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Experts seek community-driven approach to peace, food security

By Mustafa Abubakar

Experts in peacebuilding, agriculture and security have called for stronger community participation, improved agricultural livelihoods and collaboration among stakeholders to address insecurity, strengthen food security and promote sustainable development in the country.

They made the call last Tuesday (November 10, 2026) at the International Conference on Peace and Sustainable Development, jointly organised by the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies and the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ilorin.

The three-day conference had as its theme, "Enhancing Local Agency for Human Security and Sustainable Development in Fragile Contexts."

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Prof. Etudaye



Prof. Egbewole

NUC hails UNILORIN's implementation of recommendations

By Tajudeen Babamale

The National Universities Commission (NUC) Accreditation Team to the Department of Water Resources and Environmental Engineering, University of Ilorin, has commended the institution for implementing the observations and recommendations made during the previous accreditation exercises.

The leader of the team, a Professor of Environmental and Water Resources Engineering, Donatus Begianpuye Adie, gave the commendation last Tuesday (November 10, 2026) during an exit visit to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, following the completion of the 2026 accreditation exercise for the programme.

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Excessive exposure to light at night unhealthy-Olayaki

By Abubakar Imam

A former Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Luqman Aribidesi Olayaki, has cautioned people against exposure to excessive light at night to ensure their well-being.

Prof. Olayaki gave this advice last Thursday (November 12, 2026) while delivering the 309th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Needle in a Haystack: Quest for Solutions to a Compromised Body's Wireless Communication System", at the University Auditorium.

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Prof. Olayaki

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Egbewole bags HORTSON's Fellowship

By Tajudeen Babamale



The Horticultural Society of Nigeria (HORTSON) has conferred its prestigious Fellowship on the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in recognition of his immense contributions to the growth and development of the Society.

The President-in-Council of HORTSON, Dr. Ayoola Abdulrafiu Monsur, announced this last Tuesday (November 10, 2026) when he led members of the Council and the Society's Executive Committee on a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor ahead of the 44th International Conference of HORTSON, hosted by the University.

The Vice Chancellor was subsequently decorated with the award at the opening ceremony of the 44th International Conference of HORTSON, themed "Sustainable Agricultural Practices: Focusing on Climate-Smart Technology for National Food Security" at the University Auditorium.

Receiving the award on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, appreciated the Society for the honour and welcomed the delegation to the University.

He commended HORTSON for its choice of the University as the Conference's host and expressed optimism about stronger collaboration between the Society and the institution. He added that closer alignment of their respective objectives would further promote research, general well-being and institutional development.

The Vice Chancellor said that he was pleased with the delegation's positive assessment of the University's environment, describing its cleanliness, aesthetic appeal and well-organised landscape as products of deliberate planning, coordination and sustained commitment.

Speaking earlier, the HORTSON President-in-Council, Dr Monsur, commended the Vice Chancellor for his generosity and support towards the successful hosting of the conference, particularly the provision of facilities, including the Conference venue, accommodation, and other logistic supports.

He described the Fellowship Award as a recognition of Prof. Egbewole's contributions and support.

The HORTSON President stated that the Local Organising Committee had been meeting regularly over the past three weeks to ensure a successful Conference, noting that the University's support had featured prominently in their deliberations.

Dr Monsur also expressed admiration for the serene and beautiful environment of the University, particularly its landscaping, ornamental horticulture and efforts towards environmental management and biodiversity conservation.

Similarly, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, Prof. Adekola Olabisi, appreciated the Vice Chancellor for agreeing to host the conference and providing the necessary facilities and support to ensure its success.

He described the University of Ilorin as a distinguished institution of academic excellence and said the courtesy visit was also an opportunity for the Society to pay its respects to the University's leadership.



Experts seek community-driven approach to peace, food security

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Declaring the Conference open, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, described it as timely, given the security challenges, humanitarian crises, displacement and food insecurity confronting Nigeria and other countries.

Prof. Egbewole commended the organisers for bringing scholars, policymakers and practitioners together, stressing that sustainable development could hardly thrive without security. He called for inclusive development, stronger community participation and collaboration among universities, government, traditional institutions, security agencies, farmers, pastoralists and development partners.

In his presentation, Dr Olawale Muyideen Ismail of the African Leadership Centre, School of Global Affairs and Deputy Associate Dean for Doctorial studies, SSPP Faculty, King's College London, examined changing global power relations, emerging security challenges and opportunities for indigenous peacebuilding.

In his paper, titled "Seizing the Moment: Agenda for Transforming 'Local' Agency in Peacebuilding in a Changing Global Order,"

Dr Ismail advocated recognition of local communities as decision-makers rather than mere beneficiaries, alongside greater involvement of women, youths and traditional institutions, indigenous knowledge systems and equitable partnerships.

Also in his own paper, the Vice Chancellor of Taraba State University of Tropical Agriculture, Science, Technology and Climate Action, Gembu, Prof. Demo Joab Usman Kalla, described agriculture as a strategic instrument of peacebuilding.

In the paper, titled "Cultivating Peace and Resilience: Enhancing Local Agency through Agriculture for Human Security and Sustainable Development in Fragile Contexts," Prof. Kalla argued that hunger was a security threat and that meaningful human security required food and livelihood security.

He identified farmer-herder conflicts, competition over land and water, climate change, poverty and weak institutions as interconnected challenges. He advocated climate-smart agriculture, improved rural infrastructure, irrigation, agricultural financing and stronger farmers' cooperatives.



Prof. Animasawun



Dr Ismail

Prof. Kalla also called for inclusive resource management, dialogue and mediation, stressing that communities should be architects and drivers of agricultural transformation.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Poultry Association of Nigeria, Kwara State Chapter, Mallam Saliu Ayuba Ajibola, urged participants to disseminate knowledge gained at the Conference to grassroots farmers and called for proactive government action on food security.

Similarly, the Kwara State Chairman of the All Farmers Association of Nigeria, Mallam Shuaib Ajibola, called for stronger protection of farmers, farmlands and agricultural investments. He disclosed that AFAN had over 40,000 registered farmers across Kwara's 16 local government areas.

Mallam Ajibola proposed community-based agricultural security arrangements involving farmers' associations, traditional rulers, local governments and security agencies. He also advocated improved access to finance, infrastructure, technology and markets, as well as stronger university-farmer collaboration.

The Director of Research at the Strategic Intelligence Management Institute, Abuja, Ambassador Alex Ogochukwu, urged the Conference to produce practical recommendations with clear implementation strategies, insisting that communities must own solutions to their challenges.

The Director-General of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria, Mallam Saliu Ahmed, highlighted the association's presence across states and the 774 local government areas, saying its grassroots structure could facilitate information dissemination while complementing government and security agencies.

Earlier, the Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. Gbemisola Animasawun, said insecurity directly affected farms, markets, grazing routes and rural livelihoods.

Citing examples of community mediation and agricultural interventions, Prof. Animasawun maintained that peace and prosperity were interdependent, warning that dialogue without livelihood opportunities would be unsustainable.

The Director cautioned that local agency should not absolve government of its responsibilities, stressing that communities needed institutional support to sustain peace. He urged participants to produce implementable recommendations, declaring that "only organic peace is sustainable."

In her remarks, the Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ilorin, Prof. Sijuwade A. Adebayo, expressed appreciation to the University Management, particularly the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for supporting the conference.



Excessive exposure to light at night unhealthy-Olayaki

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The don, who teaches at the Department of Physiology, explained that exposure of human body to light at night suppresses melatonin production, pointing out that melatonin is a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory hormone, which is produced mainly at night.

Prof. Olayaki said that low or lack of melatonin due to light exposure at night is detrimental to general well-being as he said that the cheapest and easiest way to get melatonin is to avoid light at night.

On the contrary, Prof. Olayaki said that exposure to sunlight is essential for healthy living, because it allows human beings to get vitamin D, which is necessary for optimal body function.

The don, who is also a former Chairman of UNILORIN Petrol Station Management Board, stated that the easiest and cheapest way to get vitamin D is through exposure to sunlight for as brief as 10 minutes a day.

He, therefore, urged people to always find a way of staying outdoor as he said that continuous staying indoors and use of sunshade, when outside when not medically recommended, should be discouraged.

Prof. Olayaki also discouraged the use of plastic, food and drink cans and what he called "some topical medications". He explained that Bisphenol-F and resorcinol are organic chemicals that are components of plastic, food and drink cans.

He, therefore, said that plastic household utensils use should be discouraged and that such could be replaced with stainless steel utensils. He also advised that the use of topical medications with resorcinol should be based on prescription only.

The Inaugural Lecturer also said that Universities should encourage collaboration between researchers in biomedical fields and those in clinical fields. He said that such collaboration would make it possible for translation of research findings from laboratory to clinical applications.



The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Etudaye (right), receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Olayaki (left), last Thursday

He added that the collaboration could be encouraged through research funding that gives priority to inter-departmental and inter-faculty submissions.

He also encouraged universities and research institutions to ensure optimal laboratory environment in their facilities. He said that such a situation is necessary for quality research output as he explained that laboratory animals are sensitive to environmental factors such as light and noise.

He said that these environmental factors may not be completely avoided in a large laboratory, hence, the need for universities to prioritise provision of side-laboratory for lecturers in science-based Departments.

Prof. Olayaki also charged government to ensure that electrification of towns and cities are done in appropriate manner by focusing the light where it is necessary. He said that excessive light is not healthy for human beings and other animals at night.

The Inaugural Lecturer also confirmed that cannabis consumption is detrimental to endocrine and reproductive health and that its use should be discouraged.

Prof Olayaki, however, noted that its emerging benefits could only be determined by collaboration between the law enforcement agency and researchers.

He also canvassed the need for more publicity to be given to the use of iodised salt by Nigerians. He explained that this is because even the best processed cassava food, which is widely consumed in Nigeria, still retains small amount of toxin that is detrimental to the thyroid gland even when it does not cause acute toxicity.

He, therefore, suggested the fortification of cassava with melatonin as a way of preventing its toxic effects.

Speaking from personal experience, Prof. Olayaki encouraged students at all levels to face their studies squarely, saying that no situation should be strong enough to dissuade them from pursuing learning.

He encouraged parents, guardians and relations to rally round their children for them to realise their full potential for the benefit of humanity.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided-over by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Mukthar Adeiza Etudaiye,who stood in for the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was attended by several dignitaries from far and near including the Oba of Agbeku in the Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, Oba AbdulAzeez Agboola and several others.



Egbewole greets Emir of Ilorin on 31st coronation anniversary

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman of the Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, on the occasion of his 31st coronation anniversary.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, described the reign of the Emir as hugely remarkable and a blessing to the people of Ilorin Emirate and Kwara State at large.

Prof. Egbewole, who is a Member of the Nigerian Body of Benchers, explained that the Emir has always demonstrated that he is a father of all, saying that the foremost traditional ruler has been a promoter of peace and progress.

The Vice Chancellor specifically thanked the Emir for his love, support and prayers for the University before and since he mounted the throne in 1995, pointing out that the University has enjoyed Dr Sulu-Gambari's royal interventions on many occasions.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Convener and Chairman of the Consortium of Kwara Universities (KU8+), explained



Alhaji Sulu-Gambari



Prof. Egbewole

that history will be kind to the Emir, as his reign has witnessed the proliferation of universities and other institutions of higher learning, both government and private ones, in Ilorin Emirate and Kwara State as a whole.

The Vice Chancellor also said that the reign of Dr Sulu-Gambari witnessed the tremendous expansion of the University of Ilorin, with the establishment of several academic centres, one of which is the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), which has been deepening the relationship between the town and the gown.

Prof. Egbewole promised that in addition to strengthening the CILS for better service delivery, the University would continue to support the Ilorin community towards making it a better place to learn and live.

The Vice Chancellor, on behalf of the Council, Management and staff of the University, wished Dr Sulu-Gambari a continuous peaceful and more rewarding reign.

NUC hails UNILORIN's implementation of recommendations

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Prof. Adie noted that most of the discrepancies identified during the previous accreditation exercises had been addressed, describing the development as commendable.

The don observed that the programme had a robust curriculum and that the University had made significant efforts in staff development, saying that 62 per cent of the academic staff had benefited from staff development programmes, while the figure stood at 100 per cent for non-teaching staff.

The team also commended the availability of relevant electronic resources supporting the programme but recommended that some of the materials be made available in printed formats to accommodate students who prefer hard copies.

Prof. Adie further praised the Department for having a significant number of professors among its academic staff, while encouraging the University to recruit more younger academics who could benefit from mentorship and ensure the sustainability of the programme.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, assured the team of the University's continued collaboration with the NUC towards strengthening the programme and improve the quality of its academic offerings.

Speaking through the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, the Vice Chancellor said the University would carefully consider all the observations and recommendations made by the Accreditation Team, noting that the positive aspects would be further strengthened while areas requiring attention would be addressed as a matter of urgency.

He added that the University was committed to ensuring that subsequent accreditation visits would meet the team with further improvements in the programme and its overall delivery.

Alabi to deliver 310th Inaugural Lecture, Nov. 19



Prof. Alabi

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Two hundred and ninety-third (293rd) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Ade Stephen Alabi B. Sc., MB; BS, M. Sc. (Ilorin); Ph. D. (Port Harcourt), FASN

Department: Anatomy,

Faculty: Basic Medical Sciences,

Topic: "All Humans are Equal, Yet None are the Same: Variations in Structure, Shape and Size"

Date: Thursday, 19th November, 2025

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: Main Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

Chairman: Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar

Egbewole 'll complete ongoing projects -Jimoh

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of the Physical Planning Unit, University of Ilorin, Mr AbdulRahman Toyin Jimoh, has assured stakeholders that all the ongoing projects across the University will be completed as scheduled.

Mr Jimoh stated this last Tuesday (November 10, 2026) in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* at a project site.

The Director, who is a past Chairman of the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS), explained that his Unit is working round the clock to ensure that contractors handling the projects get them completed and in accordance to specifications.

He said that no fewer than 10 projects are currently being executed at the Main Campus and the College of Health Sciences, pointing out that the projects are intended at ensuring better service delivery.



Mr Jimoh

Mr Jimoh, who commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for conceiving and implementing important projects across the University, also thanked him for ensuring that funds are made available to the contractors for prompt execution of the projects.

The Director also appealed to individuals and groups who are currently constructing hostels on the campus to ensure that the projects are not only executed to specifications but also delivered as scheduled.

Mr Jimoh, who is also a Fellow of the NIQS, said that the management of the University and other stakeholders are looking forward to the completion of the hostel so as to bring relieve to more students of the University who live outside the campus.

Tinubu's aide offers financial support to six Unilorites

By Bashir Dawodu

The Senior Special Adviser to the President on Student Engagement, Hon. Asefon Sunday Dayo, has awarded ₦50,000 grant each to six final-year students of the University of Ilorin to support their academic projects.

The grants were presented last Monday(November 9, 2026), during an event tagged "Thank You Mr President 4 Your Reforms in the Education Sector," organised by the Federal Ministry of Education at the Moot Court, Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin.

Speaking at the event, Hon. Asefon described the financial support as a modest contribution towards easing the academic and financial burdens of final-year students, while advancing the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

He commended President Tinubu for what he described as efforts to ensure an uninterrupted academic calendar, end industrial actions in public universities and introduce the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND) to assist students with their tuition fees.

Hon. Asefon emphasised that the Renewed Hope Agenda recognises students not merely as leaders of tomorrow but as important contributors to Nigeria's development today.

He urged students across Kwara State to take advantage of legitimate skills development programmes, digital training opportunities, entrepreneurship initiatives and other interventions provided by relevant government agencies.



According to him, the administration's emphasis on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) is aimed at equipping young Nigerians with practical skills to become entrepreneurs, secure employment and contribute meaningfully to national productivity.

"Take advantage of available opportunities. Apply for eligible educational support programmes. Develop your digital skills. Embrace innovation and entrepreneurship. Support one another and remain committed to excellence," Hon. Asefon advised the students.

He further encouraged students not to limit their ambitions to obtaining academic certificates but to acquire relevant skills, develop their talents, embrace technology and prepare for emerging opportunities.

In his remarks, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, commended the presidential aide for extending financial support to students to facilitate the completion of their final-year projects.

Prof. Akanmu also appreciated President Tinubu for his continued support for Nigerian students and efforts towards maintaining a stable academic calendar.

The event brought together government representatives, university officials and students to celebrate education sector reforms and highlight opportunities available to young Nigerians.



UNILORIN seeks more international research grants–Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed the determination of the University to secure more research grants and international funding opportunities to strengthen its research capacity and academic standing.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (November 10, 2026), when he received resource persons for the Capacity-Building Workshop on German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Alexander Von Humboldt Funding Opportunities, organised by the University's Centre for Internationalisation and Strategic Partnership (CISP).

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, the Vice Chancellor said the initiative by the CISP would help young academics in the University plan their research careers, particularly in securing grants, accessing funding and exploring international research opportunities.

The Vice Chancellor noted that although the University had continued to demonstrate its commitment to advancing research quality in Nigeria, access to information on available funding opportunities remained a challenge for some academics. He recalled that the institution had organised grantsmanship training in the past, saying that the current initiative was distinctive because of the calibre of experts involved.

Prof. Egbewole appreciated the resource persons for sharing their knowledge and described the programme as another important step towards achieving the University's research aspirations.



■ *Prof. Odeku*

Speaking earlier, the Director of CISP, Prof. Jamiu Adetayo Adeniran, said the resource persons were invited to share their experiences and provide practical guidance on opportunities available through the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and other German funding institutions.

He explained that the Workshop was designed to equip early-career researchers and other academics with the knowledge required to identify and access international research grants.

One of the resource persons and Ambassador Scientist of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Nigeria, Prof. Oluwatoyin Adepeju Odeku, described the Workshop as a valuable initiative for strengthening research capacity and supporting the professional development of academics, particularly early-career researchers in the sciences, who often face challenges accessing research equipment and facilities needed to advance their work.

Prof. Odeku said the initiative provided an effective platform for the University to invest in its researchers, equip them with relevant knowledge and expose them to international funding and fellowship opportunities.

The don explained that one of her responsibilities as an Ambassador Scientist was to create awareness about the Foundation's opportunities and encourage more researchers to apply for its programmes. She added that sustained awareness and engagement had led to significant improvements in the number of applications and the success rate recorded in recent years.

While explaining the distinctive nature of the Foundation's Fellowship programmes, the resource person explained that unlike DAAD, which places considerable emphasis on doctoral scholarships, the Foundation focuses primarily on postdoctoral research.

She further observed that the Foundation's support goes beyond the initial fellowship period, as it maintains long-term relationships with its Fellows and continues to support their academic and research careers. According to her, some of the Foundation's earliest Fellows have sustained collaborations with it for more than 20 years.

Another resource person who is a Professor of Agricultural Engineering and alumnus of the University, Prof. Jekayinfa Simeon Olatayo, described his participation as a homecoming.

He said the workshop provided an opportunity for experienced researchers to share their academic journeys, challenges and experiences to encourage younger academics to pursue international research opportunities.

Prof. Jekayinfa added that the resource persons hoped to motivate early-career researchers and encourage more academics from the University of Ilorin to become part of the international research community.

Egbewole hails Tinubu's interventions in education, students' welfare

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has applauded President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, for various government interventions in the educational sector, particularly those aimed at improving students' welfare and access to quality education.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (November 9, 2026) when the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Students' Engagement, Mr Sunday Dayo Asefon, paid him a courtesy visit ahead of an engagement programme organised by his office for students of the University.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, the Vice Chancellor acknowledged the Federal Government's capital grants initiative through which three students of the University received ₦50 million each, describing the intervention as worthy of appreciation.

Prof. Egbewole also reaffirmed his support for the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), noting that its interventions had helped students access quality education without undue financial pressure on their parents and guardians.

He further stated that the Bridging Research, Innovation, Development, and Global Engagement (Diaspora BRIDGE) programme, backed by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), is another initiative with significant benefits for students, saying that, the programme provides opportunities for students to access international Fellowships and other forms of support, including transportation assistance.

The Vice Chancellor also appreciated TETFund and the Federal Government for providing materials, infrastructure and other facilities that had improved the University's learning environment.



■ *Prof. Etudaiye*



■ *Mr Asefon*

He equally acknowledged the various allowances provided to unions on campus, noting that such interventions had contributed to sustaining students' presence on campus. He added that the provision of laboratories and other research facilities had further enhanced students' academic engagement.

Prof. Egbewole assured the presidential aide of the University's readiness to support government policies and initiatives that promote students' welfare and development, adding that the University would be willing to provide any necessary assistance to advance the objectives of the engagement.

Earlier, Mr Asefon said his visit was aimed at sensitising students towards embracing various opportunities and programmes available under the present administration , noting the need to bridge the information gap between the government and students.

He explained that the University was initially scheduled for the engagement about two weeks earlier, but the programme was postponed because of the University's 41st Convocation ceremonies.

The presidential aide, who said that he had previously served in the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), observed that a significant gap existed between the government and students, particularly in communicating government policies and programmes.

According to him, although the Federal Government and state governments had introduced several initiatives to improve students' welfare and access to education, many potential beneficiaries remained unaware of the opportunities available to them.

While acknowledging the contributions of the Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa, Mr Asefon opined that several initiatives had been introduced to improve the educational experience of Nigerian students, but that more needed to be done to communicate these opportunities effectively.



Also speaking, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, commended Prof. Egbewole for his support for students and the positive contributions he had made to the University, expressing the hope that the Vice Chancellor would continue to build a legacy worthy of recognition.

Prof. Akanmu also appreciated the Vice Chancellor for providing an enabling environment for student engagement and development.



UNILORIN turns tradition to stardom with rope skipping

By Muizdeen Adewole

The University of Ilorin last Tuesday, (November 10, 2026), hosted the maiden edition of the Inter-Schools Rope Skipping Championship at the University Sports Gymnasium. The event brought together secondary school students from across Ilorin for the quarter-final stage of the national competition, aimed at identifying grassroots talent and repositioning rope skipping from moonlight play to a competitive sport.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described the event as a milestone in grassroots sports development, talent discovery, physical fitness and opportunities beyond the classroom. He said the theme, "Identification of Talents in a New Dimension", reflects a timely and innovative approach to talent identification through an exciting, inclusive and increasingly popular sport.

Represented by the Ag. Director of Sports, Dr Surajudeen Tosho Bakinde, the Vice Chancellor said rope skipping goes beyond recreation as he explained that it promotes cardiovascular fitness, coordination, agility, balance, discipline, endurance and concentration, while giving children and youths an accessible platform to build confidence and showcase their abilities. He stressed that education and sports are complementary, and youth development must cover intellect, fitness, character, leadership and social responsibility.

He commended the organisers, the Athletic Innovative Solution Sports Academy, and other supporters for making the maiden edition possible, and thanked schools, principals, teachers, coaches, parents and guardians for backing the athletes. He urged the athletes to compete with enthusiasm, discipline and respect, noting that sports is about character, friendship, teamwork and excellence beyond medals, and urged the organisers to prioritise the welfare and safety of participants, expressing hope that the initiative will grow into a sustainable platform for Kwara State and Nigeria.

Speaking at the event, the North Central Sports Zonal Coordinator, Dr Rofiat O. Dauda-Olajide, described the championship as a paradigm shift, bringing children to the limelight. She said while many see rope skipping as moonlight play, it offers a competitive outlet for children who may not shine in running, jumping or football.

Dr Dauda-Olajide, a lecturer in Human Kinetics Education, thanked the University management led by Prof. Egbewole, and past and present Directors of Sports, for their support.

She said secondary school students were deliberately chosen because that is where raw talents can be found and nurtured to stardom. She noted that institutional games already cater for university sports, while rope skipping is being developed for integration into the mainstream like other sports.

On the structure, she said eight schools were expected for the Ilorin leg: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ipata Oloje; Mercy Dew Model School; St Joseph Centenary College; Excellent International College; GDJSS and GDSS Odo-Okun; GDJSS and GDSS Pakata; GDJSS and GDSS Ita-Alamu; and GDJSS Oloje Community Secondary School. She explained that Ilorin, representing the North Central Zone, is the quarter-final stage, after the Akure, Ondo leg, while the championship will move to Delta for the semi-final, and the final will hold in Port Harcourt or Lagos.

The President of the Nigerian Rope Skipping Association, Mr Dayo Oyewo, said rope skipping has moved from mere play and exercise to a professional sport that can stand shoulder to shoulder with football and basketball. He said the Association has built it to a league system, as demonstrated at the championship, and that officials visited schools a day before the event to teach the students the competitive format, not just exercise.

Mr Oyewo said the focus on secondary schools is deliberate, to catch them young. He explained that many in higher institutions still see the sport as mere exercise, while secondary students can be quickly trained and their mentality shaped for the sport.

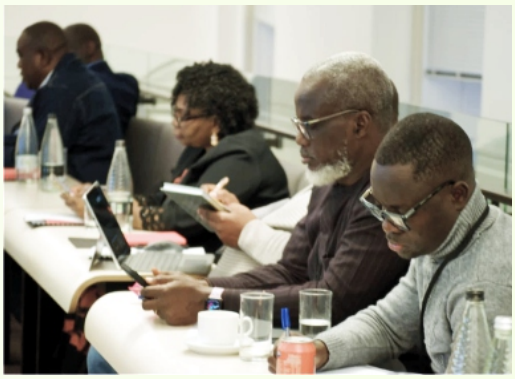
At SOAS training for Registrars and Bursars by Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU)





















At SOAS training for Registrars and Bursars by Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU)









At King's College London training organised for Vice Chancellors by the Association of West Africa Universities









Egbewole congratulates Tolulope, winner of NUPEMCO essay competition

… 'how my supervisor inspired me to win Contest'

By Tajudeen Babamale



The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated a final year student of the Department of Plant Biology, Miss Tolulope Mary Yakubu, on her emergence as the third-place winner of the 2026 Nigerian University Pension Management Company (NUPEMCO) University Essay Competition.

Prof. Egbewole gave the commendation last Monday (November 9, 2026) when he received the award-winning student, who was led to his office by the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Abdulrahman Alanamu, and her Project Supervisor, Dr Khadijat Abdulkareem.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, the Vice Chancellor described the achievement as a source of pride to the University, noting that emerging among the top three contestants from over 700 participants nationwide was a remarkable feat.

He commended NUPEMCO for providing a platform that engages university students and encourages intellectual development through academic competitions, adding that the feat further reinforced the University's status as a reputable institution of learning.

Prof. Egbewole praised Tolulope for her hard work, resilience and commitment, assuring her that the University Management was proud of her achievement. He expressed hope that she would sustain the feat and continue to serve as a worthy ambassador of the University.

The Vice Chancellor also commended her Project Supervisor, Dr Abdulkareem, for her commitment to mentoring her students and identifying opportunities for their development, noting that her decision to share the competition link on her supervisees' platform had encouraged their participation.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the champion said emerging as the third-place winner of the 2026 NUPEMCO University Essay Competition was an achievement she never initially imagined.

She said it was her Project Supervisor that inspired her to take up the challenge, which eventually earned her national recognition.

She explained that her essay explored how mobile phones and social media could be used to extend pension awareness and services to informal-sector workers, including traders and bricklayers, many of whom lack adequate savings and retirement plans. She added that mobile technology could help bridge the gap by making pension services more accessible to people outside the formal corporate environment.

Reflecting on the achievement, which came from a competition involving over 700 participants nationwide, Tolulope said it had strengthened her confidence and inspired her to pursue other opportunities, including scholarships and academic competitions. She advised students to pray, work hard and embrace opportunities, stressing that it was better to try and fail than not to make an attempt.

She applauded Dr Abdulkareem, noting that without her supervisor sharing the competition link, she might never have known about the opportunity or taken it seriously. She described her supervisor as a wonderful mentor whose thoughtfulness and encouragement made the achievement possible.

Speaking earlier, the Executive Director (Operations and IT) of NUPEMCO, Dr Ismail Yusuf, said that the financial component of Tolulope's prize had been paid into her account, as he presented an iPad to her as part of the award.

Dr Yusuf explained that Tolulope emerged third among more than 700 participants drawn from tertiary institutions across the country who took part in the 2026 edition of the competition.

He explained that the essay competition was one of NUPEMCO's initiatives to add value to the academic community and promote intellectual engagement among students. He added that tertiary institutions across Nigeria were invited to participate, while the coordination and assessment of entries were handled by scholars drawn from universities nationwide.

Meanwhile, the Dean of the Faculty of Life Science, Prof. Alanamu said the Faculty was delighted by Tolulope's success, particularly given the scale of participation in the national competition.

He thanked NUPEMCO for creating the opportunity for students to demonstrate their intellectual abilities and urged the Company to consider the University for participation in its other programmes and initiatives.

The Dean expressed hope that the recognition would encourage more University students to participate in national academic competitions and bring further distinction to the institution.



No course is inferior-Omopupa

By Abubakar Imam

The University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, has encouraged students of various institutions of higher learning not to insist on studing any particular course of study.

Prof. Omopupa stated this penultimate Sunday (November 8, 2026) while featuring on "Gbagede Oro", a personality interview programme of *SBS 96.6 FM*, Ilorin.

The University Librarian, who narrated his experiences through life, explained that no course of study should be regarded as not good.

He recalled that his initial desire as a student was to study either Law or Mass Communication but ended up studying Library and Information Sciences, which he said he never heard of then.

The don explained that ever since he obtained his first degree in Library and Information Sciences he has never regretted reading the course of study.



Prof. Omopupa

Prof. Omopupa encouraged students to give any course of study they are given total concentration and ensure that they make success of it.

He described the date of his appointment as the University Librarian and a member of the University Governing Council as his most memorable in life so far.

The University Librarian also encouraged staff members of institutions of higher learning to give their students proper monitoring for them to achieve their full potentials.

Prof. Omopupa, who had taught at the Kwara State College of Arabic and Islamic Legal Studies, Ilorin before joining the services of the University of Ilorin, said that academic staff are positioned to train their students to become great in life.

He also encouraged younger people to diversify their interests, saying that they should develop entrepreneurial skills for them to have alternative sources of income.



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, with the Vice-Chancellor School of Oriental and African Studies, London, Prof. Adam Habib, during a visit to the School last week



NUC hails UNILORIN for producing Oloyede, others

By Abubakar Imam

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has commended the University of Ilorin for producing worthy alumni like its former Vice Chancellor and immediate past Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, and several other outstanding graduates of Arabic and Islamic Studies from the University.

This commendation was made last Wednesday (November 11, 2026) by the Head of the NUC's Accreditation Team to the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies and the Islamic Studies Unit of the institution's Department of Religions, Prof. Nasir Ahmad Ibrahim .

Prof. Ibrahim explained that the former JAMB Registrar and many other graduates of the allied courses from the University have made significant contributions to national and global developments.

He added that they have been polishing the alluring image of the University through their fascinating performances at national and international levels.

Speaking on the physical aesthetics of the University, Prof. Ibrahim expressed admiration for its serene and conducive learning environment, particularly that of the Faculty of Arts.

The Accreditation Team also commended the University's tradition of academic excellence, quality leadership, and intellectual contributions to society.

They equally expressed appreciation for the warm reception and hospitality extended to them by both the management of the University and that of the Faculty.

The accreditation exercise is expected to provide an opportunity for the visiting team to assess the academic standards, facilities, staffing, and overall quality of the two programmes..

Among dignitaries who received the team at the Faculty were Prof. Emeritus Oloyede; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Olalere Adeyemi; the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo; and the Head of the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies, Dr AbdulRasheed Mukaddam.

Aibinu to deliver 14th Mosobalaje Oyawoye FoS endowed lecture

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of Summit University, Offa, Kwara State, and a renowned Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Signal Processing expert, Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu, will be delivering the 14th edition of the Mosobalaje Oyawoye Faculty of Science Endowed Lecture of the University of Ilorin, on Thursday (November 19, 2026).

A Professor of Mechatronic Engineering, Aibinu is expected to speak on the theme, "Eyes in the Sky, Minds on the Ground: Artificial Intelligence, Drones, Warfare, Security, and the Changing Landscape of Academic Integrity."

The lecture, jointly organised by the Faculties of Life Sciences and Physical Sciences, will hold at the University Auditorium by 10:00 a.m.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, will serve as the Chief Host, while the Deans of the Faculties of Life Sciences and Physical Sciences will host the event.



■ *Prof. Aibinu*

The lecture series was instituted in honour of Prof. Mosobalaje Olaloye Oyawoye, who was the first Professor of Geology in Africa.

It is designed to bring distinguished scholars to the University annually to inspire academic staff and students, promote cutting-edge scientific discourse and sustain the legacy of excellence, mentorship and service associated with Prof. Oyawoye.

The 2026 Lecture is expected to examine the growing influence of emerging technologies on contemporary society, particularly the application of Artificial Intelligence in warfare and national security, the deployment of drones in surveillance and agriculture, and the implications of AI for academic integrity and plagiarism in universities.

It will also interrogate the place of human intelligence, critical thinking and academic responsibility in an era increasingly shaped by automated systems and technology-driven decision-making.

The lecture is expected to attract members of the University community, researchers, policymakers and other stakeholders interested in the intersection of science, technology, security and education.

UNILORIN remains a golden brand-Yahya

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of the Advancement Centre, University of Ilorin, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, has described the University as a golden brand, which is always proud of identifying and building good relationships with its alumni.

Prof. Yahya, who teaches at the Department of Statistics, stated this last Tuesday (November 10, 2026) while featuring on *UNILORIN MADE ME*, a programme dedicated to outstanding alumni of the University on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*. The programme was anchored by the Studio Manager of the Station, Mr Segun Agboola.

He said that the University has produced thousands of alumni who are doing very well across the world and who should be engaged to illuminate the current students of the University on how they attain the level they are.

He commended the radio station for coming up with the programme as he said that the weekly programme would assist his Centre and the University to achieve greatness.

Speaking on the concept of alumni, Prof. Yahya said that to be an alumnus one does not need to hold the certificate of the University before deserving to be called one.



Prof. Yahya

He added that once someone has been matriculated into the University completion of the programme of study is a sufficient and not a necessary condition to be regarded as an alumnus.

The Director encouraged alumni of the University to always find a way of giving back to the University as he said that their support would always be needed.

He disclosed that his office has harvested about 11000 alumni of the University. He added that efforts are being made to ensure that more alumni of the University are captured for the benefit of the University.

Prof. Yahya said that technology was being deployed to harvest those he called unsung heroes of the University.

He said that there is hardly any sector one would go globally that alumni of the University would not be found doing very well. He said that the presence of the alumni of the University in the finance and educational industry is mind blowing.

Prof. Yahya added that the recognition being accorded alumni of the University who had made their marks in various callings is a way of drawing them back to the University for them to render one support or the other.

The Director encouraged staff members of the University to always treat the students very well as he said that the way students are treated will determine the kind of alumni such category of students would become after their graduation.

He said that the Office of Alumni Focal Officers have been established at the Faculty and Departmental levels to bring more alumni on board and encourage them to support their Departments, Faculties and the University at large.

Comparing studentship during his time to the contemporary situation, Prof. Yahya bemoaned a situation where students deliberately abstained from lectures. He said that such a situation was unthinkable while he was an undergraduate at the University.

CILS goes beyond Ilorin-Abdullahi

By Abubakar Imam

As part of efforts targeted at strengthening collaborations between town and gown, the Director, Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Ali Arazeem Abdullahi, has said that the Centre will spread its tentacles beyond the Ilorin Emirate in order to access and assess the impacts of the people of the Emirate on other places.

Prof. Abdullahi gave this assurance recently when he paid a working visit to the Zumuratul Mu'min Movement School (Mankodoro) in Offa, Kwara State.

Speaking during the visit, Prof. Abdullahi, who was accompanied by his Deputy, Dr Mahmud Danjuma, said that the visit was embarked upon as a follow-up to the Centre's earlier engagement with the Movement's global headquarters in Agbaji, Ilorin.

Prof. Abdullahi, who teaches at the Department of Sociology, assured that every effort would be made towards excavating, documenting and preserving the rich intellectual, religious, cultural and historical heritage associated with the movement.



He added that he was delighted that the visit coincided with a celebration organised in honour of two products of the Makondoro tradition, Dr Toyin Adebisi and Dr AbdulRasheed Owoyale, who recently completed their doctorate degree programmes at the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Abdullahi emphasised the importance of documenting, preserving and promoting the legacy of Shaykh Yusuf Agbaji and the entire Makondoro movement. He noted that such historical and intellectual legacies constitute an important part of the cultural heritage of the region and deserve systematic scholarly documentation for present and future generations.

He added that the engagement underscored the Centre's commitment to building bridges between communities and the University, while working collaboratively with custodians of history, culture and knowledge to document the past, preserve the present and inspire the future.

National lead elimination campaign: Adeniyi bags ICCON Fellowship

By Abubakar Imam



A Professor of Sustainable Materials and Process Engineering, University of Ilorin, and Director of the University's Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre(TEC), Prof. Adewale George Adeniyi, penultimate Friday (November 5, 2026) recorded another significant national recognition following his conferment with the prestigious Fellowship of the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria (FICCON).

The investiture was held at the Institute's 21st Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) Workshop, Induction and Fellowship Investiture, held at the Olusegun Obasanjo Hall, Federal Ministry of Justice Headquarters, Abuja.

The Fellowship, according to the Institute, was conferred on Prof. Adeniyi in recognition of his professional contributions to chemical sciences, public health protection and Nigeria's ongoing drive towards a lead-free society.

Prof. Adeniyi's elevation to the Fellowship of the Institute represents an important recognition of his sustained contributions to scientific research and, particularly, his recent involvement in national initiatives supporting the development and implementation of Federal Government policies on lead poisoning elimination and cosmetics safety under the coordination of the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.

These contributions are being complemented by his leadership of a multi-institutional, multi-state research initiative titled "Tackling Lead Poisoning in Nigeria: A Multi-State Assessment of Lead (Pb) in Cosmetics and Ceremonial Powders."

The project, undertaken across Kano, Kwara, Lagos and Nasarawa States, is led by the University of Ilorin in collaboration with the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON), with the participation of relevant national regulatory and public health institutions, including the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), and funding support from Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL).

The research investigates lead contamination in commonly used cosmetics and ceremonial powders, providing scientific evidence to strengthen consumer protection, regulatory surveillance and the implementation of Nigeria's national cosmetics safety and lead elimination policies.

A major milestone was recorded in Kano State.where the University-led research team conducted market-based assessments across the State's 44 Local Government Areas.

Of the 411 cosmetic samples screened in Kano, approximately 38% recorded lead concentrations above the project's 10 parts per million screening threshold, raising concerns about potentially hazardous exposure from certain customary cosmetic products.

Beyond identifying potential health hazards, Prof. Adeniyi and his collaborators have advocated a culturally responsive approach that combines scientific testing, regulatory compliance and indigenous production knowledge.

This includes identifying traditional producers whose products demonstrate promising low-lead results, investigating their ingredients and manufacturing methods, and supporting the development of safer, standardised local cosmetic products without undermining valued cultural practices.

The approach reflects a broader commitment to ensuring that research findings are translated into practical solutions capable of protecting public health while supporting indigenous enterprise development.

Speaking at the event, the Ag. Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of ICCON, Idongesit Reuben Akwaowo, underscored the Institute's commitment to professional excellence, chemical safety, regulatory enforcement and the advancement of chemistry as an instrument of national development.

He explained that the Fellowship honour is particularly significant because it coincides with the Federal Government's transition from policy formulation to implementation in two important areas: the National Policy and Action Plan on Lead Poisoning Elimination and the National Policy on Cosmetics Safety and Health.

He added that Prof. Adeniyi's contributions demonstrate the growing importance of university-based research in generating the evidence, technologies and professional expertise required to translate these national commitments into measurable improvements in public health.

Prof. Adeniyi, who is former Researcher of the Year, UNILORIN has established a substantial research record spanning sustainable materials, waste valorisation, biochar technology, environmental pollution control and industrial applications.

His recent engagement in national lead exposure prevention initiatives further demonstrates the potential of multidisciplinary research to address complex environmental and public health challenges.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, Prof. Adeniyi said that the Fellowship represents more than a personal professional milestone as he explained that it reinforces the University of Ilorin's commitment to research excellence, institutional collaboration and the translation of scientific knowledge into national development outcomes.

Prof. Adeniyi added that the Fellowship also highlights the recognition of the increasingly important role of Nigerian universities in supporting evidence-based government policies, strengthening regulatory systems and protecting vulnerable populations.

He maintained that as Nigeria intensifies efforts towards a lead-free chemical industry, his recognition underscores a compelling national message: scientific excellence achieves its greatest value when research moves beyond laboratories and publications to influence policy, protect lives and improve society.



UNILORIN students explore career opportunities at HireGround Kwara fair

By Mustafa Abubakar

More than 30 students of the University of Ilorin participated in the 2026 HireGround Kwara Career Fair, where they engaged with industry professionals, showcased their portfolios and explored employment and internship opportunities.

The career fair, held penultimate Friday (November 6, 2026) at the Ilorin Innovation Hub, provided the students with an opportunity to connect directly with recruiters and gain practical insights into the demands of the evolving digital economy.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Tuesday (November 10, 2026), the Coordinator, Prof. Rafiat Oyekunle, said the students' participation was facilitated by ILM Nexus UNILORIN, which provided transportation and other logistical support to ensure their attendance at the event.

According to her, the development coincided with the official registration of ILM Nexus UNILORIN with the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs (DSA) on November 6, 2026, marking a significant milestone in the Chapter's activities and institutional recognition.

She disclosed that the mobilisation was coordinated under the guidance of the Director of Digital Skills of ILM Nexus UNILORIN and her.

She expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Saudat S. Abdulbaqi, for their commitment to digital transformation and student capacity development.

The event also brought together the National Founder of ILM Nexus, Engr Miqdad Bada Akorede, and representatives of the organisation's chapters at Kwara State University, Malete, and Summit University, Offa.

In a related development, Prof Oyekunle said the President of ILM Nexus UNILORIN represented the University at the Nasir Giwa Mentorship Conference 5.0 in Lagos, where he engaged with technology professionals and other industry stakeholders.

The engagement was aimed at strengthening professional networks, exploring opportunities for industry collaboration and attracting experienced resource persons for the chapter's proposed monthly technical series.

She added that at the career fair, the Founder of The Marriage Way, Mrs Asahi Etuk, challenged participants to take personal responsibility for their career advancement, urging them not to wait passively for opportunities.

"Don't wait until you're given an opportunity; seize it yourself," she advised.

Also speaking at the event, a corporate compere and event planner, Mr. Sola Rahman, emphasised the importance of professional networking beyond one's immediate circle.

He noted that meaningful relationships with people across different professional fields could create opportunities for future collaboration, patronage and career advancement.

The participation of the UNILORIN students underscores the importance of industry engagement, practical exposure and professional networking in preparing undergraduates for employment opportunities and the demands of the digital workforce.



The Students' Union on, Nov 10, 2026 donated three (3) medical nebulizers and two ward screen for privacy of patients to the Unilorin Health Services. This is aimed at supporting services to students and the university community at large



FET holds research symposium for final year students

By Bashir Dawodu

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, has held a symposium for its final-year students to equip them with essential skills needed in project report writing, research methodology, data analysis and journal article preparation.

The symposium was held last Tuesday (November 10, 2026), at the NLNG Lecture Theatre.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* at the event, the Ag. Head of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Dr AbdulRahman Okino Otuoze, said the symposium was part of the Faculty's annual activities aimed at preparing final-year students for their undergraduate research projects.

Dr Otuoze explained that the programme was designed to familiarise students with the fundamentals of research, strengthen their capacity to handle final-year projects, and equip them with the skills required to write technical reports and publishable journal articles.

He added that the symposium also sought to introduce participants to appropriate research methodologies and data analytics,thereby improving their understanding of academic research.

According to him, the initiative would provide students with a solid foundation for research before graduation, particularly those participating in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology Conference (FETICON), where students are required to write and present research papers.

The don expressed satisfaction with the performance of the facilitators, noting that they delivered their sessions excellently and contributed to achieving the objectives of the programme.

Dr Otuoze urged the students to take full advantage of the opportunity by applying the knowledge acquired during the symposium to their academic work and final-year projects.

He also called on the University Management to consider adopting the symposium model across other Faculties, assuring the management that the Faculty of Engineering was willing to collaborate with other Faculties to extend the reach of the programme.





IESU tasks Unilorites on excellence, integrity

By Muizdeen Adewole

The Ilorin Emirate Students' Union (IESU), University of Ilorin Chapter, has charged students to go beyond certificates and pursue excellence with integrity, as it hosted its Educational Career Talk and Youth Empowerment Summit (1.0) last Monday (November 9, 2026) at the University Multipurpose Hall.

The Summit, themed "Empowering Students for Academic Excellence, Career Success and Sustainable Entrepreneurship", brought together scholars, youth leaders and student delegations.

In his address, the President of IESU, University of Ilorin Chapter, Mr Yusuf Abubakar Abdulqodri, said the Summit was anchored on the conviction that students deserve opportunities not only to graduate but also to succeed beyond the University. He noted that many graduates still struggle to secure employment, develop businesses and achieve financial independence, and that the summit was meant to help students develop practical skills, access mentorship, explore entrepreneurship and prepare for life after graduation.

Mr Abdulqodri urged his colleagues to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the Summit, develop their skills, take their studies seriously, seek mentorship and remain open to new ideas. He charged beneficiaries of the empowerment initiative to use the opportunities responsibly and build sustainable livelihoods, reminding them that their background should not determine the limits of their ambitions.

He noted that the Summit was held in honour of a former Senate President and Waziri of Ilorin, Dr Abubakar Bukola Saraki, CON, whom he described as a worthy son of the Ilorin Emirate and a consistent supporter of education and youth development. He appealed to the former Senate President to support the University by building and donating a hostel at the University.

He also urged Dr Saraki to establish an Annual Academic Excellence Award for the overall best graduating student of Ilorin Emirate origin at the University as he said that the award would encourage outstanding achievement.

Speaking at the event, the Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, said the pursuit of academic excellence must go hand in hand with personal integrity.

He said whatever a student does must be done with a sense of excellence, warning against the growing desire among young people to be pushed to leadership overnight without preparation.

In his paper, titled "Beyond Certificates: Preparing the Next Generation of Leaders, Innovators and Nation Builders", Prof. AbdulRaheem Yusuf, of the Department of Social Sciences Education, University of Ilorin, said a University certificate should be a beginning and not the greatest achievement of a student. He explained that while academic excellence is important, the world beyond the University demands critical thinking, effective communication, problem solving, creativity and the ability to translate knowledge into practical solutions. He pointed out that employers and society are no longer looking for mere paper qualifications, but for graduates who can think, create, lead and solve real problems.

He urged students not to graduate as certificate holders waiting to be discovered, but as competent individuals who can demonstrate value to society, stressing that a certificate may introduce a person, but competence, character and capacity will sustain him.

Also presenting a paper on "Empowering the Next Generation: Academic Rigour, Principled Careers, and Resilient Entrepreneurship", Mr Nasir Abdulquadri said true empowerment is not a gift given by the powerful to the powerless, but the deliberate cultivation of capacity, character and vision within a generation. He explained that academic rigour builds discipline and depth, principled careers build trust and reputation, while resilient entrepreneurship builds independence and the ability to survive setbacks. He added that a truly empowered youth is one who can create opportunities, not just wait for them, and who can remain principled even when compromise appears easier, noting that success is measured not by how high one rises, but by whether one stands on the right side of history when principles are tested.

A major highlight of the Summit was the empowerment of 35 students of the University with vocational tools and equipment worth millions of naira, courtesy of the Abubakar Bukola Saraki Foundation.



Leadership is service, not privilege, Aremu urges youths

By Mustafa Abubakar

A former Head of the Department of Marketing, University of Ilorin, Prof. Mukaila Ayanda Aremu, has urged youths in Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara State to become politically conscious, demand accountability from aspirants and reject the exchange of votes for temporary financial rewards.

Prof. Aremu, who is also a former Provost of the Kwara State College of Education, Oro, gave the charge penultimate Saturday (November 7, 2026) while presenting a paper, titled "Leadership Purpose: Seeking Divine Wisdom for Effective Service," at Leadership Summit and Prayer Session organised by the Irepodun Youth Council held at the Irepodun Local Government Secretariat Hall, Omu-Aran.

The don described leadership as a responsibility and a trust that must be exercised with integrity, humility, competence, compassion and accountability, rather than an avenue for personal enrichment or privilege.

"Leadership is not fundamentally about position; it is about purpose. It is not primarily about power; it is about responsibility. And it is not about how many people serve us, but how many lives become better because we serve," he said.

Prof. Aremu said academic qualifications and experience were insufficient without wisdom, sound judgment and moral direction. He identified humility, integrity, accountability, compassion and continuous learning as essential leadership qualities.

He described the youths as contributors to community development today, not merely leaders of tomorrow. He urged them to understand public issues, scrutinise candidates, participate lawfully in democratic processes and hold elected officials accountable. He cautioned against political violence, intimidation and misinformation.

Prof. Aremu expressed concern that about 80 per cent of youths followed politicians to campaigns in 2023, while fewer than 18 per cent of youths in Kwara South voted. He urged young people to regard their votes as valuable political capital and avoid exchanging them for temporary benefits.

"If you collect NX,000 today and suffer for four years, you made a bad business decision," he said. He cautioned aspirants against describing young people as "my youths", insisting that they belonged to Irepodun and should be served, not owned.

"Leadership is not title, it is access," he declared, adding that the summit should be a platform for commitments rather than a campaign ground.

He also challenged aspirants to identify specific problems they intended to solve, explain who would suffer if they failed and state the legacy they planned to leave. He urged them to prioritise roads, water, electricity, employment and skills development rather than make vague promises or distribute temporary handouts.

Prof. Aremu outlined five principles of purposeful leadership: serve before seeking office; be accountable in managing resources; protect the vulnerable, not only the wealthy; build sustainable systems rather than rely on handouts; and leave office better than it was found.

He identified employment initiatives, skills and ICT hubs, boreholes and solar power as interventions capable of delivering lasting benefits.

On the 2027 elections, he encouraged eligible youths to use their Permanent Voter Cards and cited figures of about 35,500 youths registered in Irepodun and approximately 9,100 who voted, while acknowledging that INEC had no exact local government youth record.

Prof. Aremu advised aspirants to engage residents at ward level, noting that elections could not be won through social media alone. He also called on elders to mentor young people and create opportunities for their participation.

He urged the Irepodun Youth Council to turn the summit's resolutions into practical youth programmes, with clear responsibilities, timelines and regular assessments of progress annually.

Firm donates 40 reflective jackets to UNILORIN Surveying students

By Mustafa Abubakar



An indigenous real estate and surveying firm, Urbanland Realty Limited, has donated 40 reflective safety jackets to 200-Level students of the Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, University of Ilorin.

The items were presented penultimate Monday (November 2, 2026) by the Project Manager of the firm, Mr Idris Abdulrauf, on behalf of its Managing Director, Mr Jimoh Abdulmuqsit, who is also an alumnus of the Department and former President of its Students' Association.

Speaking during the presentation, Mr Abdulrauf said the gesture was informed by the need to promote safety consciousness among students during field exercises and practical training.

He explained that practical surveying activities, including cadastral observations, boundary running, levelling and highway setting out, required strict adherence to occupational safety standards.

According to him, classroom knowledge must be complemented by practical field experience, with safety remaining an essential component of professional practice.

Mr Abdulrauf added that Urbanland Realty Limited considered giving back to the institution that nurtured its Chief Executive.

Receiving the items, the Coordinator of the Department, Mr A.Yusuf commended the company and Mr Abdulmuqsit for their commitment to students' welfare and safety.

Mr Yusuf noted that the provision of standard protective equipment would help reduce exposure to traffic related and other field hazards. He encouraged students to embrace professional safety practices early in their training.

The Head of Department also called on other alumni to emulate the gesture by supporting the Department's infrastructure, practical training and student development initiatives.

In his remarks, the President of the Nigerian Institution of Surveying and Geoinformatics Students (NISGS), UNILORIN Chapter, Mr Oke Damilare O., expressed appreciation to the company and its Chief Executive Officer for the donation.

He described the gesture as a significant contribution to students' safety and professional development, particularly during field exercises and practical surveying activities.

Mr Oke said the students were proud of the continued support of their former Association leader, adding that the gesture would encourage stronger partnerships between alumni and the Department.

Abiri family vows to renew scholarship at UNILORIN

By Idris Alooma

The family of the pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, the late Oba Prof. John Omoniyi Abiri, has vowed to renew the scholarship scheme established at the University in his honour before the current one expires, and to increase the amount for beneficiaries in the future.

One of the children of the late Emeritus Professor, Dr Oyekola Abiri said in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, that the scholarship scheme focuses on students pursuing courses in the Faculty of Education, where his father worked and retired.

Dr Abiri described his late father as a loving and caring father and philanthropist who cared deeply for humanity.

The foundation awards



■ *Late Prof. Abiri*

N100,000 to the best graduating student in the Faculty of Education each year, covering 10 years. Two graduating students have benefited since the scholarship began last year: Adeniran Izaiah Adebisi (2025) and Abdulyaqin Maryam Opeyemi (2026).

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan, expressed gratitude to the Abiri family for establishing the scholarship and foundation, describing it as a promise kept. He said it is a challenge to other people in Nigeria to promote scholarship and connect with the gown. He said it is a great encouragement for undergraduates to be more hardworking so that they can benefit from this and other categories of scholarships.

He also commended the Vice Chancellor for creating an enabling environment that fosters academic excellence, adding that the foundation will not only honour the legacy of the late Prof. Abiri but also encourage students to excel in their academic pursuits.

The late Prof. Abiri was a renowned educationist who was also a visiting Senior Fellow at the University of London. After his retirement from the services of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abiri was crowned as the Oba of Abiri Kingdom in Ile-Ife, Osun State.

NUC Team hails AbdulRaheem for exemplary leadership

By Tajudeen Babamale

A member of the National Universities Commission (NUC) Accreditation Team to the Departments of Arabic and Religions, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ja'afar Agaji Abdullahi, has applauded the sixth Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, for initiating and completing some of the institution's landmark projects, including the University Senate Building and University Auditorium.

Prof. Jafar gave the commendation last Wednesday (November 11, 2026) during a courtesy visit by the Accreditation Team to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

He described the projects as remarkable achievements, particularly considering that they were funded through the University's internally generated revenue (IGR).

He said, "For an individual to build structures of this magnitude from the IGR of the University is highly commendable. If we have individuals like this in Nigeria, the country would be a better place, where public funds are properly managed."



Prof. AbdulRaheem

Prof. Jafar also observed that the University of Ilorin was fortunate to have produced former staff members who had demonstrated integrity, transparency and accountability while serving the country in various capacities.

He expressed the view that Nigeria would be better governed if more individuals with such qualities were entrusted with positions of responsibility.

He also applauded the immediate past Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, for his remarkable achievements and contributions during his tenure at the examination body.

Prof. Jafar noted that Prof. Oloyede's administrative accomplishments, transparency and prudent management of resources had impressed Nigerians, earning him widespread commendation. He described his tenure as an example of purposeful and accountable leadership, adding that the country needed more individuals with such qualities in positions of responsibility.

Amusa bags FAN Fellowship

By Mustafa Abubakar

A Professor in the Department of Forest Resources Management, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Tajudeen Okekunle Amusa, has been conferred with the prestigious Fellowship of the Forestry Association of Nigeria (FFAN) in recognition of his numerous contributions to the growth and development of the professional association.

Prof. Amusa's conferment was approved by the Council in a letter dated September 25, 2026, signed by the National Secretary of the Association, Prof. Olukayode Ogunsanwo, followed with the investiture during the Association's 48th Annual Dinner/Award Night on October 30, 2026 in Abuja.

The letter noted that the honour was also informed by the Council's confidence in Prof. Amusa's capacity to continue to contribute meaningfully to the Association's responsibilities and objectives.



Prof. Amusa

Prof. Amusa is an accomplished scholar in forest resources management, with research interests spanning forest ecological economics, biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, forest policy and governance, social and community forestry, climate change and carbon sequestration.

He has also served the University in various capacities, including as Ag. Head of the Department between 2018 and 2020 and Coordinator of the African Centre for Herbal Research, Ilorin, from 2022 to 2024.

His professional affiliations include the Commonwealth Forestry Association, Society for Conservation Biology, African Forest Forum, Forestry Association of Nigeria, Nigerian Tropical Biology Association and Nigeria Conservation Foundation.

UNILORIN alumnus, Afolabi, becomes AIG

By Mubarak Oladosu

An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mr Wilfred Olutokunbo Afolabi, has been promoted and decorated as an Assistant Inspector-General of Police (AIG) in the Nigeria Police.

The elevation followed the approval of the Police Service Commission (PSC) and culminated in his formal decoration by the Inspector-General of Police, Mr Olatunji Disu, at the Force Headquarters, Abuja, last Tuesday, (November 10, 2026).

AIG Afolabi is a 1989 graduate of the Department of Botany, University of Ilorin, and he was among the 10 senior Commissioners of Police elevated to the rank of Assistant Inspector-General of Police.

Prior to his latest elevation, the seasoned law enforcement officer was the Commissioner of Police, Abia State Command. He had earlier served as the Commissioner of Police in Ondo State and as the Commissioner of Police in charge of Administration at the Department of Training and Development (DTD), Force Headquarters, Abuja.



AIG Afolabi

AIG Afolabi enlisted into the Nigeria Police Force as a Cadet Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) on May 18, 1992. In addition to his Bachelor of Science degree in Botany from the Better by Far University, he holds a Postgraduate Diploma and a Master degree in Peace and Security Studies from the University of Port Harcourt.

In the course of his career spanning more than three decades, AIG Afolabi has held several strategic operational, administrative, and investigative positions across the country, including postings in Delta, Katsina, Bayelsa, Anambra, and Imo States, as well as the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. He has also represented Nigeria on international peacekeeping assignments with the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2001–2002) and the African Union Mission in Sudan.

In his reaction to the development, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, congratulated AIG Afolabi on his well-deserved elevation, describing him as an illustrious and worthy ambassador of the University whose dedication to national security epitomises the ideals of excellence, patriotism and sacrifice that every unilorite wears like a badge.

Mahmoud tasks staff, students on discipline

By Abubakar Imam

A Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Ilorin, AbdulRaheem Olarongbe Mahmoud, has urged staff members and students of the University to always uphold discipline in all they do.

Prof. Mahmoud made this call last Tuesday (November 10, 2026) while featuring on *Table Talk*, a personality interview programme on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*.

He said that the sky can't limit the altitude of a disciplined person in everything he does as he said that a disciplined person would always go places.

Prof. Mahmoud also encouraged them to be focused as he particularly urged the students to know what they want and find a lawful means of achieving their focus.

The don, who was the 2012 Researcher of the Year, University of Ilorin, also called on the Federal Government and other stakeholders to ensure adequate provision of more equipment to ensure adequate treatment.



Prof. Mahmoud

He explained that the treatment of eyes involves a lot of technology for those who are suffering one visual challenge or the other to regain their sight.

Prof. Mahmoud, who is also the first Professor of Ophthalmology at the University, encouraged people to engage in relaxation after reading from either a text or screen for a while.

Prof. Mahmoud enjoined people to discourage children from too much attachment to watching screen because the eyes could lose their sight.

He also commended the authorities of the University of Ilorin for institutionalising the Researcher of the Year award to encourage innovation among its staff members as he said that apart from the University of Ilorin it is only the University of Lagos that also has such a prize.



UNILORIN Women in Science set for formal inauguration

By Abubakar Mustafa and Mubarak Oladosu

After six months of virtual engagements and meetings, the Organisation for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD), University of Ilorin Branch, has recorded a milestone by holding its maiden physical general meeting penultimate Tuesday (November 3, 2026) at the Auditorium Basement.

The meeting, which attracted over 50 physical participants, along with women scientists who joined virtually brought together women in academics and research from various faculties of the University.

The Branch Coordinator of the Organisation, Prof. Modinah A. O. Abdul Raheem, was represented at the event by the Deputy Coordinator, Prof. Faoziyat Adenike Suleiman.

Other members of the Executive Committee in attendance were the Secretary, Dr Olutomi A. Adeyemi-Ale; the Public Relations Officer, Prof. Nafisat Afolake Adedokun-Shittu; the Treasurer, Dr Halimat A. Abdulrahim; and the Financial Secretary, Dr Juliana O. Iji.

The meeting reviewed progress from previous virtual engagements and discussed membership mobilisation, visibility, mentorship, capacity development and collaboration among women in science across the University.

A major highlight of the meeting was the announcement that the formal inauguration of the Branch and its executive committee members by the National Chairperson of OWSD, Nigeria, Prof. Folasade M. Olajuyigbe, would hold on Tuesday, January 26, 2027 and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin ,Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN) will be the chief host.

Drink sufficient water, AbdulRahman tells Unilorites

By Abubakar Imam

A Chief Nursing Officer at the University of Ilorin Clinic, Dr Aishat Funmilayo AbdulRahman, has urged staff and students of the University to always ensure that they drink sufficient water and wear nose masks during the Harmattan season.

Dr AbdulRahman made this appeal last Tuesday (November 10, 2026) in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

The health professional, who holds a doctorate degree in Health Education from the University, explained that the current weather requires people to always drink water to ensure that they are always hydrated and also wear nose masks to prevent them against particles that would be blown by the Harmattan haze.

Dr AbdulRahman said that regular drinking of water would not only prevent dehydration but also keep people away from illnesses that are weather-induced.

She advised members of the University community to also be mindful of the quality of water they drink, saying that they must ensure that the water they drink are truly pure.



Dr AbdulRahman

Speaking on students, Dr AbdulRahman advised them to go into lecture rooms and reading places with their filled bottle water from where they can sip water intermittently.

She said that they need not wait until they are thirsty before drinking water as she said that it is always good for them to drink sufficiently.

Dr AbdulRahman also encouraged newly admitted students to ensure that they registered at the school clinic whenever the exercise commences to enable them enjoy medical services without stress.

She said that it is not good enough for students to delay such registration until they have one medical complaint or the other.

Dr AbdulRahman said that such registration would enable the management of the clinic to prepare ahead as such registration would show the management which drugs and other consumables are needed to take adequate care of them.



FET holds maiden TIG workshop for staff

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET), University of Ilorin, has organised its maiden TIG Welding Technical Training Workshop to strengthen the practical skills and competence of technical staff.

The workshop, held penultimate Monday (November 2, 2026), in collaboration with the Central Workshop for Teaching and Research, provided hands-on experience in TIG welding, also known as Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW), a precision fabrication technique, for participants.

Declaring the workshop open, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye, said the initiative reflected the commitment of the Faculty to professional development. He said the Faculty depended on both academic and non-teaching technical staff for efficient service delivery.

He said the programme was designed to improve productivity and workplace safety and support teaching and research. He urged participants to update their skills amid technological and digital advancement, stressing that training was valuable when its lessons were applied.

Prof. Olaoye said the Faculty planned more programmes in manufacturing, fabrication and materials testing.

In his remarks, the Director of the Technical Entrepreneurship Centre, Prof. A. G. Adeniyi, described the training as timely, noting that academic qualifications did not always provide the practical skills required by industry. Citing a defence contractor who needed fabrication specialists, he urged Nigeria to develop its technical capacity rather than depend on foreign expertise.

The Director of the Directorate of Laboratory Services, Dr O. P. Awolola, commended the leadership of the Faculty, describing continuous professional development as essential to effective service delivery. He said TIG welding was important to modern precision fabrication and urged participants to take the training seriously.

Speaking earlier on the rationale for the programme, the Head of the Central Workshop for Teaching and Research, Dr Mustapha Ndagi, said it aimed to improve the technical workforce and support practical training and research.

He recalled that the workshop had two permanent and two casual staff members when he assumed leadership but it now has nine dedicated personnel. He explained that the unit supported practical training, teaching and research.

Dr Ndagi said the growing use of stainless steel and alloys in modern fabrication made specialised welding skills necessary. He added that the Dean had requested a training framework before approving the procurement of TIG welding equipment, following a proposal submitted by the workshop.

He disclosed that 33 participants registered, drawn from FET, the College of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Physical Sciences, describing the workshop as a pilot that could be replicated in other Faculties and thanked the Dean and other contributors.

Again, Alooma Bags award for world cultural promotion

By Abubakar Imam

The General Manager of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious 2026 World Headdress Celebration Award. The notification, dated 1st November, 2026, was issued by the Ọmọ Yorùbá Àtàtà Socio-cultural Initiative (ỌYÀSI), organisers of the Annual World Headdress Celebration.

According to the letter signed by the Chairman of the Initiative, Mr Olawale Ajao, Mr Alooma was selected in recognition of his distinctive and consistent use of the traditional Yoruba cap (filà gòbì) and Yoruba attire for about three decades, which has become a recognisable feature of his public identity.

The award will be presented at the 3rd edition of the celebration on



Mr Alooma

Monday, December 28, 2026, at the Oyo State Sports Complex, Adamasingba, Ibadan.

The special award category was introduced in 2025 to honour distinguished individuals whose consistent use of a particular headwear has become a defining feature of their public identity.

Past recipients include the Governor of Osun State, Senator Ademola Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke and celebrated textile artist, Chief Mrs Nike Okundaye. Chief Obafemi Awolowo and Alhaji Arisekola Alao were also honoured posthumously.

Mr Alooma is a veteran broadcaster with over three decades of experience. He began his career at Radio Kwara in 1995, where he served as pioneer Secretary of the Freelance and Independent Broadcasters Association of Nigeria (FIBAN). He was also the Bureau Chief of Alaroye newspaper in Kwara State, and served as Treasurer of the Kwara State Correspondents' Chapel of the NUJ, before his appointment at the University of Ilorin, where he now serves as General Manager of *UNILORIN FM*.

UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 5TH TO 12TH NOVEMBER 2026

RECEIPTS:		AMOUNT
Academic Transcript		15,500.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges		462,700.00
Sundry Other Incomes		972,028.05
Income from Verification /Screening		890,000.00
Staff I.D Cards		8,000.00
Student I.D. Cards		1,000.00
Capitation NHIS		18,850.00
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance		20,000,000.00
Refund Salary		1,152,000.00
CODL- Form Processing Charges		50,400.00
CODL- Undergraduate Charges		10,860,720.00
CODL Clearance Charges		200,800.00
Convocation Souvenir		111,300.00
CCSCA Clearance Charges		40,400.00
University of Ilorin -1000115- Fees		10,000.00
Rent on University Property		102,514.40
Electricity Charges from Shop, Kiosk etc		13,558,585.00
Income from Acceptance Fees		30,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic		396,638.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre		581,838.75
Income from Fitness Centre		7,000.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment		1,219,800.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration		25,200.00
Undergraduate Change of Course		71,400.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges		242,400.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment		1,286,400.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment		185,900.00
Postgraduate Application Form		25,200.00
Postgraduate School Verification of Results		131,400.00
Remedial Application Form		167,200.00
Remedial Acceptance payment		225,000.00
Ilorin Business School Charges		2,769,200.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance		528,000.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form		100,800.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of Results		40,400.00
Institute of Education Verification of Results		20,200.00
Institute of Education School Charges		599,850.20
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation		181,800.00
Institute of Education Application Form		100,800.00
JUPEB School Charges		11,220,400.00
JUPEB Acceptance payment		1,134,000.00
JUPEB Application Form		1,033,200.00
Late Registration Surcharges		10,000.00
Total Receipt for the Period		**₦70,788,825.15**
PAYMENTS		
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:		
Odrake and PKO Marketing Ltd	Supply of Stationeries	1,162,650.00
G-Pinnancle Suites Ltd	Accommodation and Feeding of University Guests	609,055.00
Rajab and Amid Nig Ltd	Soiling and Re-Grassing of part of the Bowl field at Sport Unit	3,242,400.00
Prince Bigger Nig Ltd	Logistics Incurred on Convocation Ceremony	1,092,250.00
Staiwo Global Services Ltd	Rehabilitation of Network operating Centre NOC Building CBNTETFUND	4,630,593.64
Segmaduk Ltd	Supply and Installation of Furniture and Computer to E-Library NEEDS	77,796,834.45
Haitrix Innovator Services Ltd	Rehabilitation and Renovation of Laboratories and Offices CBNTETFUND	219,431,902.50
Dal-Hono Multinational Concept Ltd	Furnishing and partitioning of approved office for unilorin Radio and Television Studio	12,512,203.91
Ever Phoenix	Accommodation of University Guests	1,201,908.00
Bilmalzeen Integrated Services Ltd	Construction of Shed/walkway at new Car Park	1,465,855.61
Powereagles Consulting Ltd	Repair works at Computer based test	568,913.76
Ribodek Integrated Service Ltd	Construction of Reinforcement Concrete bed at new car park phase I and II	6,287,445.78
J Fixpoint Services Ltd	Repair and Servicing of Air Condition System	8,370,011.81
Ribodek Integrated Service Ltd	Rehabilitation of Needs Assessment hostel CBNTETFUND	11,988,974.07
GLOMOBILE Public Sector	Internet Service	14,792,899.50
Wills and Bankley Nig Ltd	Production of Convocation Commissioning Plaque	408,000.00
Trikaf Ventures Ltd	Contract of Outsourcing of the University Cleaning services	37,763,670.00
Jossey Oloye Furniture	Construction of Classroom furniture at Linguistic Immersion Centre	3,784,000.00
Deluxe Intl Ent Arena	Set-Up for 2026 Convocation	8,695,890.00
Beachnut Nigeria Ltd	Procurement of ICT Equipment and Accessories CBNTETFUND	20,421,701.65
Feroblack Nig Ltd	Supply of Portable Dental X-Ray Machine	1,900,000.00
Saliu Ojibara Co	Consultancy Fees	2,000,000.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:		
Various	Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	85,156,992.53
Purchase Advance	Various	4,160,700.00
Pharmacy Council of Nigeria	Pharmacy Induction	1,460,000.00
Staff Training	National Research grant	166,036,266.15
Unilorin Researchers Lodges	Accommodation of University Guests	1,185,000.00
Unilorin Press	Production of Annual Report	8,850,000.00
Staff Training	Research grant	48,942,090.00
Unilorin Petrol Stations	Supply of Fuel	28,490,364.00
Unilorin Guest House	Catering Services	
Total TSA Charges	Various	120,848.75
Total payment for the period		**₦784,529,421.11**

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Bursar

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	MAHMOUD ABDULRAHEEM OLARONGBE	OPHTHALMOLOGY	15-Nov
2	DADA MOSES SUNDAY	MATHEMATICS	15-Nov
3	MURTALA ABDULYAQIN TUKUR	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	15-Nov
4	GANIYU SURAJUDEEN ADEYEMI	REGISTRY	15-Nov
5	LEWU SUSAN FOLASHADE	ANATOMY	15-Nov
6	ABUBAKAR ABDULRAHMAN	POLITICAL SCIENCE	15-Nov
7	ALABI OLADIMEJI MOHAMMED	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	15-Nov
8	AKANDE ABOSEDE MARGARET	REGISTRY	15-Nov
9	AMBALI SIKIRAT ABOLAJI	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	16-Nov
10	MOHAMMED IS'HAQ ALHASSAN	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	16-Nov
11	ADIO ELIJAH KAYODE	REGISTRY	16-Nov
12	OLANREWAJU RHODA MOJI	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	16-Nov
13	ADEBOYE AKINMADE ATILADE	UNILORIN SUGAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE	16-Nov
14	FARUKU SALIHU TOYIN	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	16-Nov
15	JIMOH ADAMU	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	16-Nov
16	OWOLABI TAIYE	REGISTRY	16-Nov
17	OLAYANJU SUNDAY AKINWALE	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	16-Nov
18	AREMU WALIYAT OMOWUMI	PHYSIOLOGY	16-Nov
19	ABDULKADIR FATIMAH OKUNLOLA	REGISTRY	16-Nov
20	OLOGUNDE OLUWATIMILEYIN ADEPEMI	REGISTRY	16-Nov
21	SOBANDE ELIZABETH OLAJUMOKE	REGISTRY	17-Nov
22	JUBRIL KAMILU SHABAN	CHEMISTRY	17-Nov
23	RAUFU IBRAHIM ADISA	VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGY	17-Nov
24	IBRAHIM LATEEF ADESINA	CHEMISTRY	17-Nov
25	OLOFINLADE SAMUEL OLUWAPELUMI OKE	FINANCE	17-Nov
26	ISHOLA ADEOLA HAWAWU	UNILORIN SUGAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE	18-Nov
27	LAWAL AMUDAT	CHEMISTRY	18-Nov
28	ADEBARA ALAO KEHINDE	PHYSICAL PLANNING UNIT	18-Nov
29	ADEBAYO OLUWATOPE JOSEPH	BIOCHEMISTRY	18-Nov
30	ROBERT EMMANUEL FRANCIS	WORKS: CIVIL/BUILDING	18-Nov
31	ADESANYA EMMANUEL OLORUNLEKE	SCIENCE EDUCATION	18-Nov
32	LAWAL ABUBAKAR ZUBAIR	MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY	18-Nov
33	SALIHU ABDULAZEEZ BOLANLE	ARCHITECTURE	18-Nov
34	YUSUF RAFIU OLASUNKANMI	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	18-Nov
35	AJEIGBE BUKOLA BEATRICE	REGISTRY	19-Nov
36	BABATUNDE OLAREWAJU RAPHAEL	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	19-Nov
37	IDRIS IBRAHIM OLANREWAJU	SECURITY DIVISION	19-Nov
38	ABUBAKAR MUSA	WEB SUPPORT SERVICES	19-Nov
39	SULEIMAN FATIMAH	REGISTRY	19-Nov
40	OLASANMI OLUWATOYIN OLASUNKANMI	PHYSICS	19-Nov
41	BARNABY INIOBONG ETIM	REGISTRY	19-Nov
42	MOGAJI OBALOWU	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Nov
43	EDUNGBOLA OLAYINKA JOHN	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Nov
44	TOYIN TAIBAT	HEALTH SERVICES	20-Nov
45	ALARO ABDULRAZZAQ ABDULMAJEED	ISLAMIC LAW	20-Nov
46	GARUBA TAOFEEQ	PLANT BIOLOGY	20-Nov
47	AYINLA LUQMAN	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	20-Nov
48	AMBALI ABDUS-SALAM BABATUNDE	ARABIC	20-Nov
49	OGUNRINU OLUWASEYI GIDEON	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	20-Nov
50	ALEPA VINCENT CEPHAS	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	20-Nov
51	BAKER MARIAM TEMITOPE	CHEMISTRY	20-Nov
52	AFOLABI ABDULRASAQ OLAREWAJU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	20-Nov
53	AJAO BABATUNDE HADIYATULLAH	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	20-Nov
54	AWOPEJU OLADELE SUNDAY	SECURITY DIVISION	21-Nov
55	SIYANBOLA SALIHU OLAYINOLA	REGISTRY	21-Nov
56	PIMOR TAREBI	BURSARY	21-Nov
57	DUNMADE OLUFEMI IBUKUN	ENGLISH	21-Nov
58	FAYEMI ADEOLA OLUWASEUN	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	21-Nov

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman, Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, on the occasion of his 31st coronation anniversary.

  ("Egbewole greets Emir of Ilorin on 31st Coronation Anniversary", https://www.dailytopic.com.ng; "Egbewole greets Emir of Ilorin on 31st coronation anniversary", https://theproximanews.com. blogspot.com; "Egbewole greets Emir of Ilorin on 31st coronation anniversary", https://democracynews..com;)

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS) and Agricultural Extension on International Conference for their contributions towards maintaining peace, food security and national development.

  (" Egbewole Commends CPSS and Agric Extension on International Conference on Peace and Sustainable Development", https://thepriximanews.blogspot.com)

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  (" Again, Alooma Bags Award for World Cultural Promotion ", https://theproximanews.blogspot.com;

  "Alooma's 30 Years of Fìlà Gòbì Earns Him 2026 World Headdress Award;" https://high-profile.com.ng; "Alooma UNILORIN FM ,GM wins 2026 World Headdress Celebration Award", https://royal news.com.ng; "Again, Alooma Bags Award for World Cultural Promotion",

- The family of the pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, late Oba Prof. John Omoniyi Abiri, has vowed to renew the scholarship scheme established at the University in his honour before the current one expires , and to increase the amount for beneficiaries in the future.

  ("Abiri Family Vows to Renew Scholarship at UNILORIN Before Expiration, Promises Increase in Future", https://theproximanews. blogspot. com)

- The UNILORIN Best Researcher of the year 2012, Prof. ✌bdulraheem Olarongbe Mahmud of the Department of Ophthalmology, is a golden pride to the University of Ilorin's Better by far Mantra. That Mantra is not a fluke.

  (MAHMUD WORLD ACCLAIMED UNILORIN RESEARCHER AT 68", https://dailylinks.ng; Mahmoud at 68: Celebrating a Distinguished Scholar and Global Research Icon https://choicereporters.com; MAHMOUD, WORLD ACCLAIMED UNILORIN RESEACHER AT 68. https://democracynewsline.com; MAHMOUD, WORLD ACCLAIMED UNILORIN RESEARCHER AT 68, https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com; Mahmoud, World-class Unilorin Researcher @ 68 https://timenigeria.com)

- The Igbomina Youth Assembly (IYAss) has honoured the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and sustained support for the development of Igbomina land and it's Youth.

  ("Igbomina Youth Assembly honours Akogun for supporting community development", https://dailyinfolinks 24.wordpress.com; "Igbomina Youth honours Akogun for outstanding support", https://high-profile.com.ng; "Igbomina Youth honours Akogun for outstanding support", https://choicereporters.com; "Igbomina Youth honours Akogun for outstanding support", https://theproximanees.blogspot.com; "Igbomina Youth honours Akogun for outstanding support" https://choicereporters.com; "Igbomina Youth honours UNILORIN director, Akogun, for outstanding support", decency.home.blog;)

- While delivering the 309th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "Needle in a Haystack: Quest for Solutions to a Compromised Body's Wireless Communication System", a Professor of Physiology at the University of Ilorin, Lukman Aribidesi Olayaki, has cautioned Nigerians against indiscriminate exposure to artificial light at night, excessive use of plastic household Utensils and the consumption of improperly processed cassava, warning that these habits could disrupt hormonal function and undermine human health.

  ("UNILORIN don links night-time light, plastic use to Obesity, infertility,cancer risks", The Herald, Sunday, November 15, 2026, p.5; "Unilorin don warns Nigerians against night-time light exposure, plastic utensils, poorly processed cassava", https://dailylinks.ng/

The 2025/2026 Session in the annals of UNILORIN (1)

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To strengthen the research ecosystem, ₦177 million was awarded to 81 academic staff under the Senate Research Grant, while the University secured ₦220.5 million through the National Research Fund for eight research projects. Other gains include a ₦2 million grant from the National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC) for Electric Vehicle research and software licenses valued at $17.4 million from MIDAS IT of India.

In line with its commitment to commercialisation of research, the University is partnering with the National Board for Technology Incubation (NBTI) to establish a Campus-Based Technology Incubation Centre (CB-TIC).

A 400-level student of Criminology and Security Studies, Mr. Pelumi Banabas, developed a Campus Emergency Response Application under the mentorship of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC).

Through the U-INSPIRE Programme, about 8,320 students were trained in entrepreneurship, digital creativity and leadership, advancing the University's agenda of producing job creators. Speaking at the 2nd Cohort graduation of the programme on October 16, 2026, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, said that the U-INSPIRE initiative was created to take students beyond academic certificates, noting that while degrees remain important, 21st Century skills required in the workplace are far more important.

*To be continued next week

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(Excerpt from UNILORIN STAR, 2026 Edition)

Every academic session tells a story, but some sessions define an institution. The 2025/2026 session, which ran from September 29, 2025 to September 18, 2026, is one of those defining chapters. It was a session where vision did not just remain on paper, it found practical expression in concrete action.

As captured by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in his speech at the valedictory Senate Meeting on September 18, 2026, the 2025/2026 Academic Session was a session of consolidation and bold strides towards attaining the Vision 1:10:500 of the Administration.

The session will be remembered as a session where institutional vision found concrete expression in measurable action.

When he assumed office in 2022, Prof. Egbewole unveiled two roadmaps — the SMART Agenda and Vision 1:10:500. While the first roadmap envisions "**S**ustainable development, **M**onumental achievements, **A**daptive capacity, **R**apid response to change and **T**eam building", the main essence of the second roadmap, the Vision 1: 10: 500, is to ensure that UNILORIN returns to its number one position among Nigerian universities; make it one of the 10 best universities in Africa and is counted among the top-notch 500 in the world.

The 2025/2026 academic session, which formally ended on September 18, 2026, has proved that these Egbewole Administration's twin mantras are not mere slogans, but workable documents. And like the old Japanese adage, "***Yo shinai yo kangai***" (roughly meaning, "high-quality, innovative manufacturing are the direct result of deliberate, intelligent human thinking"), the mantras are already midwifing innovative landmarks at the University, reversing some noticeable lapses in administrative structure, and gradually bringing the University back to its preeminent position of reckoning from which it slided in the recent past.

One of the most recent indications that things are really looking up is the just released report of the Times Higher Education (THE) World Universities Rankings that rated the University of Ilorin the best Nigerian university in Research Quality. In the report, UNILORIN scored 69.4%, the highest by any Nigerian institution ranked in 2026 by the British publications and data-driven organisation. An analysis of the results shows that the University of Ilorin has been lifted from the 1201–1500 band in 2025 to the 1001–1200 band globally.

In his reaction to the ranking result released on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at the World Academic Summit hosted by the University of Cape Town, South Africa, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said, "This outcome is not accidental but a reflection of years of patient, disciplined scholarship by colleagues who publish work that the world reads and cites."

Also in his reaction, the Project Manager, University Ranking Implementation, Prof. Suleiman Folorunso Ambali, said that the ranking assesses universities on five pillars such as teaching, research environment, research quality, international outlook and industry, noting that research quality is UNILORIN's strongest turf.

Prof. Ambali added that the University aims to convert its strength in Research Quality to wider international recognition and work towards joining the 801–1000 band in the next edition.

Remarkably, this lift is not a fortuitous happenstance, it is the product of deliberate and intentional planning by the visionary Vice Chancellor, who has put some forward – looking measures in place to turn his dream into reality. Since his assumption of office, he has consistently and promptly released the Senate Research Grants and he has gone further to institute the Special Senate Research Grants to enable researchers to do more researches.

This THE attainment was followed almost immediately by another notable accomplishment by 10 of the University's researchers featuring in the 2026 Stanford–Elsevier Top 2% Scientists database. The University also placed fourth among Nigerian higher institutions in recent citation impact.

The database, produced by Stanford–Elsevier, measures high citation impact across 20 scientific fields and 174 subfields, in two main categories: the career-long category, covering citations through the end of 2025, and the single-year category, covering citations received in 2025.

Ten UNILORIN scientists feature across both categories. In the Single-Year Category, the researchers listed are: Prof. Adewale George Adeniyi, Dr Mufutau Opeyemi Bello, Dr Folorunsho M. Ajide, Ebuka Chizitere Emenike, Prof. Ismail Ayoade Odetokun, Stephen Sunday Emmanuel, Dr Ibrahim Adeshina, Prof. Oladimeji Akeem Bolarinwa, Ademidun Adeola Adesibikan, and K. D. Adeyemi. In the Career-Long Category, four researchers of the University were listed, with Adewale George Adeniyi and Mufutau Opeyemi Bello appearing in both metrics.

Following these well-deserved leaps by the University, it would seem that UNILORIN is set for further attainments and more accolades in the nearest future.

The University recorded 100% accreditation for 37 academic programmes presented to the National Universities Commission (NUC) during the session.

Research productivity remained outstanding, with scholars such as Prof. Ismail Odetokun and Dr. Afis Basiru of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine recording over 11,000 citations each on Google Scholar. And as already reported above, the University was ranked the best in Research Quality among the nation's tertiary institutions this year by the Times Higher Education (THE), while 10 of its academic staff were listed in the 2026 Stanford–Elsevier global Top 2% Scientists database.

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