparency, dedication and inclusive administration.

Mr Osenni gave the assurance in an acceptance and appreciation speech following the election and swearing-in of the new executive members.

The new President described the emergence of the new leadership without a contest as a reflection of unity, mutual trust and a shared commitment to the society's progress, urging members to remain united, actively participate in the affairs of the cooperative and support initiatives that would promote collective growth, financial security and members' welfare.

Also speaking, the Kwara State Commissioner for Business, Innovation and Technology, Hajia Damilola Yusuf-Adelodun, commended the University authorities for providing an enabling environment for cooperative societies to thrive on campus. She also applauded the management and committees of Probitas Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited for prudent management of resources, improved returns on investment and prompt disbursement of members' loans and other entitlements.

The Commissioner, who was represented by Mr Taofiq Jimoh,urged members to sustain their support for both the outgoing and incoming executive committees, noting that members remained the most powerful organ of the society.

Hajia Adelodun further encouraged members to maintain cordial relationships, increase their share subscriptions to enjoy higher annual dividends and sustain the unity necessary for the society's growth.

She also reminded the outgoing management committee of the need to prepare the society's annual accounts within 90 days after the end of each accounting year, in line with the Kwara State Cooperative Law and Regulations, Cap. C19 of 2015.

She appreciated former presidents of the society for laying a solid foundation for its continued growth and development.

Alumnus donates solar power system, office equipment to Economics Dept.

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Speaking on the significance of the donation, the Head of the Department, Prof. Abdulhakeem Abdullahi Kilishi, explained that the relationship between the Department and Mr Nwabudike was strengthened about two years ago through another alumnus and a University Ambassador, Mr Olusoji Oyawoye.

Prof. Kilishi stated that Mr Nwabudike, through Mr Oyawoye, contacted the Department early this year to request a list of its needs, following which alternative power supply and other essential facilities were identified as priorities.

He expressed delight that the alumnus responded positively, noting that the donated solar power system was designed to provide electricity for the entire Department's building.

The Head of Department added that the HP LaserJet Enterprise printer and Canon imageRUNNER photocopier were enterprise-grade machines capable of handling substantial workloads. He explained that their capacity would complement the solar installation and significantly improve the Department's teaching, research and administrative activities.

Prof. Kilishi also acknowledged Mr Oyawoye's contributions to the Department, disclosing that he supported its international conference last year with a donation of ₦500,000, in addition to the 50 copies of books he earlier donated to the Department.

UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 29TH OCTOBER TO 5TH NOVEMBER 2026

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	439,150.00
Sundry Other Incomes	8,821,750.00
Income from Verification /Screening	1,140,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	6,000.00
Capitation NHIS	33,350.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	1,000.00
Others	10,000.00
Refund	99,064.85
CODL- Form Processing Charges	176,400.00
CODL- Undergraduate Charges	4,814,300.00
CODL Clearance Charges	251,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	119,600.00
Hire of University Property	6,000.00
House Rent from Staff	103,050.00
Rent on University Property	885,000.00
Clinic Registration Staff	20,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	12,000.00
Insurance Claims/Others	9,920,437.33
Administrative Charges Income	12,000.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	1,539,000.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	100,800.00
Undergraduate Change of Course	173,400.00
Undergraduate School Charges	471,572.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	2,787,600.00
Postgraduate School Charges	3,944,000.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	1,849,200.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	235,000.00
Postgraduate Application Form	75,600.00
Postgraduate School Verification of Results	212,200.00
Remedial Application Form	380,000.00
Remedial Acceptance payment	315,000.00
Remedial School Charges	236,000.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	3,110,800.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance	704,000.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	226,800.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of Results	20,200.00
Institute of Education Verification of Results	40,400.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	303,000.00
Institute of Education Application Form	126,000.00
JUPEB School Charges	9,534,200.00
JUPEB Acceptance payment	1,234,800.00
JUPEB Application Form	1,260,000.00
Total Receipt for the Period	**₦55,749,674.18**
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Hollywood Interior Deco Nig Ent Supply of Furniture Equipment	9,250,643.73
Kings Guards Nig Ltd Security Services for October 2026	2,294,050.00
Rockfield Petroleum Products Ltd Supply of Fuel	1,072,900.00
Ribodek Integrated Services Ltd Construction and Furnishing of Science, Technology and Innovation Park NEEDS	228,442,123.69
Kayroy Nigeria Limited Construction and Furnishing of Multi-Disciplinary Laboratories NEEDS	123,386,836.66
Abyaz Integrated Service Ltd Repair of Roofs damaged by Rains torm	7,639,950.82
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	79,307,247.22
Purchase Advance Various	9,215,925.00
Kings Guards Nig Ltd Security Services for October 2026	10,670,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Stations Supply of Fuel	28,262,095.20
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	7,626,012.00
Unilorin Holding Limited Apiary Venture Refund	420,000.00
Total TSA Charges Various	70,090.00
Total payment for the period	**₦507,657,874.32**

Signed
Abiodun Lawal FCNA
Bursar

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	AGBOOLA SEGUN OLATUNDE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	08-Nov
2	ALAO ADEBANJO JAMES	HEALTH SERVICES	08-Nov
3	BIOBAKU KHALID TALHA	VETERINARY PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY	08-Nov
4	YAHYA SHAYKH AHMAD	RELIGIONS	08-Nov
5	SALAUDEEN MASHOOD ABIOLA	SECURITY DIVISION	08-Nov
6	SALIHU HABEEB ABDULRAUF	CRIMINOLOGY & SECURITY STUDIES	08-Nov
7	KADIRI ADEKUNLE	UNILORIN SUGAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE	08-Nov
8	BAMIDELE GEORGINA IBUKUNOLU	MICROBIOLOGY	08-Nov
9	PETER-OBATOLU MARVELOUS TOSIN	GEOPHYSICS	08-Nov
10	JIMOH MARIAM OLUWATOSIN	MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY	08-Nov
11	IBRAHIM FATIMA	REGISTRY	09-Nov
12	USMAN ABDULATEEF DAMILOLA	VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL	09-Nov
13	ABDULRASAQ RISIKAT JUMAI	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SERVICES/REGISTRY	09-Nov
14	ADERIGBIGBE FASILAT YETUNDE	MATHEMATICS	09-Nov
15	OMOLABI ISSA	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	09-Nov
16	AFOLABI TAOFEEQ	SECURITY DIVISION	09-Nov
17	BADMUS SHUAIB OLANREWAJU	VETERINARY MEDICINE	09-Nov
18	ADEBAKIN TAIBAT OLAOLUWA	COMPUTER SCIENCE	09-Nov
19	OGUNDEJI EMMANUEL NIYI	REGISTRY	10-Nov
20	BAKARE BELLO TAJUDEEN	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SERVICES/REGISTRY	10-Nov
21	OMOTUNDE OLUWASOLA JANET	REGISTRY	10-Nov
22	ABDULKAREEM NASIRUDEEN OLATUNJI	REGISTRY	10-Nov
23	OWA JOKE	REGISTRY	10-Nov
24	JIMOH ABDULRASAQ TAIYE	FINANCE	10-Nov
25	AMIGUN BAMIDELE OYEWUMI	HEALTH SERVICES	10-Nov
26	ENIAYEWU OLUWASEGUN IBRAHIM	PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY	10-Nov
27	OGUNSAKIN GABRIEL OLAJIRE	WORKS: MECHANICAL	10-Nov
28	ABUBAKRE SAMIAT OLUBUNMI	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	11-Nov
29	ARINDE TAYO SIMEON	THE PERFORMING ARTS	11-Nov
30	AJAYI OMOTAYO	REGISTRY	11-Nov
31	SADIQ ABDULMUMINI OZOVEHE	ZOOLOGY	11-Nov
32	AREMU OLUSOLA ISAAC	PHARMACEUTICS & INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY	11-Nov
33	OMOGOYE OLUWASHOLA ABOSEDE	REGISTRY	11-Nov
34	OLATUNJI ABDULAHI GANIYU	SOCIOLOGY	11-Nov
35	NJAN ANOKA AYEMBE	PHARMACOLOGY & THERAPEUTICS	11-Nov
36	AJIKOBI ZEENAT KEHINDE	REGISTRY	11-Nov
37	BOLAJI-ADI MOBISOLA ENIITAN	REGISTRY	11-Nov
38	ADESUA AJOKE CAROLINE	PHYSICS	11-Nov
39	WOLEOLA AKEEM ADEOLU	BURSARY	11-Nov
40	AGAVA HALIM YUSUF	ESTATE MANAGEMENT	11-Nov
41	DAUD-HUSSAIN FAIDATH ADESOLA	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	12-Nov
42	AKANBI II ALI AJIBOLA	MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY & PARASITOLOGY	12-Nov
43	OLAYAKI LUQMAN ARIBIDESI	PHYSIOLOGY	12-Nov
44	AGBOLUAJE YEMISI SERAH	TEACHING & RESEARCH FARM	12-Nov
45	ONAH CHRISTANA FOLASADE	REGISTRY	12-Nov
46	OLAYEMI TITILAYO DEBORAH	REGISTRY	12-Nov
47	SURAJUDEEN-BAKINDE NAZMAT TOYIN	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	12-Nov
48	ADEDOKUN-SHITTU NAFISAT AFOLAKE	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	12-Nov
49	AMOSA JIMOH RAFIU	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	12-Nov
50	BELLO ABDULWAHAB	REGISTRY	12-Nov
51	BABATUNDE KHADIJAT BUKOLA	CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	12-Nov
52	OYEWO SEGUN OYELEKE	THE PERFORMING ARTS	12-Nov
53	SAMBO ABDULFATAI OLADAPO	PUBLIC LAW	13-Nov
54	KOLADE ISIAKA OYENIYI	SIWES UNIT	13-Nov
55	OSAGBEMI EBUNOLUWA OMOTAYO	REGISTRY	13-Nov
56	AGARRY RACHAEL OJIMA	ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION	13-Nov
57	SHUAIB SULEIMAN BATURE	SCIENCE EDUCATION	13-Nov
58	OLORUNYOMI SUNDAY	REGISTRY	14-Nov
59	TOLORUNLEKE FUNKE ALICE	REGISTRY	14-Nov
60	BELLO OLAYIWOLA WASIU	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	14-Nov
61	AKINSOLA WASIU ADEWALE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	14-Nov
62	YUSUF MOHAMMED SANUSI	SOCIAL WORK	14-Nov

- The Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, has commended the Nigerian Gold of Editors (NGE), for donating five copies of its book, titled "Truth, Trust, and the Editor of Journalism in Nigeria", describing the gesture as timely and beneficial to the Department.
("UNILORIN's Department of Mass Communication commends NGE for book donation", *The Guardian*, Tuesday, October 27, 2026, p.13)

- A 200- level Physiotherapy student of the University of Ilorin, Wisdom David Fabunmi, has won the 2026 Nigerian Content Development and Mentoring Board's, National Undergraduate Essay Competition, receiving N1million, a laptop and a plaque.
("UNILORIN student wins NCDMB essay contest, gets N1m", *The Herald,* Sunday, October 25, 2026, p.2)

- 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 Sa'ad Abubakar III.
("Egbewole congratulates Oloyede, Sultan on turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto, 20th coronation anniversary", https://peoplevoiceng.blogspot.com; "Egbewole congratulates Oloyede on turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto, hails Sultan on 20th coronation anniversary", https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com; "Egbewole congratulates Oloyede, Sultan on turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto, 20th coronation anniversary", https://www.dailytopic.com.ng; "UNILORIN VC, Egbewole congratulates Oloyede on turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto, hails Sultan on 20th anniversary", https://dailylinks.ng; "Egbewole Congratulates Oloyede, Sultan on Turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto, 20th Coronation Anniversary", https://timenigeria.com; "Egbewole Congratulates Oloyede, Sultan on Turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto, 20th Coronation Anniversary", https://democracynewsline.com; "Egbewole congratulates Oloyede, Sultan on turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto, 20th coronation anniversary ", https://theproximanews.blogspot.com; "Bound by Friendship, Honoured by Royalty: Oloyede and Ali", https://royalnewscom.ng; "IEDPU hails Oloyede on turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto", https://theproximanews.blogspot.com; "SULTAN TURBANS PROF. OLOYEDE AS KULIYAN SOKOTO ON SUNDAY", https://royalnewscom.com.ng; "Emir Sulu-Gambari hails Sultan Sa'ad Abubakar on 20th coronation anniversary", https://royalnewscom.com; "Egbewole Congratulates Oloyede, Sultan on Turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto, 20th Coronation Anniversary ", https://choicereporters.com; "Egbewole congratulates Oloyede, Sultan on turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto, 20th coronation anniversary", https://evergreenonlinenews.blogspot.com;" Emir of Ilorin, Unilorin VC Congratulate Sultan On 20th Coronation Anniversary ", https://leadership.ng; "Egbewole congratulates Oloyede Sultan on turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto, 20th Coronation anniversary ", https://midlandpost.ng; "Unilorin VC congratulates Oloyede on turbaning as Kuliyan Sokoto", https://decency.home.blogspot.com; "Oloyede, Igho, others get Sokoto titles", *The Nation*, Monday, November 1, 2026, p.8; "Kuliyan Sokoto: When service speaks, honour follows", *The Guardian*, Friday, November 6, p.30)

- A photograph of the 8th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, FNAL, has been published.
("CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO AN ILLUSTRIOUS SON OF EGBALAND", *The Punch*, Sunday, November 1, 2026, p.15)

- In an opinion article, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, gave a comprehensive review of the institution's just concluded 41st Convocation Ceremonies, concluding that the University has again lived up to its billing ("UNILORIN'S 41st Convocation: grandeur writ large", *The Herald*, Sunday, November 1, 2026, p.9; "UNILORIN's 41st Convocation: Unlimited grandeur on display", *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, p.11; "FROM PRAYERS TO PRAISES", *Thisday*, Tuesday, November 3, 2026, p.XV)

- The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has again been honoured, as Curious Multi - Media Network, operators of the popular Curious Television, has concluded plans to confer it's Prestigious Award of Excellence on the foremost media practitioner on Thursday, November 5, 2026.
("Akogun bags Curious TV award of Excellence", *The Herald*, Wednesday, November 4, 2026, p.3; "Akogun to receive Curious TV Award of Excellence Nov 5; https://theprimenews.ng; "Akogun to receive Curious TV Award of Excellence", https://dailylinks.ng;" Akogun bags Curious TV award", https://thegraphicnews.ng; " Akogun bags Curious TV Award", https://www.boardroom.vip; "Akogun Bags Curious TV Award of Excellence", https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com; "Akogun Bags Curious TV Award of Excellence", https://democracynewsline.com;" Akogun Bags Curious TV Award of Excellence", https://www.dailytopic.com.ng)

- Curious Television has honoured the General Manager of the University of Ilorin 89.3FM Mr. Idris Alooma, with its 2026 Lifetime Achievement in Broadcasting and Media Leadership Award, bringing his reward of professional awards and recognitions to 98.
("Curious TV Honours Alooma for Three Decades of Media Excellence", https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com)

- A Master student of the Department of Animal Production, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Comr. Garba Adisa Saheed, has emerged as the Chairman of the National Association of University Students (NAUS), Kwara State Chapter.
("UNILORIN Master Student Elected Kwara NAUS Chairman", https://dailysource.ng)

- While delivering the 308th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "Beauty of a Surgeon's Knife: Bringing Smiles to Patients' Faces", Prof. Abdus-Samiu Musa-Olomu of the Department of Surgery, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, has said that surgeon's Knife brings smiles on the faces of patients after a successful operation."
("Surgeon's Knife brings Unilorin Inaugural Lecture", https://decency.home.blog)

MAHMOUD: THE WORLD ACCLAIMED UNILORIN RESEACHER AT 68

By Festus Ogunyinka

Prof. Abdulraheem Olarongbe Mahmoud, UNILORIN Best Researcher of the year 2012 is a golden proof of University of Ilorin's Better-by-far mantra. That mantra is not a fluke. UNILORIN continues to sustain this globally acclaimed standing in teaching, learning and research by consistently churning out well sought after products at both graduate and postgraduate levels, and the current award as the best research institution in Nigeria.

Masquerades that dance dexterously obviously have some artful humans behind the masks.

Prof Mahmoud, the pioneer Professor of Ophthalmology and the first Inaugural Lecturer from the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Ilorin, is one of the highly respected eggheads behind the consistent successes being recorded by the University locally and globally.

As Olarongbe, the Ilorin, Centre of Learning born Consultant Ophthalmologist and Vitreo-retina Surgeon at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital celebrates his 68th birth anniversary, he had a chat with the *UNILORIN BULLETIN*, and this revealed evergreen lessons and reasons why the celebration should be amplified.

Prof. Mahmoud is not merely celebrated for turning 68, he is being celebrated because he appears to be the reason the Romans came up with the phrase, primus inter pares. Whether as the young pupil who started formal schooling at the Ansarul Islam Primary School, Oke-Aluko, Ilorin in 1964, or the extra brilliant medical student at the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria between 1976 and 1981, Abdulraheem qualifies to be addressed as first and best among equals.

Mahmoud, an avid reader of books of general interest and watcher of sundry documentary films joined the service of UNILORIN as a Lecturer 1 in the year 2000, after he had been involved in medical practice at various levels, especially in a role as the National Coordinator for the Prevention of Blindness in Nigeria between 1994 and 1999.



Prof Mahmoud

In the past quarter of a century, Mahmoud had contributed immensely to the growth and smooth running of UNILORIN. As a consummate academic, he attained the respected peak of academics by evolving as the pioneer Professor of Ophthalmology in the University of Ilorin in 2011. Thereafter and barely five months after his promotion, he delivered the first Inaugural Lecture from his Department in 2012. He has not merely served as the Head of the Department of Ophthalmology; he has indeed given the department quality academic leadership that had culminated in the production of other seasoned professors of Ophthalmology.

Prof Mahmoud has supervised or co-supervised several Doctor of Medicine, Ph.D and Residency fellowship dissertations within and outside the University of Ilorin.

A well-grounded medical practitioner, Mahmoud had his residency training between 1986 and 1992 at the Guinness Eye Unit, Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Zaria and a clinical attachment in Ophthalmology at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, Leicester, England between June 1992 and April 1993. As a professor of Ophthalmology, he has served as external assessor or interviewer for a dozen and a half professorial appointments.

Mahmoud did not emerge as the Best Researcher in UNILORIN with the gift of a brand new car in 2012 as a favor, he worked hard for the uncommon achievement. His research outcomes are well published via over a hundred publications in national and international journals including the 200 years old Lancet, a world leading medical journal. Apart from his over 100 publications, he has several discoveries/inventions to his credit also.

Principal among his discoveries is what he described as his 'international and national collaborative research that led to the adoption of once-a-year mass chemotherapy with Ivermectin (Mectizan) drug for the elimination of River Blindness disease worldwide'

Another of his pioneering collaborative discovery efforts is the adoption of a more affordable diode laser ophthalmic equipment for use in retino-vascular diseases in most ophthalmic units in Nigeria.

Prof. Mahmoud, who holds the prestigious academic fellowships of the West African College of Surgeons (FWACS) and that of National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (FMCOph), has served the University in many areas outside his medical teaching, research and consultancy activities. He is currently the Chairman of UNILORIN Committee on Examinations, Scholarships and Endowment.

He had earlier served as the Chairman, Board of Management of the Unilorin Press, after serving as a member of the Board for close to a decade. His entrepreneurial sagacity and skill as a manager of men and resources saw to the enhancement of the Press where he collaborated with the UNILORIN Management towards attracting a #300 million TETFUND intervention that the Unit only missed by some whiskers. Mahmoud had earlier attracted a #75 million TETFUND, STEP B World Bank Project fund in collaboration with University of Ilorin IGR for the procurement of vitreo-retinal surgical instruments and equipment for sub-specialty retinal research and surgery at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH). Within the same year, Mahmoud attracted another seven million naira grant from Sight Savers International of the United Kingdom for a commissioned research project titled Ocular Morbidity Survey in Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State.

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Prof. Mahmoud has also served externally to make UNILORIN proud on several national and international committees. He became an internationally certified University Accreditor by the NUC from October 2021. He has also served as either member or chairman of accreditation panels of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria and the West African College of Surgeons for the accreditation of Ophthalmology Residency Fellowship program in seven Nigerian University Teaching Hospitals.

Abdulraheem, an internationally sort-after and cited researcher is well travelled. He has visited 18 countries across four continents, 10 in Africa, four (4) in Europe, three (3) in Asia and the United States of America, attending training programs and conferences that have culminated in his quality research outputs and production of first-rate ophthalmologists globally.

A tribute to Mahmoud at 68 will fall short of expectation if his contributions to the fast-paced information technology world are omitted. He is a charter member of the National Association of artificial Intelligence Practitioners (2024) and the Association of Cyber Security Practitioners (2025)

Prof. Mahmoud is the country coordinator of a UAE-based research consortium that is currently involved in an international multi-centre research study across 55 countries on medical students' perceptions of trust in Artificial Intelligence for automated assessment scoring.

Mahmoud, born into the respected Alkali family on the 15th day of November, 1958, is an active lover of his immediate community. To commemorate his appointment as a professor, he founded the Alkali Mahmoud Foundation in 2011 as a mark of honor to his late father. He continues to impact his community via this Foundation in providing scholarships to inner-city indigent students and procurement of relevant tools to indigent artisans.

As a family man, Mahmoud is the epitome of *abiyamo tooto*, and a doting husband. He is blessed with equally erudite, successful and well-behaved children. One of them, a senior lecturer in this University, Dr Rilwan Mahmoud of the Department of Public Law is one of the recipients of Unilorin Merit Awards at the just concluded 2026 Convocation Ceremonies. That is simply a seamless way of passing the baton of research excellence and the tradition of family legal pedigree to his next generation.

Here is wishing this erudite intellectual many happy and healthy returns of his birth anniversary celebrations in his service to God and humanity.

Alooma charges new UNILORIN MSSN EXCO on character, piety

By Tijani Adewoyin



The General Manager of UNILORIN 89.3 FM, Mr. Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), has admonished the new leadership of the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN), University of Ilorin Chapter, to project and propagate Islam through their character and piety.

Mr Alooma gave the charge last Monday(November 2, 2026) when the new leadership paid him a courtesy visit in his office.

He urged them to buckle up and show that Muslim youths are great assets, problem solvers and shining lights capable of showing a good future for Islam.

He defined piety as deep devotion to God, and living a life of reverence, faithfulness and moral uprightness.According to him, a pious person is someone who sincerely fears God, worships Him, obeys His commands, and shows goodness, humility and respect in character and conduct.

He further charged them to see to the welfare of their members by organising tutorials for them, so that through their efforts more Muslims would have First Class degrees. He said the programme created for them on UNILORIN FM is to instil morals and education not only in Muslim students but also in people of other faiths.

The delegation was led by the Ameer of MSSN, Muritala Mutiu Onimisi, a student of Food Engineering. He was accompanied by Abdul-Razaq Adam Kayode of the Department of Religions, who serves as Mufti 1; Muideen Muize Olalekan of the Department of Mass Communication, who is the Administrative Coordinator; Tijani Ridwanullah Adeniyi of the Department of Information Technology, who serves as General Secretary; and Adekola Muiz Adedamola of Telecommunication Science, who serves as Mufti 2.

Responding, the Ameer, Muritala Mutiu Onimisi, said he and members of his executive will continue to live a good life worthy of emulation, propagate Islam according to the tenets of the Glorious Qur'an, see to the welfare of all members and uplift the Better By Far University.

He appreciated the support of the General Manager for the great opportunity given to them at the radio station. He prayed that God will continue to guide him and the entire members of staff of the great radio station.

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Oloyede: Day the Caliphate honoured integrity

Sunday, November 1, 2026 will remain indelible in the annals of the Sokoto Caliphate, and indeed, Nigeria. On that day, the ancient seat of the Caliphate was agog, as His Eminence, the Sultan, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III, CFR, mni, marked his 20th anniversary on the exalted throne of his forefathers. The highly respected monarch, who ascended the throne on November 2, 2006, chose not to throw a mere party. He chose to make a profound statement about merit, unity and national cohesion by conferring chieftaincy titles on 13 prominent Nigerians.

In the roll-call of honour, one name stood out: Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, FNAL, the 8th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin (2007-2012), immediate past Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, JAMB, (2016 – 2026), and Secretary-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, NSCIA, (since May 2013), and now Kuliyan Sokoto.

As soon as the day broke, the courtyard of the ancient Sultan Palace became a tapestry of colours. The turbaning held between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the Sultanate Council, followed immediately by the majestic Durbar procession — horses adorned, trumpets blaring, and of course, a sumptuous reception hosted by the new Kuliya for his family, friends, associates, and well-wishers. The twin events – the turbaning at the Sultanate Council and the reception at the Army Command Guest House, Sokoto, typified royal splendor and scenic grandeur through and through.

Among some of the other newly turbaned chiefs were two of the Sultan's sons - Abubakar Sadiq Abubakar, the new Sarkin Dawaki Tsakar Gida and Shehu Usman Abubakar, the Fagachin Sokoto; Others also include Alhaji Murtala Dan'iya, Dallatun Sokoto; Prof. Mansur Ibrahim, Danmasanin Sokoto; and Dr. Peter Igho, former Director General of NTA, Kakakin Daular Usmaniyya.

But the moment Oloyede knelt for the turban, the atmosphere changed dramatically, with the crowd erupting in wild jubilation, as shouts of '***Kuuliyaaa!***' rented the air.

Speaking on the significance of the Kuliya title, the Sultan said, “The title of Kuliyan Sokoto promotes justice, equity and fairness.” For these and more attitudinal qualities, the choice of Prof. Emeritus Oloyede as the Kuliyan Sokoto by the highly exalted royal father was not misplaced. For, the emeritus professor of Islamic jurisprudence richly merited it.

The Sultan described Prof. Emeritus Oloyede as an outstanding Nigerian whose contributions and impact have transcended geographical and institutional boundaries. He urged the newly turbaned Kuliyan Sokoto to replicate in the Sokoto Caliphate the positive contributions he has made to Nigeria's development.

Congratulating Prof. Emeritus Oloyede, who is one of his predecessors, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said the title is "a well-deserved honour to a rare breed public servant, a detribalised Nigerian bridge builder, an incorruptible statesman", and "a veritable symbol of renewed hope for national rebirth."

Prof. Egbewole noted that “the chieftaincy title is in recognition of Oloyede's well-known contributions to the nation's educational development, service excellence, community service, and humanitarian credentials.”

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 Registrar.”

Also in his comment, Prof. Emeritus Oloyede's successor at JAMB, Prof. Segun Aina, described his emergence as Kuliyan Sokoto as a well-deserved recognition and a step in the right direction. He appreciated his immediate predecessor for laying a solid foundation for the Board.

On his part, a long-time friend of the honoree, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, who is also the Kuliyan Ilorin, described Prof. Emeritus Oloyede as a selfless, God-fearing and considerate individual, who is more passionate about the welfare and well-being of others than his personal interests.

Describing their friendship, which spans over five decades, Prof. Ali described Oloyede as an incorruptible, disciplined and highly principled administrator whose integrity remains unquestionable.

Also speaking, the Alake of Egbaland, who was represented at the event by a former Military Governor of Bauchi and Sokoto States, Navy Capt. Rasheed Raji (Rtd), described Prof. Emeritus Oloyede as a worthy son of Egbaland and urged him to sustain his remarkable contributions to society and continue flying the flag of his ancestral home.

In an emotion-laden response, suffused with gratitude to Almighty Allah, the new Kuliya said, "The title combines both the sacred and the mundane. It is a religious title by virtue of being given by the President-General of the NSCIA and Sultan of Sokoto.”

Prof. Emeritus Oloyede expressed profound gratitude to Almighty Allah and the Sultan for finding him worthy of the honour, which, he said, he did not take for granted.

Reflecting on his achievements and whether he had fulfilled his life's aspirations, Prof. Emeritus Oloyede said only Almighty Allah could determine that, stressing that he remained conscious of the need to live up to expectations.

He described his accomplishments and the honours bestowed on him as blessings far beyond what he could have reasonably asked for, adding that he did not consider himself deserving of all the recognition he had received. He, however, prayed for Allah's continued guidance and assistance to enable him to justify the confidence and expectations reposed in him.

Indeed, the uncommon trajectory of Prof. Emeritus Oloyede -- the hardworking public servant, who remitted more than N30 billion of unspent funds to the coffers of the Federal Government, who transformed universities' admission administration and restored its integrity, who served the University of Ilorin with distinction — has become the gold standard for public service in the country. And in an age of widespread cynicism about public office holders, Sokoto has told Nigeria that integrity still has a place.