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UNILORIN Research Group gets N1. 7b grant to develop antibiotic alternative

By Temitope Omoniyi

A University of Ilorin research group, Innovative Veterinary Solutions For AntiMicrobial Resistance (INNOVET-AMR) 2 Research Group, has won a grant worth 1.6 million Canadian Dollars (about N1. 712,000,000) to develop innovative solutions for antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in food-producing animals.

The grant was awarded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada. *(Contd. on page 3)*



■ Prof. Egbewole delivering the lecture last Monday

Constructive collaboration, essential for better university system - Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab O lasup o Egbewole, SAN, has noted that constructive collaboration among stakeholders is essential for universities in the country to fulfill their core missions, rather than engaging in blame games.

Prof. Egbewole made these remarks last Monday (June

3, 2024) while delivering a lecture, titled “A March to the Future: Addressing Issues of University Administration in Post-Subsidy Nigeria” at the University of Abuja. The lecture was part of a public event to honour the outgoing Vice-Chancellor of the University of Abuja, Prof. Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah, FNAL.

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DISCLAIMER

The management of the University of Ilorin is hereby alerting members of the public to the latest antics of scammers, using fictitious social media accounts created in the name of our Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab O lasup o Egbewole, SAN, with the sole aim of conning them into parting with their hard-earned money.

These rogues use fake social media platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, LinkedIn, and Messenger to make all sorts of demands from members of the public, ostensibly in the name of the Vice Chancellor.

For the avoidance of doubt, Prof. Egbewole does not operate on any of those social media platforms.

Members of the public should, therefore, be wary of the antics of these unscrupulous elements and be adequately guided not to fall for their pranks.

Why UNILORIN will remain outstanding- Oloyede



■ Prof. Oloyede

By Idris Alooma

The Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, has said that the University of Ilorin would continue to be outstanding in all ramifications as he charged public servants to always do the right thing at

the right time.

Prof. Oloyede, who is also a former Vice Chancellor of the University, stated this last Tuesday (June 4, 2024) in a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** after a testimonial teaching of a course to 100 level students of the institution's Department of Religions.

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Unilorin monthly electricity bill jumps from N70m to N230m – Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed concern over the recent hike in electricity tariffs imposed by the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC), which has seriously affected the University's budget.

In an email message sent to staff and students of the University last Thursday (June 6, 2024), Prof. Egbewole disclosed that the institution's monthly electricity bill has skyrocketed from N70 million to N230 million per month, a situation he described as “unsustainable”.

The Vice Chancellor stressed the urgent need for a critical reassessment of current electricity usage practices as he appealed to both staff and students to adopt more responsible electricity consumption habits and to support the administration's efforts to implement cost-saving measures.

The Professor of International Law and Jurisprudence said that the administration is intensifying negotiations for alternative power supply solutions, which, he said, “are expected to yield positive results soon”.

Towards this end, Prof. Egbewole announced that all new buildings under construction in the Faculties of Agriculture, Arts, Environmental Science, Law, and Social Sciences will include provisions for alternative power sources as part of their design. He added that strategies are being developed to ensure that all Faculties and Units are equipped with reliable alternative power options.

The Vice Chancellor also stressed the importance of safeguarding these new facilities from theft and vandalism as he called on the entire University community to ensure that these resources are protected and maintained.

Prof. Egbewole expressed his gratitude to the staff and students for



■ Prof. Egbewole

their resilience and cooperation during the recent disruptions in electricity and water supply. He commended their collective effort and sense of responsibility, which helped the

University navigate the challenges.

He said, "The past few days have clearly demonstrated the sterling qualities in us as staff and students of this great University. The administration remains ever grateful for this show of very deep support for the University in the face of the daunting challenges”.

The Vice Chancellor, however, reassured the University community of the administration's ongoing commitment to addressing the economic challenges affecting the University. He pledged continued efforts to provide a conducive learning and working environment despite the financial constraints.

Our Appreciation

Dear all,

On behalf of Unilorin Management, I wish to appreciate all staff and students for their resilience in the last few days that we had issues with electricity culminating in serious challenges with water supply. It is a mark of high sense of responsibility on the part of both the staff and students that we weathered the 'storm' together.

The past few days clearly demonstrated the sterling qualities in us as staff and students of this great University. Administration remains ever grateful for this show of very deep support for the University in the face of the daunting challenges.

As you are aware that since my assumption of duty as Vice-Chancellor, one of the focus is how to reduce the money spent on provision of electricity and how we can have its regular and uninterrupted supply. Our efforts have been further compromised by the recent increase in tariff that pushed our monthly bill from N70 Million we normally pay to IEBDC to N230 Million. This is clearly unsustainable and we need to take a more critical stance on what we are doing presently.

To this end, I wish to appeal that we continue to take measures to reduce our consumption by ensuring responsible usage of the electricity. I also appeal that we support

Administration on some of the measures being put in place to reduce the bill.

Administration is increasing the tempo of negotiations on alternative power supply and this is likely to yield positive results soon. We have equally decided that all new buildings will come with alternative power supply as part of the design and this is already factored into the constructions going on in Faculties of Agriculture, Arts, Environmental Science, Law and Social Sciences. We are equally coming up with strategies to ensure that our Faculties and units are provided with some form of alternative power supply.

While we are doing this, we expect all of us staff and students to ensure these facilities are not pilfered or vandalized.

Once again, I thank you all and assure us that Administration will continue to do its best in the face of plethora of challenges afflicting University Administration because of economic reasons.

Warm regards to all.

Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN
Vice Chancellor

UNILORIN Research Group gets N1.7b grant to develop antibiotic alternative

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This was disclosed by the leader of the Research Team, Dr. Ismail Ayoade Odetokun, during a visit to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, in his office penultimate Wednesday (May 29, 2024).

Other team members include the Director of UNILORIN Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Prof. Ibrahim Adisa Raufu; Prof. Wasiu Jimoh, Dr Ismail Adeyemo, Dr Basiru Afisu, Dr Aremu Abdulfatai, and Dr Olayiwola Akeem Ahmed, all from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

Collaborating with researchers from Spain's Institute of Agrifood Research and Technology (IRTA) and the Royal Holloway University of London, UK, the UNILORIN group will focus on developing a bacteriocin-rich extract (BRE) as a potential antibiotic alternative.

Their project, titled "Bacteriocin-rich Extract from Engineered Lactic Acid Bacteria as an Antibiotic Alternative for Therapeutic and Prophylactic Use in Ruminants and Aquaculture (BAC4RumA)," aims to explore the effectiveness and economic



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (4th left), with members of the grant-winning Research Group during the visit

benefits of BRE as a treatment and preventive measure against bacterial infections in livestock and aquaculture.

Dr. Odetokun pointed out that the project not only seeks to develop a patentable product but also plans to recruit four postgraduate students and participate in capacity-building initiatives throughout the 32-month project duration.

Reacting to the development, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed delight at the

team's achievement and encouraged them to uphold the University's reputation for excellence. He said he believed that the research has the potential to pave the way for future advancements and collaborations for UNILORIN.

Prof. Egbewole added that the grant signifies a major stride for UNILORIN's research efforts and holds promise for the development of a novel approach to combat AMR, a growing threat to global public health.

FETiCON 2024:

Experts highlight AI's role in sustainable development

By Isaac Lewu

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, has held its 2nd International Conference, tagged FETiCON 2024.

Themed "Leveraging AI to Achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goals", the Conference, which held last Monday (June 3, 2024) at the University Auditorium, featured AI experts who delved into the role of Artificial Intelligence in facilitating sustainable development and problem-solving in general.

Declaring the Conference open, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), said that AI is a technology that enables decision-making processes similar to that of humans. He urged all attendees to embrace AI as the new normal and acknowledged its potential to guide the University towards achieving its Vision 1:10:500.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, stressed that AI can play a significant role in addressing the various challenges outlined by the United Nations, adding that by



■ The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Omotesho (middle), with other dignitaries at the conference opening ceremony

harnessing the power of AI, the University of Ilorin can contribute to the attainment of these Sustainable Development Goals.

The Vice Chancellor expressed optimism about the transformative impact of AI on the University's Vision 1:10:500 aims to position the University of Ilorin as a leading institution in research, innovation, and academic excellence, saying that "AI, with its ability to process vast amounts of data and generate insights, can assist the University in achieving this ambitious goal".

The Legal Luminary also

emphasised the need for collaboration and interdisciplinary approaches to fully leverage AI's potential, encouraging researchers, Faculty, and students from various disciplines to work together in integrating AI into their respective fields. He said, "By fostering cross-disciplinary partnerships, the University can create innovative solutions that align with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and contribute to societal development".

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Constructive collaboration, essential for better university system – Egbewole

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The UNILORIN Vice Chancellor explained that there are many issues affecting the Nigerian education sector and the university system as its microcosm. He noted that a lot of efforts had been invested in playing the blame game and deflecting on the part of the stakeholders instead of the stakeholders to see themselves as leaders in their own right today and tomorrow.

Prof. Egbewole said everyone is a leader with some responsibilities. According to him, “Everyone within the leadership structure in the university, the Vice-Chancellor and the Principal Officers, the Deans, the Heads of Departments and Units, lecturers and administrators, Chairmen and members of Committees, Coordinators of programmes, even level advisers and student representatives as well as group leaders, should do their best in their various beats to change the narrative and shift the paradigm of university administration because a single tree cannot make a forest”.

While speaking on the role of government, the Vice Chancellor said the removal of subsidy by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on May 29, 2023, which made market forces to react immediately, ought to have contributed to the fiscal savings for the government by allowing room for funds to be redirected to priority sectors such as education, infrastructure and healthcare.

He said, “For instance, the N3.92 trillion allocated to petrol subsidy between January 2020 and June 2022 surpassed the combined federal budgets for healthcare, education and defence for the 30-month period. The context of post-subsidy removal is that of heightened economic reality and it also means that the resources that are being expended on running universities have more than doubled with funding having a multiplier effect on other factors affecting university administration and governance”.

While noting that the government's typical excuse for inadequate funding of universities and delayed entitlements for university workers is lack of funds, Prof. Egbewole, however, argued that the real issue is misplaced priorities. He pointed out that political and public office holders receive substantial salaries and allowances for accommodation, furniture, travel, medicals, severance, leave, and vehicle loans.

To overcome the challenge of funding, Prof. Egbewole implored university administrations to think outside the box by not expecting all funds



■ **Prof. Egbewole (2nd right), Prof. Na'Allah (4th right) and other dignitaries at the event last Monday**

to be provided by the government or proprietors alone. He said where tuition fees are paid, appropriate charges that will match the quality of the education provided should be introduced.

Speaking on ownership, the Vice Chancellor said while the initial motive for liberalisation of university would often be laudable, with the passage of time, ownership itself becomes part of the problems as owners lose focus of what should be the goal of establishing universities.

He noted that if universities are established to score cheap political goals, there is no way they would have the resources to run them effectively. He said, “Proprietors of universities need to be conversant with the philosophy, aims, goals and objectives of universities before dabbling into it. Cases abound where Vice Chancellors of private universities are not allowed to function as they should do because of the overbearing posture of the proprietors, which ultimately affects administration”.

On governance and management of the university system, the Senior Advocate of Nigeria said effective governance and management of the universities are constrained by political interference, poor leadership, corruption, lack of transparency, limited participation and rigidity. He added that all these impact negatively on the system through declining academic standards, brain drain, strikes, student unrest and systemic inefficiency.

To overcome the challenges associated with governance and management, Prof. Egbewole said efforts must be made to put round pegs in round holes right from the constitution of the Governing Council to the appointment of Vice Chancellors. He pointed out that “the university law should be respected regarding academic autonomy, transparency and accountability, staff and student discipline, stakeholder participation and adherence to

due process in everything”.

The Unilorin Vice Chancellor lamented that many Nigerian universities do not enjoy autonomy. He said, “It is the Federal government-owned universities that fare best in this regard as state universities are often under the constant micro-managing of overzealous Commissioners and Permanent Secretaries in the Ministries of Education. The same thing applies to some private universities where the powers of the Vice-Chancellor are often hijacked by the proprietor leading to internal disenchantment and poor governance. It becomes so bad that some staff are fired in some private universities for not greeting the proprietor while students can also be expelled because of offending one person or another, without following due process”.

Commenting on corruption in the nation's university system, the Unilorin Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), lamented that while funding is seriously affecting and hampering the efficiency of the education sector, wastages of the available resources are equally fundamental. He said there is the issue of corruption by the managers of the education sector either at the policy level or at the level of implementation.

The Professor of International Law and Jurisprudence. He said it is important that appropriate frameworks be designed to guard against corruption in the system because the university must at all times be seen as the model, however, announced that the University of Ilorin has initiated and produced “Code of Ethics and Corruption Prevention Guide” in an effort to ensure zero tolerance for corruption by the officials, staff and students of the most-sought-after University in Nigeria.

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NIQS hails Unilorin graduates' brilliant performance in professional exams

By Tajudeen Babamale

The President of the Nigeria Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS), QS. Kene Christopher Nzekwe, has lauded the University of Ilorin for its exemplary Quantity Surveying programme, noting that graduates of the University have consistently achieved a 100% pass rate in the NIQS professional exams.

This commendation was made by QS Nzekwe during a visit to the Vice Chancellor in his office penultimate Thursday (May 30, 2024).

While conveying the institute's appreciation for the university's commitment to excellence in Quantity Surveying education, the NIQS President, who was represented by the Head of the Department of Quantity Surveying, University of Ilorin, QS T. O. O. Olowa, said the continuous success of Unilorin graduates in the Institute's professional examinations is a testament to the high standards maintained by Unilorin's Quantity Surveying Department as it reflects the dedication and quality of the lecturers and the University management.

While noting the significant contributions of University staff to the NIQS, Nzekwe said it is obvious that Unilorin is contributing well to the Institute because the NIQS has been having a retinue of chairmen emerging from the university. According to him, "We have had QS Toyin Jimoh as a chairman, succeeded by Prof. Amuda Yusuf, then myself, and currently another staff member holds the position. Additionally, the Deputy Chairman, QS Olowa, is the chairman-elect for the next Senate. This succession of leadership underscores the exceptional training provided by Unilorin".

The NIQS President also stressed the importance of ongoing support from the University as he appealed to the University management to continue addressing issues affecting the NIQS, adding that the consistent success of Unilorin graduates is a direct result of the institution's supportive environment.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, assured the NIQS of the University's unwavering commitment to partnering



■ **The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (middle), with Principal Officers, and members of the NIQS during the meeting**

with the institute to enhance the professional capacity of its members.

Expressing gratitude for NIQS's recognition of the University's contributions, the Vice Chancellor reaffirmed the institution's dedication to supporting the professional training of Quantity Surveying students. He said, "Be assured that we will continue to work closely with you're the to ensure that the professional training of our students is developed appropriately. We will support our Department of Quantity Surveying in all ramifications to ensure they deliver on their mandate."

Prof. Egbewole encouraged the Quantity Surveying Department to explore opportunities for professional contributions that could enhance the University's revenue. He said, "I charge the Department to start looking at professional offerings that could contribute to the University's revenue drive. Globally, the trend is for professionals to find ways to support their institutions. Quantity Surveyors have a place in Unilorin Holdings Limited to help improve our revenue generation".

The Vice Chancellor further stated that "given the state of affairs in Nigeria and globally, we cannot rely solely on government funding for the University. Private initiatives are essential, and Unilorin Holdings was established with this in mind. I believe that partnering with this company can ensure that our activities are improved upon".

He said that the choice of QS Toyin Jimoh as the Director of the Physical Planning Unit was not an accident, but a divine appointment because he has paid his dues to the University and to NIQS.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity

Surveyors (NIQS), Kwara State Chapter, QS Ranti T. Adebisi, recognised the efforts of the University in fostering a conducive environment for the advancement of Quantity Surveying. She said, "We must appreciate your support to the growth and development of Quantity Surveying in the country. It is only when members of the profession are growing that we can be said to be growing as a whole," she remarked.

QS Adebisi also celebrated the historic appointment of QS Toyin Jimoh as the Director of the Physical Planning Unit (PPU) at the University of Ilorin, saying that "QS Jimoh's appointment marks the first time a Quantity Surveyor would be occupying this position at the University. We believe his dedication, commitment, and years of experience fetched him this appointment. QS Jimoh is not just a past Chairman of the Institute but a pillar of the profession and a valuable national asset. We are confident that he will make the University proud."

Acknowledging the University's support for the Department of Quantity Surveying, QS Adebisi expressed gratitude for the recent commencement of postgraduate programme in Quantity Surveying.

"The Department, established a decade ago, now offers Postgraduate Diploma, Master, and PhD programmes. This development has provided our members the opportunity to pursue advanced studies without the need to travel far," she noted.

QS Adebisi also highlighted the Department's impeccable record in accreditation. She said, "The Department has never failed any accreditation, whether from the National Universities Commission (NUC) or professional bodies".

Dept introduces self-defence and combat training for students

By Isaac Lewu

The Department of Criminology and Security Studies, University of Ilorin, has taken a proactive step towards equipping its students with essential skills by introducing self-defence and combat training as a vocational activity for them.

This was disclosed by a Visiting Scholar in the Department, Dr Adedeji Saheed Oyenuga, penultimate Wednesday (May 29, 2024) while speaking at the maiden edition of the training at the Indoor Sports Hall of the University Stadium.

Dr Oyenuga, who is an Associate Professor at the Lagos State University, (LASU) Ojo, said that although the training could not be immediately integrated into the curriculum due to late proposal, the University has recognised the importance of this initiative and decided to offer it as a vocational activity before incorporating it into the curriculum at a later date.

The don highlighted the significance of self-defence within the context of security studies. He commended the University for thinking outside the box and swiftly approving the idea of practical combat training.

Dr Oyenuga emphasised that crime prevention is more cost-effective than resolving crimes after they occur, adding that self-defence is an essential skill for students to possess.

He pointed out that the integration of self-defence and combat training into the curriculum reflects the



University's commitment to producing well-rounded graduates who are academically proficient and capable of ensuring personal safety and the security of others.

“This innovative approach aligns with the evolving landscape of criminology and security studies, which demands a comprehensive understanding of practical

self-defence techniques”, he explained.

The University's decision to introduce self-defence and combat training as a vocational activity has received widespread applause from various stakeholders in the field of education and security. This initiative not only enhances the academic experience of students but also equips them with practical skills that can be

Unilorin, always ahead of peers, says CBT Director

By Mahmud Adewole Muizdeen

The Director of the Directorate of Computer-Based Tests (CBT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamilu Rauf, has said that the Better by far University is always ahead of its peers in terms of evolving innovations and developments.

Prof. Rauf stated this while participating in a UNILORIN FM radio current affairs programme, 'Oro t'onlo' last Tuesday (June 4, 2024). The programme was anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma.

Pointing out that Unilorin is the first to start virtual learning and CBT examinations in Nigeria, Prof. Kamilu said that the capacity of the CBT Centre affords the University the ability to conduct tests for about 18,000 candidates on daily basis during the Continuous Assessment test.

He further explained that the CBT has five different centres under its watch, with 1,500 computer systems, 1,400 of which are being used for exams,



Prof. Rauf

while the remaining 100 gadgets are set as backups.

The don acknowledged the relentless efforts of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who he

described as “a rare gem and a leader with foresight”, for always giving the CBT Directorate its required provisions to enable it discharge its duties efficiently.

Noting that CBT cannot be conducted successfully without stable power supply, the Director said that “out of the magnanimity of the Vice Chancellor, he gave us more than enough diesel to last even beyond the test period without even knowing that there would be general blackout in the country as a result of the recent workers’ strike”.

He explained that the CBT Directorate is conducting numerous examinations, both internal and external, including Remedial, Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB), Sandwich, Open Distance Learning (CODL), Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), post UTME, post graduate, Teacher's Registration Council (TRC), Police examinations, Nursing Council, Agric Council, and NDLEA recruitment examinations, among others.

VC pledges support for Performing Arts' Film Village

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has pledged his support for the plans by the Department of Performing Arts to establish a Film Village to enhance the Department's global presence and improve the University's internally generated revenue (IGR).

Prof. Egbewole made this pledge penultimate Monday (May 27, 2024), while declaring open the 499 final year project performance of "Agudua," held at the Performing Arts Theatre.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the lecturers of the Department and their students for keeping faith with this project since 1985, expressing the hope that people would pay to see various performances by the students in the nearest future.

Prof. Egbewole also expressed his vision for the Department to develop



Prof. Egbewole

a strategy to turn the course into a revenue-generating venture for both the Department and the University.

In his remarks, the Head of the Department of Performing Arts, Prof. Segun

Oyewo, while alluding to the popular saying that "the person that drums for the butterfly is under the river", said that the Department reached a significant milestone because of the tremendous support of the Vice Chancellor and his management team. He added that the recent renovation of the Performing Arts Theatre was possible through the support of the Vice Chancellor.

While recounting the rich artistic traditions of the 499 final year project performance, which has flourished since 1985, starting with five groups of 18 students and now expanding to 18 groups performing for over 18 days, the Head of the Department said that the theatre is experiencing significant patronage, and with the continued support of the administration, they are poised to transform it into a premier destination for theatre entertainment in Nigeria and Africa.

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He said, "The document was well applauded and endorsed by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC). Sanctions should be meted out any time there is a breach of the code of conduct while measures should be taken towards strengthening governance and leadership, creating robust institutional controls and oversight as well as institutionalising transparency and accountability mechanisms.

The Vice Chancellor also advocated attracting and retaining qualified staff through competitive salaries and benefits, as well as providing opportunities for professional growth and development.

Prof. Egbewole, who said students occupy the centre of university life, opined that managing student affairs is crucial to ensuring students' success,

physical and emotional wellbeing as well as overall campus experience. He said, "There are challenges on Nigerian campuses such as cultism and indulgence in cybercrime that pose serious threats to the success of University Administration. By giving students a sense of belonging and having zero tolerance for wanton violation of rules and regulations, students can actually be put in check, especially when their basic welfare (especially accommodation, water and electricity) are provided.

The Unilorin Vice Chancellor described the outgoing Vice Chancellor of the University of Abuja, who was also the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. Abd-Rasheed Na'Allah, as a man of honour, whom the University of Ilorin is proud of.

While Prof Na'Allah would bow out on June 30, 2024, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin appreciated the support and cooperation of the entire University of

Abuja Community for the enabling environment created for the illustrious alumnus of the University of Ilorin to bloom like the flower in rain and achieve the milestones he has recorded at the University of Abuja.

Prof. Egbewole said, "Since the end of a journey is the beginning of another one, my fervent belief is that as Prof. Na'Allah is rounding off this important assignment, another one is already in the wings as his vast experience is still very much needed in shaping the future of our dear country.

"If we must march to the future, we must make some deliberate steps today and they begin with doing right things and doing things right justly and judiciously. I congratulate the Vice-Chancellor on the job well done so far and I still pray that he lands the plane of his Administration successfully after flying it professionally for the past five years", he submitted.

Why UNILORIN will remain outstanding- Oloyede

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He said that the nation's most sought-after University would continue to be outstanding due to its quality of leadership, quality of staff and quality of teaching.

The Professor of Islamic

Jurisprudence said that despite the fact that he is the current Registrar of JAMB, he is still creating time to teach his students at the University of Ilorin.

He opined that doing the right thing at the right time by every Nigerian especially those occupying public offices

would move the country forward.

Prof. Oloyede, who is also the Secretary-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), said that if everyone cleans his or her corner everywhere would be clean.



Egbewole canvasses ethical journalism to bolster African democracies

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that democratic systems in Nigeria and across the African continent will thrive with the presence of a robust and ethical journalism that prioritises truth and solutions over sensationalism and misinformation.

Prof. Egbewole made this observation last Thursday (June 6, 2024) when he received a team from the Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID), the training arm of the Premium Times online newspaper, that visited him in his office at the end of a week-long training programme it held for the University's Mass Communication students.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olunmi Abayomi Omotosho, said there is the need to monitor those in position of authority because, according to him, "with the nature of human beings, good leaders should know that without monitoring, they are likely to derail because power becomes so absolute."

Reflecting on the state of journalism in the country, Prof. Egbewole lamented that some media houses have lost their credibility by peddling misinformation. In contrast, he praised other outlets, including Premium Times, for their sincerity and objectivity as he expressed hope that with the training received by the Unilorin students, they would join the ranks of responsible journalists globally.

While reiterating the University's commitment to press freedom, Prof. Egbewole assured that under his administration, journalism

would not be restricted but allowed to thrive independently. His representative said, "The VC would have loved to be here because he is a human rights advocate. Rest assured that under his watch, no journalist will be teleguided but they must be allowed to do their job".

Speaking earlier, the Deputy Director of CJID, Ms Busola Ajibola, said they came to train the Unilorin students following invitation by the Department of Mass Communication because of the organisation's dedication to leveraging journalism to enhance democratic accountability across Africa.

She explained that the CJID is committed to building the capacity of the media and journalists across Africa by instilling strong ethical principles and equipping them with the necessary skills to protect democratic values and ensure accountability. Ms Ajibola added that the Centre aims to equip the next generation of journalists with the ethical orientation that society requires, by encouraging a journalism culture grounded in truth and integrity.

Ajibola stressed the importance of practical training for students, noting, "Our goal with these training programmes is to expose students to the realities of the journalism field. We take pride in our partnership with the University of Ilorin, one of Africa's leading journalism schools, where we have seen significant successes through our initiatives".

The CJID Deputy Director also expressed gratitude to the University of Ilorin management for its support by giving her team the opportunity to train the future generation of journalists, saying that the support was vital in ensuring these students have the tools they need to secure the future of the society.

Looking ahead, Ajibola said, "Beyond this training, we will continue to

mentor and support those with a strong interest in accountability journalism, helping them publish their work. We hope the University management will view these engagements as valuable feedback from a generation eager to tell their own stories and highlight issues that affect them."

The Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr. Kehinde K. Kadiri, pointed out that the training opportunity provided by CJID will complement what the students have learned in the classroom, saying that it is essential for students of the Department to receive continuous learning opportunities to prepare them for the challenges of the journalism field.

On the rationale behind soliciting support from CJID and Premium Times, the Dr Kadiri said, "We sought the support of Premium Times to train our students because we believe in providing them with every possible opportunity to enhance their skills and understanding of ethical journalism".

In a testimony, one of the beneficiaries of the training Ms Stella Adeniyi, said, "The training has been insightful as I learnt how to participate in civil engagement", adding, "I am grateful to the school for providing us with this opportunity".

Present during the courtesy visit were the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola; a Lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication, Dr Fatima Iyabo Abubakre, and the Deputy Registrar, Office of the Vice Chancellor, Mrs Azeekat Ibarhim.

Other members of the CJID team on the visit were an Editor, Ms Kemi Busari; Trainer, Mr Adejumo Kabir; Project Officer, Ms Iretomiwa Dele-Yusuff; Trainer, Ms Uju Nwachukwu; and another Trainer, Mr Ogunsola Gbolahan.



■ *The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Omotesho (4th left), with other dignitaries at the Conference last Wednesday*

Saliu Mustapha advocates integrated approach to food security

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Production, Services and Rural Development, Senator Saliu Mustapha, has advocated a holistic and integrated approach that leverages renewable energy solutions as a panacea to achieving food security for sustainable development in Nigeria.

Senator Mustapha made the call last Wednesday (June 5, 2024) at the International Conference on Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development” organised by the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, at the University Auditorium. The hybrid conference held between June 4 and 8, 2024, was attended by experts and students from across the world.

The Senator, who was the Guest Speaker at the Conference, said, “Achieving food security for sustainable development in Nigeria requires a collective, holistic and integrated approach that leverages renewable energy solutions.

Represented by his Senior Legislative Aide, Barr. Salman Alhaji Salman, Senator Mustapha, who spoke on “Food Security for Sustainable Development in Nigeria: A Policy Framework”, said that the Conference was very apt and could not have come at a better time considering the challenges the nation is facing, especially on power, despite the abundance of natural resources the nation is blessed with.

Pointing out that the abundant natural resources in the country can be channelled into renewable and clean energy that will not negatively affect the environment, the Guest Speaker said, “Over the years, we have struggled with our manufacturing sector, as the industry

is witnessing massive relocation from the country due to incessant power supply, which sometimes gulps more than 30 per cent of their overheads”.

He said that embracing the use of renewable energy sources in Nigeria will provide clean and affordable energy, which is an essential yardstick for poverty reduction, industrialisation, and an improved agricultural system.

According to him, “These sectors, if given access to reliable and cost-effective renewable energy sources, will witness tremendous development and growth.

Senator Mustapha said that food security is the cornerstone of sustainable development, encompassing not only the availability and accessibility of food but also its nutritional quality, cultural significance, and environmental sustainability.

While declaring the Conference open, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, stressed the importance of energy to the survival of man.

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, the Vice Chancellor, said that everything tied to sustainable development must meet the needs of the present without compromising those of the future.

Prof. Egbewole stated that the United Nations adopted the 17 SDGs that touched on various aspects of human development while emphasising the need to ameliorate issues of sustainable development across the globe.

In his own submission, Dr Bankim Chandra Tripathy of the Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology, Bhubaneswar-751013, Odisha, India, said that utilising lean-grade ores and industrial waste recycling are critical components of

sustainable development, stressing that by implementing efficient recycling practices, industries can reduce their environmental footprint, conserve resources and contribute to a circular economy.

Another speaker, Dr Jude Majasan from the Electrochemical Innovation Laboratory, Department of Engineering, University College, London, said that the broader adoption of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind and hinge on the development of technologies for power storage would be highly effective for sustainable development.

Earlier, in his address, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Baba Abdullahi Alafara, emphasised the need for renewable energy and the imperative of maintaining a clean and sustainable environment for all to thrive.

According to Prof. Alafara, “The issues of renewable energy and clean environment are not any other business but paramount and should be treated as such”.

The Dean commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole for his good visions that are worthy of emulation.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Conference Local Organising Committee, Prof. Olusegun Ige, applauded the FAPSCON 2024 committee for strategically planning a theme that will be of great significance in addressing environmental issues as well as meeting the Vision 1:10:500 of the University administration.

Prof. Ige said that the conference would help in addressing environmental stresses as a result of both natural and anthropogenic activities such as the generation of greenhouse gases, irrigation, climate change and so on.



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Closing date: 21st June, 2024.

Signed

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Alfanla tasks campus shop owners on dress code, hygiene

By Temitope Omoniyi

The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, FCIML, has charged shop owners on campus to support the institution in implementing rules and regulations regarding dress code.

Mr. Alfanla, who is the Chairman of the University Dress Code Committee, made the call penultimate Thursday (May 30, 2024), during a meeting with the shop owners.

He added that the Dress Code Committee has observed instances of shop staff dressing inappropriately, making a robust identification system for the shop owners and their staff necessary, for security purpose.

To ensure a smooth transition, Mr Alfanla assured the shop owners of their involvement in the production of ID cards for their staffers. He explained that the University management would not dictate the design or impose any charges



■ Mr Alfanla

associated with the ID cards as shop owners will be the ones to produce the ID cards for themselves in accordance with the agreed format by the Student Affairs and the Office

of the Deputy Director (Estate Management).

Beyond identification, Mr Alfanla reiterated the University's commitment to upholding its rules and regulations. He urged shop owners to maintain a clean environment to foster a positive experience for students and staff.

The Registrar, who was joined by the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu, and the Deputy Director (Estate Management), Mr Bolakale Sahid Baba, noted that the interaction with shop owners on dress code, identification, and cleanliness, was meant to create a mutually beneficial space for everyone on campus.

Shop owners actively participated in the discussion, raising concerns, which Mr Alfanla promised to address. They noted that the initiative demonstrated UNILORIN's commitment to a safe, secure, and aesthetically pleasing campus environment.

UNILORIN CIE holds International Students' Day

By Abubakar Imam

All is now set for the 11th International Students Day celebration at the University of Ilorin.

Organised by the Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Ilorin, the event is scheduled for this Thursday (June 13, 2024) at the University Auditorium beginning at 10:00 a.m. prompt.

A statement made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN by the Director of the Centre, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, explained that a Professor of

Paediatrics and Child Health and former Director of the Centre, Olugbenga Mokuolu, would speak on the theme "Internationalisation in Tertiary Institutions and Peaceful Co-Existence in Africa".

Prof. Ibraheem added that the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, would be the Chief Host at the event. The Gambian High Commissioner to Nigeria/Permanent Representative to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Mr Muhamdou Musa Njie, would serve as the Chairman of the occasion while the Governor of Kwara

State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, is expected to be the Special Guest of Honour.

The statement added that Guests of Honour at the event would include the Registrar/Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON; the Turaki of Ilorin, Senator Saliu Mustapha the Liberian and Guinean Envoys to Nigeria.

Prof. Ibraheem, therefore, enjoined members of the University community and the general public to attend the event promptly.

Olorundare delivers 260th Inaugural Lecture

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 sixtieth (260th) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Olufunke E. Olorundare **B. Sc. Pharm (Zaria); M. Sc., Ph. D (Wisconsin-Madison, USA); Cert. Biotechnology, Cert. Stem Cell Technologies (Madison College WI, USA)** Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences,

University of Ilorin

Topic: "In Sickness and Good Health: Pharmacology as Systems Medicine Research Primer"

Date: Thursday, 13th June, 2024

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

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

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar



■ Prof. Olorundare

Experts highlight AI's role in sustainable development

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Presenting a paper at the Conference, one of the Keynote Speakers, Engr. Olufemi Abraham Arosanyin emphasised the need to optimise energy consumption in the telecommunication sector, particularly with the growing demand for 5G technology.

In his paper, titled "Leveraging AI to achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goals", Arosanyin highlighted the role of Artificial Intelligence and digital twins in providing precise and reliable decision-making through high-definition imagery and 3D modeling.

Arosanyin also pointed out that AI can play a significant role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with power production.

Also in her submission, Prof. Suvendi Chinnappen Rimer of the Department of Electrical Engineering Science, University of Johannesburg, said that AI has the potential of improving healthcare.

She advised that African countries must be united and focus on biomedical devices tailored towards their needs.

Prof. Rimer added that the primary role is to develop skilled workforce and practical training in the development of biomedical devices such as new prostheses.

In her own presentation, Prof. Esther Akinlabi of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Northumbria University, Newcastle, United Kingdom, said that about 8 million tonnes of plastics end up in the sea annually.

According to her, plastics dumped

in the sea account for about 5 percent while 95 percent of plastics are submerged beneath waterbodies.

The don lamented that these plastics strangle and destroy water creatures, adding that this also threatens the eco-system and cause flooding on humans.

Prof. Akinlabi, however, submitted that Artificial Intelligence (AI) can assist in achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

Earlier in his address, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Unilorin, Prof. Jamiu Kolawole Odusote, acknowledged the enthusiasm and participation of the students whose passion for Engineering and dedication to their studies has been truly inspiring.

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Department of Marketing

M.Sc., Ph.D. Marketing

Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education

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Department of Physics

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M.Ed., Ph.D. Science Education

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Postgraduate Diploma in Sport and Exercise Medicine

Master in Sport and Exercise Medicine

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The period of this advertisement is from now till 30th June, 2024.

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Prof. B. V. Owoyele

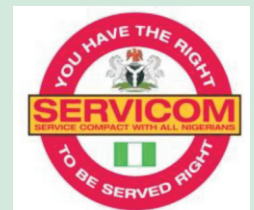
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FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 30TH MAY TO 6TH JUNE 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	715,161.25
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	1,245,150.00
Sundry Other Income	3,159,422.00
Convocation Souvenir	439,190.00
Boarded Property	7,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	5,000.00
Refund of unspent Staff Personal Advance	570,000.00
Refund (Non Salary)	8,800,000.00
Interest on University Housing Loan	500.00
Income from Verification/Screening	50,000.00
Capitation NHIS	1,866,000.00
Contractors' Registration fee	5,000.00
Disciplinary fines	15,000.00
CCSCA- Application Fees	25,200.00
Staff I.D Cards	4,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	1,000.00
Tender Fees	20,000.00
Utility Income	150,900.00
Hire of University Property	330,000.00
Rent on University Property	1,520,000.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	38,700.00
Postgraduate School Registration Fees	145,150.00
Postgraduate School Charges	2,199,400.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	160,000.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	1,252,650.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	147,100.00
Postgraduate Application form	1,182,050.00
Ilorin Business School Application form	75,600.00
Institute of Education Application Form	680,200.00
Remedial Hostel Accommodation	90,900.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	90,900.00
Remedial Application Form	15,150.00
Remedial School Charges	925,200.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,602,250.00
JUPEB General Payment	75,750.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦27,609,523.25
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Digma Integrate Services Ltd Construction of Faculty of Social Sciences Building (CBNTETFUND)	20,247,996.95
Sinclair Hospitality Services Ltd Feeding and Accommodation	235,070.00
FasmanNigEnt Construction of Fence	4,491,794.99
Bintayah Global Resources Services Ltd Supply of Computer Equipment	8,789,092.50
Ibyets Intl Ltd Supply of Cleaning Materials	7,851,423.75
Habmak Worldwide Interbiz Construction of Fence	4,935,394.92
Jiyoda Intl Ltd Re –Roofing of IMR and Lecture Room	9,900,465.91
Qboy Global Ltd Renovation of Chemical Engineering Dept	6,404,673.85
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Varioussi.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	12,142,999.09
Purchase Advance Various	3,245,900.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Fuel Supply	493,035.00
NYSC May 2024 Allowance	2,090,000.00
Staff Training SDA Third Instalment (CBNTETFUND)	8,049,666.67
Faculty Staff May 2024 Salary	1,027,750.00
Environmental Staff May 2024 Salary	1,280,000.00
Unilorin Guest Houses Catering Services	1,046,800.00
Unilorin Press Printing and Production of Letterhead	298,410.00
Unilorin Researcher Lodge Feeding and Accommodation	1,117,200.00
Ilorin Business Studies May 2024 Salary	294,970.35
TSA Charges Various	116,744.15
Total payment for the Period	₦94,059,388.13

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Open Ph.D. Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1.	OLOFIN, Ade Abdurasaq	Education/Social Sciences Education	Academic Motivation, Study Habits and Creativity as Predictors of Undergraduates Academic Performance in Kwara State, Nigeria	Monday, 10 th June, 2024/12:00 noon	Faculty of Education Board Room



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Ghazali, Kudirat Olubunmi	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 09
2	Jemirin, Daniel Oladele	Industrial Chemistry	Jun 09
3	Adefalu, Lawal Lateef	Agric Extension & Rural Dev	Jun 09
4	Alege, Sherifatu Ibrahim	Bursary	Jun 09
5	Ajibola, Taiye Mary	Biomedical Engineering	Jun 09
6	Ismail, Hadiza Onono	Zoology	Jun 09
7	Ibrahim, Musa	Home Economics & Food Science	Jun 09
8	Olawale, Olatunbosun Hamed	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jun 09
9	Abubakar, Basheer Muhammed	Registry	Jun 09
10	Osaji, Jacob Olasupo	Religions	Jun 10
11	Ibrahim, Binta Fatima	English	Jun 10
12	Oluwatuyi, Grace Olufayoke	Registry	Jun 10
13	Owoetoni, Samuel	Works: Parks & Gardens	Jun 10
14	Oluwamokomi, Richard	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	Jun 10
15	Akanbi, Yissa Ayinde	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jun 10
16	Fatoki, Florence Omodunke	Training Research & Development	Jun 10
17	Zakariyah, Aishatu Ogaja	Registry	Jun 10
18	Omokanye, Lukman Omotayo	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Jun 10
19	Sule, Danlami	Anatomy	Jun 10
20	Ogungbade, Oyelakin Kunmi	Counsellor Education	Jun 10
21	Adeyanju, Monishola Oyindamola	Bursary	Jun 10
22	Yusuf, Abdulganiyu	Surveying & Geo-Informatics	Jun 10
23	Imam, Bashirat Titilope	Science Education	Jun 10
24	Agbabiaka, Habibah Eroje	Optometry & Vision Science	Jun 10
25	Oniye, Taofiq Omotosho	Registry	Jun 10
26	Oloyede, Elizabeth Shola	Registry	Jun 11
27	Hudson, Olufunke Sylvana Eyiwumi	Registry	Jun 11
28	Ibitoye, Comfort Toyin	Registry	Jun 11
29	Ohijeagbon, Idehai Olayemi	Mechanical Engineering	Jun 11
30	Adedo, Zulkarnain Ibrahim	Architecture	Jun 11
31	Jimoh, Saidu Bolakale	Science Education	Jun 11
32	Amali, Mohammed Otnofu	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Jun 11
33	Omolewu, Olatubosun Christopher	Linguistics & Nigerian Languages	Jun 11
34	Ikhuemien, Oyakhire Sylveater	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jun 11
35	Lawal, Saka Iyanda	Security Division	Jun 12
36	Bakare, Omotunde Waheed	Directorate of Corporate Affairs	Jun 12
37	Umar, Nimota Olanihun	Security Division	Jun 12
38	Ahmed, Abdulrasheed Atanda	Bursary	Jun 12
39	Adeleye, Emmanuel Adekunle	Internal Audit Unit	Jun 12
40	Edun, Abdulkareem Jimoh	Political Science	Jun 12
41	Odurinde, Luqman Olusanjo	Bursary	Jun 12
42	Ogunmodede, James Ayodele	Medicine	Jun 12
43	Afolabi, Hauwa	Security Division	Jun 12
44	Jimoh, Elizabeth Folakemi	Library	Jun 12
45	Ibinuwa, Gabriel A.	Security Division	Jun 13
46	Akintola, Opeoluwa Olatunbosun .E.	Veterinary Public Health & Preventive Medicine	Jun 13
47	Okpanachi, Sunday	Security Division	Jun 13
48	Ajadi, Suleiman Adi	Registry	Jun 13
49	Laaro, Waheed Olaide	Security Division	Jun 13
50	Aburime, Aminat Ozohu	Arts Education	Jun 13
51	Ibrahim, Musbau Kunle	Registry	Jun 13
52	Lawal, Balikis	Registry	Jun 13
53	Sulaiman, Wasiu	Security Division	Jun 13
54	Tiamiyu, Sarafadeen Oyeniyi	Registry	Jun 13
55	Abdulkadir, Shehu	Library	Jun 13
56	Akere, Samuel	Security Division	Jun 14
57	Akande, Bakare	Works: Parks & Gardens	Jun 14
58	Samuel, Folusho Olufunke	Registry	Jun 14
59	Ijaiya, Munir-Deen Aderemi	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Jun 14
60	Oyedepo, Olanrewaju Olubukola	Anaesthesia	Jun 14
61	Otonekwu, Friday Otu	Registry	Jun 14
62	Eniola, Joyce Folakemi Ranti	Registry	Jun 14
63	Abdulsalam, Lukman	Library	Jun 14
64	Adewoyin, Tijani Adekola	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jun 14
65	Ugbomoiko, Uade Samuel	Zoology	Jun 15
66	Taiwo, Victoria Olabanke	Registry	Jun 15
67	Ajidagba, Abdulraheem A.	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jun 15
68	Abdullahi, Tybalt Abimbola Adum	Registry	Jun 15
69	Sagaya, Azeez	Registry	Jun 15
70	Adeyemi, Roheema Olabimpe	Linguistics & Nigerian Languages	Jun 15
71	Daudu, Kamal Abdulrazaq	Agric Extension & Rural Dev	Jun 15
72	Ahmadu, Hussein Adomu	Surveying & Geo-Informatics	Jun 15
73	Olasehinde-Williams, Olabanke Olamide	Centre For Open & Distance Learning	Jun 15
74	Ayinla, Shehu Lukman	Computer Engineering	Jun 15

The University Board of Health encourages you to visit the University Health Services for medical check-up on your birthday. Thanks

- While delivering the 259th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "White Matter Matters in the Search for Phytochemical Candidates for Demyelinating Disorders", Prof. Gabriel Olaiya Omotosho of the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, has warned that tobacco smoking is deadly for pregnant women or those planning to conceive of babies, whether taken actively or passively.
("World Tobacco Day: Cigarette Fumes Deadly To Pregnant Women, Warns Expert", <https://independent.bg>;
"World No Tobacco Day: One out of 10 Nigerians smokes, expert says", <https://gazattengr.com>; "8m deaths yearly for tobacco worldwide -- Anatomy Professor", <https://breezynewsnigeria.com>; "8m Lives Lost To Tobacco Use Annually, says Don", <https://leadership.ng>;
"Tobacco responsible for over 8 million deaths yearly - Anatomy Professor", <https://tribuneonline.com>; "8m tobacco smokers die annually, says UNILORIN Don", <https://riyalnews.com.ng>; "Don Urges Govt To invest in Diagnostic Tools To Tackle Diagnosis Disease", <https://von.gov.ng>)
- The Management of the University of Ilorin has expelled a 100 level student for allegedly demanding money from the parents of his missing colleague as ransom.
("Unilorin expels student for collecting ransom on missing colleague", <https://guardian.ng/new/Nigeria/metro>;
"UNILORIN Expels Student For Allegedly Demanding Ransom On missing student", <https://leadership.ng>;
"UNILORIN expels student for demanding ransom from parents of missing colleague ", <https://punchng.com>;
- "Unilorin expels student for collecting ransom on missing colleague"; <https://medium.com>)
- The Commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Umar J. G. Mohammed, has pledged his commitment to collaborate closely with the Deputy Director of Security (DDS), University of Ilorin, Mr Paul B .Ogidi.
("NSCDC set to collaborate with UNILORIN on crime control", <https://royalnews.com.ng>)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that to overcome the challenge of poor funding in Nigeria universities, the government must increase investment in education, diversify funding sources, and university administration must ensure effective management of funds.
("How to end poor funding in Nigeria universities by Unilorin VC", <https://thenationonline.net>);
- The University of Ilorin has announced the promotion of 16 of its senior academics to the rank of professors.
- ("UNILORIN APPOINTS 16 NEW PROFESSORS ", <https://globalcrownnews.com.ng>)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said the budget for fuel subsidy between January, 2020 and June 2022 was higher than the budget allocated to defence, education and health care sectors.
("Fuel subsidy in 2020 higher than defence, education, health care budget - UNILORIN VC", <https://dailypost.com>)

Guest Writer

- By Toyin Falola

A Mighty Trunk in the Olive Tree of Great Ife

(Contd. from backpage)

An Olive Tree symbolises light and victory; therefore, it emphasises the extent of Professor Egbewole's commitment and zeal, which have brought him personal victory and facilitated the accomplishments of the people around him. As a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) and the current Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, his achievements are remarkable. These prestigious roles require extraordinary human management skills to pilot the affairs of people successfully, and Professor Egbewole has consistently excelled in his duties. There has been no time when this influential professor recorded poor human relations, as he is always praised for his ability to manage people with diverse opinions and ideological positions.

Organisations often require an incredible amount of patience and will power to effect changes. Without these qualities, a leader would almost certainly self-destruct because not only would

they struggle to harmonise the ideas and initiatives of people in the same organisation, but they would also be incapable of viewing things from different perspectives. However, this is not the case for Professor Egbewole. He is egalitarian and people-centered, crafting ideas and policies that satisfactorily consider the positions of the masses, ensuring they have access to opportunities for personal transformation while contributing to their society.

Academically, Professor Egbewole is prolific, with a significant body of work through which he has contributed to the academic community. Always determined, he has made efforts to advance the narratives surrounding OAU graduates. Moreover, being a vice-chancellor entails multiple responsibilities and this exceptional man has continued to represent very perfectly, achieving great accomplishments credited to his name. He has never been deterred by the demands of his roles and responsibilities. For instance, he has served as an External Examiner at the

University of Pretoria in South Africa, confirming that his expertise and professionalism are sought after globally. At some point, the Professor extended his service to Ghana as the academic auditor of the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, in addition to the numerous assignments within Nigeria in different schools and in different capacities.

Professor Egbewole has taken up critical responsibilities within the academia, confidently challenging existing disorders and proposing better alternatives that drive change today. I am immensely boastful of what he has done with his career, as he continues to show leadership skills and pave the way for future generations of scholars from OAU and the University of Ilorin, who will admirably continue his laudable work.

** Falola is a Professor of History at the University of Texas, Austin, USA.*



Professor Wahab Egbewole: A Mighty Trunk in the Olive Tree of Great Ife

By **PROF. TOYIN FALOLA**

Many people know that an Olive Tree is a phraseology that symbolises reconciliation, friendship, and, above all, peace. However, not many understand that the same expression also means light, victory, and prosperity, among other things. Perhaps an Olive Tree was what the founding fathers had in mind when they ascribed the word “Great” (with capital G) to the University of Ife. This is underscored by the awareness that the tree is a symbol of many important things that they would want the institution to reflect in its ideological philosophy and fundamental principles—to the extent that the alumni of the noble institution are known for the reassured confidence they demonstrate whenever the school's anthem is recited. The elation, pride, and renewed confidence they exude when referring to their Alma Mater clearly show that Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) has established itself as an enigma whose significance and place cannot be undermined. It is no surprise that the alumni of Great Ife have always been associated with progressive ideas, which cannot be tagged as mere luck or coincidence.

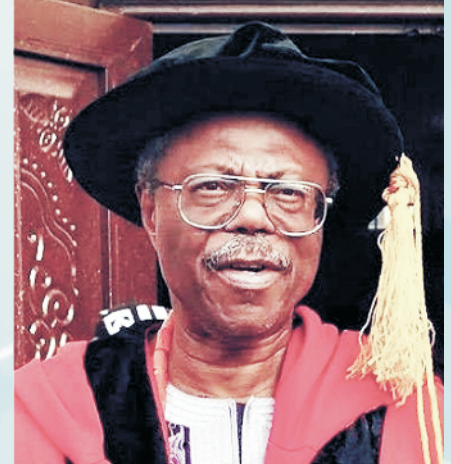
OAU is renowned for its uncompromising pursuit of excellence, a feat exemplified in the life, personal growth, and flow of one of its distinguished products, Professor Wahab Egbewole. One abiding quality of an Olive Tree is its capacity to bring light. In the academic trajectory of this outstanding individual, education has not only brought light to his endeavours but has also propelled him to the pinnacle of his career, where he has continued to shine as a beacon for others aspiring to attain such heights. Professor Egbewole's luminary potential is evident in the important positions he has held in different areas and capacities. Both locally and internationally, Professor Egbewole has continually blessed humanity with various potentials that are innate to him. It is no news that this scholar graduated as a legal professional, and he has utilised his intellectual capabilities to reshape the legal landscape of the country with thought-provoking ideas expressed in jurisprudence initiatives that altogether increase the conditions of law within society and stimulate broader and participatory societal engagements.

From the early stages of his professional development, Professor Egbewole has left no stone unturned in crystallising legal ideas aimed at fostering rapid development and encouraging robust achievements, the combination of which would create a tranquil society where peace and stability reign supreme. In describing this remarkable individual, the word “light” is particularly descriptive of my intentions as it perfectly encapsulates his lofty contributions and all that he has facilitated in the Nigerian legal landscape.

How else does one describe an intellectual who has served meritoriously and made immeasurable contributions in various positions to which he has been assigned, elected, or appointed? I count it particularly important that his call to service at the Committee for the Review of Law of Oyo State, where he served as early as 1998, placed him in one of the most sensitive positions at that period of his career evolution. Dutifully, Professor Egbewole made exemplary efforts to offer competent services and support, leaving an indelible impact marked by



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measurable results that are present today. From that point onward, he has moved from one important assignment to another and on each occasion of his call to duty, he has shown nothing short of professionalism in discharging his duties and responsibilities.

Today, Professor Egbewole boasts of an intimidating record of service driven by a desire for change and the vision to improve the conditions of law in Nigerian society. Nigeria takes pride in Egbewole, as he has been instrumental in the transformation of society's legal departments, addressing issues of stability and preparing the nation for aggressive technological innovations that can drive unprecedented success. From Oyo State to Osun, Osun to Ekiti, Ekiti to Kwara, Professor Egbewole has served with impeccable character to ensure that his legal assignments are delivered with utmost excellence and extraordinary quality.

As an Olive Tree produces great fruits, Great Ife has produced an enigma in Professor Egbewole, whose precocious intellectual values have always been sought after, even by the international community. In addition to the giant strides he has made in the homeland, he has also been recognised as an active and relentless participant in the global economy of intellectual engagements. It would be an almost endless task to recount the various areas and capacities in which he has served globally. Professor Egbewole has facilitated the rapid human development of Africans, serving in various positions within the continent and beyond. If one pays keen attention to the trajectory of his service, especially at the international level, one will notice his unwavering dedication to human development. The energy he invests in research, which would ultimately produce measurable results for individuals, signals that he has embraced this mission as his mandate in life.

In essence, the number and quality of people who have benefited directly and indirectly from Professor Egbewole's experience and expertise is substantial. He has always demonstrated his love for orderliness, believing that opportunities can be extended to the vulnerable only when things are in proper order. The more you read about this quintessential man, the more you come to discover new things about his inestimable potential.

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