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Electricity tariff:

UNILORIN takes energy-saving measures to cut cost

By Temitope Omoniyi



The international students with dignitaries at the event

The management of the University of Ilorin has taken proactive steps to reduce energy consumption on campus to mitigate the financial impact of rising electricity tariffs on its budget.

This was contained in an internal memorandum to members of the University Community last Monday (June 10, 2024).

The memo, signed by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Affanla, FCIML, called on all members of the University Community to adopt "more mindful energy-saving practices".

The memo cited recent increases in electricity bills from the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) as a key factor driving the need for this change of attitude.

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International Students' Day:

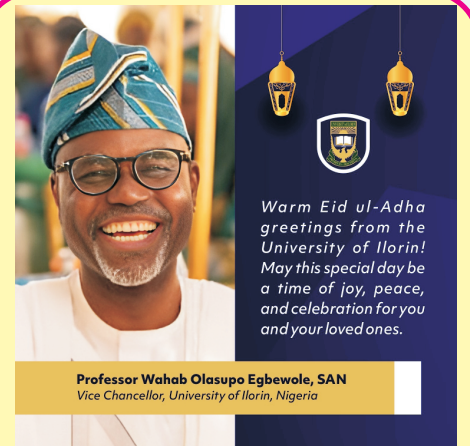
Mokuolu calls for issuance of student visas

By Isaac Lewu and Bashir Dawodu

Former Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Ilorin, Prof. Olugbenga Mokuolu, has urged the Federal Government to consider issuing student visas to attract international students from outside the ECOWAS region.

Delivering a keynote address at the 11th edition of the International Students' Day organised by CIE at the University Auditorium last Thursday (June 13, 2024), Prof. Mokuolu noted the cumbersome nature of Residency Permits and argued that student visas would be more efficient.

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Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN
Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

Warm Eid ul-Adha greetings from the University of Ilorin! May this special day be a time of joy, peace, and celebration for you and your loved ones.

Olorundare seeks TETFUND, others' intervention to stem 'darkness in varsities'

By Mubarak Oladosu

Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Ilorin, Olufunke Esan Olorundare, has stressed the need for Vice Chancellors in Nigerian universities to come together to strategise on how to seek the intervention of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND, corporate organisations, philanthropists and state governments in stemming the current

epileptic electricity power situation especially as it affects the universities.

Prof. Olorundare, who made this call last Thursday (June 13, 2024) while delivering the 260th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "In Sickness and Good Health: Pharmacology as Systems Medicine Research Primer", said this "situation of darkness in the universities" is unacceptable. (Contd. on page 3)



Prof. Olorundare

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He commended the Minister of Interior, Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo, for recent reforms but urged further action to facilitate student visa issuance.

Prof. Mokuolu, a renowned scholar of Paediatrics & Child Health, also presented a vision for transforming education and fostering global engagement. He emphasised the importance of creating seamless pathways for international students.

The former CIE Director recommended the establishment of dedicated funding for international initiatives within the university. He also suggested actively seeking external funding without affecting core operations, adding that the approach would enable investment in innovative programmes, scholarships, and exchange opportunities.

Prof. Mokuolu said, "Internationalisation is not an option; it's a requirement". He called for intentionality, resource commitment, and an enabling environment at both national and institutional levels.

Also speaking at the event, the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, commended the University's achievements in excellence and urged continued progress towards developing society.

The Governor, who delivered his goodwill message through the State Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Dr. Mary Arinde, acknowledged the University's role in shaping students' future and encouraged continuous improvement to maintain its reputation as an institution of excellence.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, highlighted

the University's commitment to a multicultural learning environment. He expressed pride in the university's reputation as a preferred destination for international students.

Prof. Egbewole acknowledged the value the international students bring to the University, which includes academic contributions, cultural exchange, and fostering global understanding.

The Vice-Chancellor also commended the University's support services for international students, designed to ensure a smooth transition and integration into campus life. He emphasised creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students, regardless of origin.

Also in his remarks at the event, a former Vice-Chancellor of the University and Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, expressed his delight at the gathering of students from various African nations. He commended the University of Ilorin for fostering unity and providing a platform to celebrate diverse cultures.

Prof. Oloyede, who received a special award on the occasion for being the brain behind the establishment of the Centre for International Education during his tenure as the 8th Vice



Prof. Mokuolu (left) receiving a plaque of honour from the representative of the Kwara State Governor at event

Chancellor of the University, expressed appreciation for the centre's recognition. Other awardees include Prof. Mokuolu for his efforts as a former Director of the Centre, and the Faculty of Law, for being the best performer in internationalisation activities.

The former Vice Chancellor highlighted the Centre's commitment to smooth transitions, providing necessary support services, and promoting cultural exchange.

In his welcome address, the Director of CIE, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, highlighted the day's significance as including acknowledging international students' invaluable contributions, reflecting on the importance of internationalisation, and promoting cultural exchange and mutual understanding.

Prof. Ibraheem also outlined the Centre's achievements since its inception in 2009, including staff and student exchange programmes, signing of Memoranda of Understanding with about 90 universities worldwide, staff sponsorship for international conferences, and university consortia initiatives.

As part of the festivities, cultural performances, exhibitions, and interactive sessions provided a platform for students to share their unique traditions and experiences with their Nigerian counterparts.

Dignitaries at the event included the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), Prof. Adeboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfaanla, FCIML; the University Librarian, Dr. Kamaldeen Omopupa; students and staff of the University.



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (right) presenting the plaque of honour to the JAMB Registrar, Prof. Oloyede at the event while the Director of CIE, Prof. Ibraheem (left) and another guest watch

Olorundare seeks TETFUND, others' intervention to stem 'darkness in varsities'

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The Inaugural Lecturer, who pointed out that electricity should be improved generally in the country, said that “there is an urgent need to invest in solar-generated power supply in all Federal and State universities, adding that “the logistics of getting this done can be worked out such that within the next five years all these universities will be lit up”.

Prof. Olorundare also called on TETFUND to “devote attention to funding the purchase and maintenance of equipment for laboratories in our various universities for basic science teaching and research at the undergraduate level.

She said that although “TETFUND has done marvelously in the area of providing buildings for most of our tertiary institutions, the time has come for TETFUND to prioritise providing funds to equip these magnificent empty buildings to make our universities real universities”.

The Inaugural Lecturer further charged TETFUND to “insist on obtaining major equipment directly from the overseas manufacturers, who must not only install the equipment and make sure that they function at the delivery stage, but also enter into maintenance agreements with these companies for the equipment”.

She lamented the situation whereby middlemen and contractors who know very little about the functioning of the equipment they supplied are saddled with the task, adding that some of these contractors even supply equipment that will never be put to use beyond a few



■ **The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (right) receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Olorundare last Thursday**

weeks or months.

Describing this situation as “a deplorable waste of government resources”, Prof. Olorundare said it is also “deeply frustrating for researchers”.

The don also called on the Federal Ministry of Health, the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control, (NAFDAC), and TETFUND to

take a cue from the People's Republic of China in embarking on systematic and organised search for African plants and herbs products derived from bioresources including plants, which can be developed further for commercial purposes and non commercial benefits of the society, an endeavour known as Bioprospecting.

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UNILORIN takes energy-saving measures to cut cost

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It urged students, Faculty, and staff members to embrace simple yet effective actions such as switching off lights, computers, and other appliances when not in use, utilising energy-efficient light bulbs, and avoiding unnecessary use of electrical devices.

In addition to individual responsibility, the memorandum required all departments and units within the University to actively participate in energy conservation efforts, which

include implementing specific energy-saving measures and identifying areas where further improvements can be made.

As a more specific step, the University has established a new electricity schedule. This schedule outlines specific on and off-peak hours for electricity supply to the Main Campus Staff Quarters, the GRA Staff Quarters, and the Hostels:

The management also charged the Works Department and the Security Unit with enforcing this schedule and ensuring that street and security lights are switched on at 6.30p.m. and switched off at 6.00 a.m.

every day.

Additionally, hostel managers, hostel owners, and the Student Affairs Unit are responsible for communicating and enforcing these guidelines within the student housing areas.

The University emphasised the importance of collaboration and cooperation from all stakeholders to successfully reduce its energy footprint and manage the financial burden associated with the rising electricity costs.

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MAIN CAMPUS AND GRA STAFF QUARTERS	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
	11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.	6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
HOSTELS	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	7:00 pm – 8.00 a.m.



VC urges students to seize opportunities in competitive world

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged students of the institution to make judicious use of every opportunity that presents itself in this increasingly competitive world.

Prof. Egbewole gave the admonition last Tuesday (June 11, 2024) while declaring open the Future-X Unilever Campus Ambassador (FUCA) career seminar, held at the University Auditorium.

The programme is currently being implemented at the University of Ilorin and 19 other universities across Nigeria.

The Vice Chancellor, who spoke through the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, encouraged the students, especially those approaching graduation to always make the best of opportunities aimed at supporting the University's efforts in fostering entrepreneurial and independent graduates.

While addressing the challenges facing graduates, Prof. Egbewole said the dearth of employment opportunities is one of the biggest challenges confronting graduates especially in Nigeria, which is among the smallest economies in the world where majority of the country's population are young people.

Prof. Egbewole, however, expressed his enthusiasm about the opportunities available for the students. He said, "I am very excited about the opportunities that have come our way. We will engage our students to ensure they make the most of these opportunities and sustain a strong relationship with them. We look forward to seeing our students tap into these prospects."

The Vice Chancellor reaffirmed



Prof. Omotesho



Mr Kundra

the University's commitment to supporting its students in achieving their goals, emphasising the importance of proactive engagement.

Speaking earlier, Ms. Zainab Ajadi, who represented Unilever Nigeria, said her organisation hopes to groom great entrepreneurs for future generations through the FUCA programme. She added that students have every opportunity to decide whether they want to be employees or employers of labour.

Also speaking, the representative of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), Mr Bharat Kundra, said the FUCA programme, which is a joint initiative of UNICEF and Unilever Nigeria, seeks to prepare students for the

professional world. He said, "Our goal is to reach 3 million Nigerian youths and equip 700,000 of them with the requisite skills by 2026 through various sessions that add great value to their professional journey"

Mr Kundra said the FUCAP programme exposes students to ways of building global careers, guided by experts who have navigated similar stages in their own professional lives. He added that selected students will have the opportunity to gain work experience with Unilever Nigeria and receive stipends for of their participation.

The UNICEF Representative, explained that the programme aims to enhance job placement opportunities for University of Ilorin students by providing direct access to job openings at Unilever and other multinational companies. He, however, said that UNICEF wishes to have long standing relationship with the University of Ilorin. He said, "We want to build a long-term and sustainable partnership with the University of Ilorin. Our various career programmes are designed to shape the future of your students, and we are eager to work with your entrepreneurship center to achieve this goal."

The UNICEF official added that the launch of the FUCAP programme marks a significant step in empowering University of Ilorin students to become professionals equipped to navigate and excel in a competitive global landscape.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to declare the career seminar programme open were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar and Secretary to the Council, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; and the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu, among others.

There's more to Eid-ul Adhā than just feasting-- Unilorin Chief Imam

By Mahmud Adewole Muizdeen

The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam, has affirmed that there is more to learn about Eid-ulAdha (or Eid-el Kabir) apart from being a sacrificial festival.

He said this during a pre-Sallah interview session on *Unilorin 89.3 FM* last Tuesday (June 11, 2024, featured on a popular Yoruba current affairs programme, 'Oro t'on lo' anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Aloomaa.

Prof. AbdusSalam, who is the Director of the Central Research Laboratory, said that it is pertinent to prepare for Eid-ulAdha, understand its significance and ensure to engage in acts of worship to deepen one's spiritual connection with Allah.

The don stated that Eid-ulAdha, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice, is an important Islamic festival that commemorates the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his only son as an act of obedience to Allah. It signifies total submission and display of high sense of humility by Ismail. It also marks the end of the annual Hajj pilgrimage in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

According to the Chief Imam, the festival encourages Muslims to imbibe the values of sacrifice in their daily lives, sacrificing their personal



Prof. AbdusSalam

desires and possessions for the sake of pleasing Allah and benefiting mankind.

He noted that preparation for Eid-ulAdha involves several religious and social practices among which is fasting on the day of Arafah, which is the day preceding the festival.

Prof. AbdusSalam noted that "Eid-ulAdha begins before the actual day when the faithful march to the Praying Ground and it is recommended to fast on the Day of Arafah (the day before Eid-ul Adha) if you are not on pilgrimage and not sick. It is a day that holds great significance and blessing

and every Muslim who is not chanced to perform Hajj, is enjoyed to observe the Arafah fast".

He explained that one of the things that makes Eid-ulAdha an exciting celebration is that it involves the sharing of meat. He said, "Those who are fortunate enough to purchase an animal are expected to slaughter it after the prayer. The meat from the animal is then shared according to the prophetic tradition, with one-third reserved for the family, one-third for relatives and friends, and one-third for the needy and those who could not afford to purchase an animal. This tradition aims to ensure that everyone can partake in the celebration and no one feels left out".

The Chief Imam, who is also a former Director of the General Studies Division (GNS), said that the sacrificial animal must be in a good state of health without any form of disabilities such as blindness of the eyes, leanness of the legs and visible sickness, among others.

Prof. AbdusSalam admonished the Muslim Ummah to "continue with their righteous acts even after the festive period", saying that "the Lord that rewards during the period has no tenure expiration and shall continue to reward our good deeds accordingly".

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She said that Bioprospecting of African medicinal plants and herbs has to be made a pivotal agenda in Nigerian Universities, at TETFUND at NAFDAC and at the Federal Ministry of Health for the welfare of Nigerians as well as for economic purposes.

Prof Olorundare noted that in the course of a TETFUND sponsored research, her team, in collaboration with Prof. Mamora Koketsu of Gifu University, Gifu, Japan, made groundbreaking findings in 2014.

According to her, the team identified anti-cancer agents in different indigenous plants such as the masquerade tree, which possess anti-cancer potency and particularly useful in the management of Human

Leukemia. In addition, she said, the team also discovered a compound, which they named Ilonside, after Ilorin, in an indigenous vegetable spice, Benth, known as urazi in the East, Arokeke or Eweta in the South West, and Obenetete in the South-South.

Further Bioprospecting researches involving indigenous plants by the don also offer bright promises for prostate cancer and cardiovascular well being.

Prof. Olorundare also urged the management of the University of Ilorin to renew its commitment to stem cell research and biotechnology, noting that the future of medical research is in regenerative medicine, gene editing and gene therapy.

She urged members of the public to note that the benefits of fruits

and vegetables transcend nutritional value.

According to her, "fruits and vegetables are excellent sources of fibres, vitamins and minerals. They are also known to contain several micronutrients and other compounds such as alkaloids, polyphenols, terpenes etc. that provide health benefits beyond basic nutrition." These natural products from fruits and vegetables, according to the Inaugural Lecturer, may be used alone or in combination with conventional chemotherapeutic drug regimens to prevent the occurrence and spread of cancer, through their anticancer, anti-inflammatory, immune-modulatory and anti-angiogenic activities.



■ *Members of the UNILORIN Collegiate of JCI with the Vice Chancellor representative, Prof. Omotesho (3rd right) and other Principal officers during the visit*

JCI, crucial for leadership development, says Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has extolled the Junior Chamber International (JCI), saying that it is an excellent platform for nurturing young leaders.

Prof. Egbewole stated this in his office penultimate Friday (June 7, 2024) when he received members of the University of Ilorin Collegiate of JCI who were in his office to inform him about the Unilorin JCI's upcoming 40th anniversary celebration.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, the Vice Chancellor said that the 40th anniversary of the Unilorin JCI Chapter is a significant milestone, demonstrating its long-standing commitment to fostering leadership and community service among young people.

While noting the personal connection he shares with JCI, the Vice Chancellor's representative said, "JCI came in 1984, I came to Unilorin in 1984. I have had the privilege to serve as an adviser when I was Dean of Student Affairs. Two of my children who graduated from here were very active

members of JCI. From my experience with them, they are developing very well and are very instrumental in community engagement."

He also highlighted JCI's role as a robust training ground for leadership, expressing pride in the positive impact JCI has had on students. He commended the organisation's contribution to the community and the development of its members.

Prof. Omotesho conveyed the Vice Chancellor's support and encouragement to the JCI members, urging them to continue their exemplary work in leadership and community development.

Speaking earlier, the Executive Secretary of Unilorin Collegiate, Miss Mariam Oyebunmi, expressed gratitude to the University of Ilorin management for creating a conducive environment for the JCI Collegiate to thrive.

Oyebunmi, who is a student's of the Faculty of Law, explained that the JCI is a global organisation with chapters in 26 states across the country and other parts of the world. She explained that at the University of Ilorin, they have the JCI Collegiate, which is the student arm of the organisation.

She said that the mission of JCI is to build a community where young people can take action in their local

environment.

Oyebunmi disclosed that Unilorin JCI will be celebrating its 40th anniversary between July 4 and 7 with a series of events including a leadership workshop, educational outreach, and an entrepreneurship programme. She added that "all the 26 chapters will join us in this celebration, and alumni of JCI Unilorin Collegiate will be on campus".

The Vice Chancellor's representative was joined to receive the JCI members by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; and the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa.

Other JCI executive members in the team were the President of Unilorin JCI Collegiate, Miss AbdulSalam Ameelah Oyinade; the Vice President, Business, Miss Ojo Juliana Olayide; Collegiate Council Secretary, Miss Hannah Elegbede; the General Legal Counsel, Miss Jimoh Tawakalet; the Director of Special Duties, Mr Siyanbola Quadri; the Director of Publicity, Mr Popoola Olamilekan Daramola; and a member, Mr Olaniyi Ibrahim Abiodun.

Egbewole congratulates Jimoh on appointment as Kwasu VC

By Abubakar Imam

A 1988 graduate of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shaykh-Lukman Alade Jimoh, has been named the new Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University (Kwasu), Malete.

The appointment of Prof. Jimoh by the Visitor to the University, Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, follows the outcome of the screening exercise conducted by the university's Governing Council where he placed first among the candidates.

Prof. Jimoh, who is currently the Ag. Vice Chancellor of the university, was before then a Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University between 2020 and 2022.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated Prof. Jimoh on his emergence as Kwasu's substantive Vice Chancellor.

In a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that the Council, management, staff and students of the nation's most sought-after University are happy that a distinguished Unilorite had been found worthy of serving as the third substantive Chief Executive of Kwasu.

He added that the University of Ilorin is very proud of the achievements of Prof. Jimoh, who, he said, had proven to be a resourceful and cerebral manager of human and material resources before and since his emergence as the Ag. Head of the



■ Prof. Egbewole

University about two years ago.

While congratulating Prof. Jimoh on what he called his well deserved appointment, the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law thanked the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, for approving the recommendation of the Governing Council of the University as regards the appointment of a new Vice Chancellor for the State University.

Prof. Egbewole urged Prof. Jimoh, who graduated from the Unilorin's Department of Religions in 1988, to use the privilege of his new office to contribute his quota towards the deepening of the progress and greatness of the 15 year-old University.

The Vice Chancellor, who is the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), assured Prof. Jimoh of the readiness of the



■ Prof. Jimoh

University of Ilorin to continue to support and partner with Kwasu towards ensuring that it remains a pride of all.

Prof. Jimoh, 60, is a recipient of several academic honours, including Best Graduating Student of the Department of Religions (University of Ilorin) 1988; University Undergraduate Scholarship Award (1987/1988); University Scholar 1987/1988). He is a Fellow/member of many professional bodies such as Chartered Institute of Public Advocacy and Management and Council of Experts for International Centre on Contemporary Research in Islamic Sciences (United Kingdom).

Prof. Jimoh hails from Igbaja in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

Yahya commends Education students' performance in IUT contest

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Dean of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lasiele Yahya, has commended the two Faculty Students, Abiodun Beloved Justina and Arileyansi Saheed Gbenga, for their brilliant performance at the Inter-University Teaching Competition, held at

the University of Lagos on Thursday (May 30, 2024).

The duo displayed brilliant performance and a strong commitment to academic excellence as they won second position at the event. The host institution, UNILAG won the first position.

Prof. Yahya gave the commendation penultimate Monday (June 3, 2024), while

receiving the duo in his office.

The Dean stressed that Teaching Practice is an important medium of acquiring pedagogical skills and that every education student should give it adequate attention.

He noted that the Faculty would continue to encourage students to acquire relevant skills and motivate them to excel in character and learning.

Prof. Yahya also advised the students to always be good ambassadors of the Faculty and the University in general.

In their separate remarks, the students thanked the Dean and the Sub-Dean of the Faculty, and the President of the National Universities Education Students Association (NUESA), for their support and encouragement. They promised to continue to keep the flags of the Faculty and the University flying.

Also in attendance were the Sub-Dean, Dr K. D. Jimoh; NUESA President, Shittu Ibrahim Olanrewaju; and members of the NUESA executive committee, among others.



UNICEF picks Unilorin as hub for youth empowerment programme

By Bashir Dawodu

The University of Ilorin has been selected as the leading institution among the 20 universities in Nigeria penciled down for UNICEF's youth empowerment opportunities.

This was disclosed last Monday (June 10, 2024) by a representative of UNICEF, Mr Bharat Kundra, while fielding questions on a UNILORIN 89.3 FM radio current affairs programme.

Mr Kundra said that selection of the University of Ilorin as the top choice for the UNICEF youth empowerment programme reflects its commitment to providing holistic education and fostering the growth and development of its students.

The UNICEF official said with this partnership, the University is poised to make a significant impact on the lives of Nigerian youth, equipping them with the necessary skills to thrive in a globalised world.

He also expressed his admiration for the University's commitment to providing valuable opportunities for the youth. According to him, the programme aims to equip

young people with the necessary skills to become part of the global workforce, including resume-building techniques, career advancement strategies, effective interview techniques, job search methods, passion identification, and other essential skills that

complement formal education.

Mr Kundra emphasised that the initiative is a joint partnership between UNICEF and Unilever, and it intends to reach 700,000 Nigerian youth by 2026.

He acknowledged the unlimited potential of the nation's youth in bringing innovation and providing solutions to both new and existing challenges.

Mr Kundra commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, the Deputy Vice Chancellors, the Dean of Student Affairs, and the entire University of Ilorin community for their unwavering support.



■ *Mr Kundra (2nd left) and others during the programme*

He assured that students of the university will have access to even greater opportunities through their participation in the seminar.

In his remarks, the Principal Education Officer of the National Mass Education Commission in Abuja, Mr Albert Nzekwu, highlighted the importance of the training of students beyond basic schooling.

He also encouraged students to take full advantage of the free seminar programme, as it would prove beneficial in their post-graduation journey.

Kwara SWAN commends History Dept on sports promotion

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Sports Writers Association of Nigeria (SWAN), Kwara State Chapter has applauded the Department of History and International Studies, University of Ilorin for promoting Sports through effective education

In a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** at the University Stadium during the Department's 2022/2023 Academic Session final sports events penultimate Wednesday (June 5, 2024), the SWAN Chairman, Mallam Ayodeji Ismail, said that for the students to have been engaging in sports with the unwavering support of their lecturers, the Department deserves commendation.

Mallam Ayodeji, who was honoured with the award of recognition for sports development during the event, appreciated the Department for counting Kwara SWAN worthy to be one of the recipients of the award and promised to sustain SWAN's working partnership with the Institution in the area of coverage and publicity.

In her remarks, the Sports Director of the Department, Miss Zubair



■ *Kwara SWAN Chairman, Mr Ayodeji (middle), receiving the award of excellence from representatives of the UNILORIN Sports Unit*

Fatima Ayo, commended the students for their orderliness towards a hitch-free championship, noting that their exhibition of the spirit of sportsmanship contributed greatly to the success of the competition.

Miss Zubair commended the Head of the Department and other sports stakeholders for attending the programme, adding that their support would not be

taken for granted.

She said that this year's sports programme of the Department also featured athletics and table tennis.

Meanwhile, the Diplomatic FC emerged as the Champions of the 2024 HOD football tournament with a 2-0 victory over Diplomatic Elite. Both teams are made up of the 200 and 400-level students of the Department, respectively.



■ *Participants and other stakeholders at the training*

UNILORIN AAKTP trains 100 farmers on AVAC App usage

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

The University of Ilorin's African Knowledge Transfer Partnership (AAKTP) Project Team has trained over 100 farmers on the utilisation of the Agricultural Value Chain (AVAC)

The AVAC App is a deployment of user acceptance testing of the AVAC MVP from the testing environment to live production environment, to enhance productivity and minimise losses through technology across Kwara State.

The training session, held on Monday, May 27, 2024, at the NLNG Research Building, University of Ilorin, was attended by researchers and rice farmers from different communities across the state.

The initiative is part of an innovative programme developed in collaboration with Innovate UK, aiming to build capacity and transfer knowledge to African farmers through the AVAC App.

In his opening remarks at the training, the Project Academic Supervisor, AAKTP, and a Professor of Biosystem Agriculture at the University, Joshua Olaoye, disclosed that the research team consists of fresh graduates who have been fully employed to ensure the success of the AVAC App.

Prof. Olaoye said that the programme, which began 15 months ago, includes various workshops conducted both locally and internationally with the

primary goal to demonstrate the App's functionality to farmers and ensure its acceptance through user testing.

"The AVAC App offers several features designed to support farmers, including farming activity reminders, a platform to showcase farm produce for sale, and a buyer's order command dashboard", he said.

Also speaking, the project African Academic Supervisor for AAKTP, Prof. M. O. Sunmonu, stated that the App and the programme also aim to educate farmers on managing floods, pests, and other hazards to achieve higher yields.

Prof. Sunmonu added that "the App allows farmers to lodge complaints and receive online solutions promptly. Efforts are ongoing to make the App multilingual to enhance user-friendliness".

He said that micro-scale company-embedded programme was officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, adding that prior to the training, the research team visited various farmlands to observe and address the farmers' needs.

Prof. Sunmonu said, "This initiative represents a significant step towards integrating technology into agriculture to improve efficiency and productivity for local farmers".

Speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, AAKTP Associate Researcher, Mr Dare Mobolaji, stated that AAKTP aimed at addressing the challenges faced by farmers in the country, adding that

the introduction of the AVAC App marks a promising step towards sustainable agricultural development and economic growth for Nigerian farmers.

Mr Mobolaji said, "The initiative targets two major obstacles: the illiteracy in digital marketing systems and the reliance on outdated farming practices. Farmers in Nigeria often struggle to sell their produce due to limited knowledge of digital marketing platforms. Coupled with the use of outdated agricultural methods, this has hindered their productivity and market access.

The AVAC App was designed to bridge the gap by providing farmers with digital and professional advice to enhance their farming practices and market reach.

"The introduction of the AVAC App marks a promising step towards sustainable agricultural development and economic growth for Nigerian farmers", he added.

According to him, the App is built to be 99 percent user-friendly, and ensure ease of use for both farm managers and buyers.

Speaking on behalf of the participating farmers, Mr Hassan Yatsu, a rice farmer, explained that with what has been built into the application, it will be very useful for the farmers as it would aid their farming as well as facilitate the marketing of their products better than ever before.

Geology Dept initiates 1st alumni awards, honours 39

By **Mustafa Abubakar and Bashirat Omotosho**

The Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences, Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, has honoured 39 alumni of the Department and other stakeholders, who have made the Department and the University proud in their various endeavours.

The initiator, who is also the National Secretary of the Departmental Alumni, Prof. Olusegun Ige, disclosed this last Wednesday (June 12, 2024) while speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**.

According to him, the "Award of Excellence" was given to the National President of the UNILORIN Geology Departmental Alumni; a 1981 graduate of the Department, Dr Olugbenga Lufadeju, who is now the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Gldynamics Solutions Nigeria Ltd, Lagos; a 1987 graduate, Mr Arisekola Tunde Muritala of the African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC), African Union Commission Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and Dr Abdulrasaq Abubakar Garba, former Director General, Nigerian Geological Survey Agency, Abuja.

He added that the Department, in collaboration with the Faculty of Physical Sciences, at the Maiden International Hybrid Conference (APSCON2024), also honoured 36 Distinguished Faculty alumni, mentors and personalities, among whom were the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, with the "Visionary Leadership Award"; the former Vice-



■ **Former Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ambali (4th right), receiving his award of excellence from the representative of the Vice Chancellor (4th left) while the representative of the Kwara State Governor and other Principal Officers watch**

Chancellor, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali with the "Award of Excellence", and former Deans of the old Faculty of Sciences, and the present Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. J. O. Oyinloye, Prof. M. A. Mesubi, Prof. O. S. Adegboye, Prof. S. O. Akande, Prof. T. O. Opoola, Prof. J. A. Obaleye, Prof. B. L. Adeleke, Prof. I. A. Adimula, Prof. U. B. Eke, Prof. F. A. Adekola, Prof. J. A. Gbadeyan, Prof. K. J. Oyewumi, and Prof. A. A. Baba with the "Award of Excellence".

Others are the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, and the Emir of Ilorin and the Chairman, Kwara State Traditional Rulers Council, Alhaji Ibrahim Zulu-Gambari; the Senator representing Kwara Central, Mallam Saliu Mustapha; and the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Kam Industry, Alhaji Kamoru Ibitoye Yusuf, who also bagged the "Award of Excellence" from the Faculty.

Prof. Ige added that other alumni in the category of "Award of Excellence" are Prof. Samson Babatunde Adebayo, Dr Henry Adebowale Adimula, Dr Bankim Ch.

Tripathy, Dr Jude Olaoluwa Majasan, Dr Justus Adebajo Adeleke, Dr Adeniyi Saheed Aremu, Senior Apostle Oluwole Awotuyi, Dr Akeem Olawumi Kareem, Pst. Dr Oladokun Olatunde, Alhaja Asiawu Iyabo Aliagan, Amb. Abdulganiyu Jimoh Erinjogunola, Engr Abdulrasaq Jimoh, Dr Oyedele M. Oyeku, Mr Victor Abiodun Ogongo, Mr Abdulgafar Tosin Jimoh, Mr Ibigbemi Oloruntobi, and Alhaji Tijani Raji Owolabi.

Also speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the Head of the Department of Geology, Prof. O. A. Adekanye, disclosed that the Award is a prestigious awards, and first of its kind in the Department, stressing that the awardees, such as Dr Lufadeju, Mr Arisekola and Dr Garba have done well in upholding the mission and vision of the Department and the University at large.

On the collaboration, Prof. Adekanye maintained that the programme was held to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the alumni, noting that they are not merely recognising individual accomplishments, but also reflecting on the legacy and impact that the Department has had on the field of Geology and beyond.

"I am constantly reminded of the tremendous potential that our students possess. They are testament to this potential, having forged paths that have significantly contributed to scientific discovery, environmental conservation, resource management, and education", he said.

He noted that they "have ventured into diverse fields, from academia and research to industry and policy-making, each bringing a unique geological perspective that enriches our understanding of the Earth".



■ **Representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Omotosho (2nd left) presenting award of excellence to Emeritus Prof. Adegboye (2nd right)**



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VACANCY FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR

The National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED) is a Research Centre of the Energy Commission of Nigeria. It is located at the University of Ilorin, Nigeria.

The main mandate of the Centre is to conduct research and training that will enhance the development, management and operation of hydropower systems in Nigeria.

The tenure of the Director of the Centre lapsed on January 31st January, 2024, hence the need to appoint a new Director.

Prospective applicant for the post of Director should be a Professor with Ph.D degree in Engineering or Sciences specializing in energy or energy related areas.

Candidates from the University of Ilorin whose background is in Water Engineering and River Hydraulics would have added advantage.

Interested applicants are required to submit twenty (20) copies of application with Curriculum Vitae to the Registrar, University of Ilorin, P.M.B. 1515, Ilorin, Nigeria. The sealed envelope should be marked "DIRECTOR, NACHRED". The closing date for submission of application is **Friday, 5th July, 2024**.

Signed
M.A. Alfaola
Registrar.



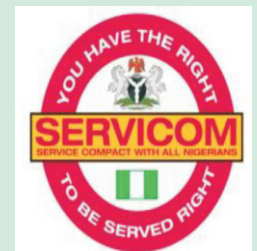
The Director, Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun (2nd left), presenting a commendation letter to Miss Goodness Osamagbe Idehen, who just completed her NYSC programme at the Directorate, while the Station Manager, UNILORIN FM, Mr Idris Alooma (1st right), and Mr Adebisi Adenle, Head of Yoruba Unit, UNILORIN FM, watch in admiration

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FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 6TH TO 13TH JUNE 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	625,200.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	1,124,859.00
Sundry Other Income	1,557,323.75
Convocation Souvenir	670,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	4,000.00
Boarded Property	4,000.00
Tender Fees	5,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	624,538.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	177,738.75
Disciplinary Fines	10,000.00
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance	55,850.00
Income from Verification/Screening	160,000.00
Contractor's Registration Fees	6,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	4,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	1,000.00
Utility Income	94,700.00
Undergraduate School Charges	74,350.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	154,600.00
Postgraduate School Charges	5,643,900.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	65,000.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	1,433,550.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	2,620,460.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	147,100.00
Remedial School Charges	1,171,500.00
Remedial Hostel Accommodation	75,750.00
Remedial Acceptance payment	60,600.00
Institute of Education Application Form	519,800.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	125,800.00
JUPEB School Charges	580,750.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦17,797,370.25
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Ibrahab Global Ltd Construction of Fence	4,393,870.17
Trenville Media Ltd Production of University Calendar, Senior & Junior Condition of Service.	4,603,365.00
Sinclair Hospitality Services Ltd Accommodation and Feeding	47,850.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	8,541,072.72
Purchase Advance Various	2,693,700.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	706,050.00
Staff Training Conference Attendance (CBNTETFUND)	17,727,337.00
Unilorin Guest Houses Catering Services	2,547,050.00
Nigerian Legion Salary for May 2024	4,071,000.00
Vigilante Group of Nigeria Salary for May 2024	3,200,000.00
TSA Charges Various	55,362.00
Total payment for the period	₦48,586,656.89

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S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1.	ASUKU, Abraham O. (Prof. B. O. Mojiminiyi)	Basic Medical Sciences/Physiology	Effects of 6-Gingerol-rich Fraction of <i>Zingiber officinale</i> on Mercury Chloride-induced Neurotoxicity in Male Rats	Friday, 14 th June, 2024/3:00pm	Postgraduate School Virtual Room
2.	JOSEPH, Oluwatoyin Peter	Engineering and Technology/Civil Engineering	Evaluation of Performance Goals Possible Intermodal Points of Interchange for a Viable Intermodal System in Nigeria	Tuesday, 25 th June, 2024/10:00am	NWRCBNet-NC Board Room (Bock 8)



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Oshomah, Adolphus Emmanuel	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Jun 16
2	Belewu, Moshood Adewale	Animal Production	Jun 16
3	Atanda, Afusat	Registry	Jun 16
4	Bello, Raji Abdulgafar	Economics	Jun 16
5	Bello, Abdulrasaq	Bursary	Jun 16
6	Abdul-Hamid, Oba Yusuf	Business Law	Jun 16
7	Olowookere, Abdulfatai Lanre	Centre For Archives & Documentation	Jun 16
8	Kareem, Oyedola Waheed	Agric Extension & Rural Dev	Jun 16
9	Elewa, Adewumi Sunday	Security Division	Jun 16
10	Ajala, Olawale Elijah	Chemical Engineering	Jun 16
11	Abdulrazaq, Yusuf	Registry	Jun 16
12	Ibrahim, Oladimeji	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Jun 16
13	Akande, Babalola Hakeem	Telecommunication Science	Jun 16
14	Azeez, Omowumi Oluyemisi	Registry	Jun 16
15	Inyang, Otitofon Ebong	English	Jun 16
16	Abdul-Lateef, Rasheeda Alarape	Registry	Jun 16
17	Yinusa, Wasiu	Security Division	Jun 16
18	Bakare, Oluwatoyin Kamar	Registry	Jun 16
19	Haruna, Jibril	Pharmaceutics & Industrial Pharmacy	Jun 16
20	Abdullahi, Abdulazeez Kolapo	Adult & Primary Education	Jun 16
21	Adeyemi, Sidikat Laraba Fola	Business Administration	Jun 17
22	Oriola, Emmanuel Okunlola	Geography & Environmental Management	Jun 17
23	Fatoye, Rebbecca Kehinde	Registry	Jun 17
24	Alao, Muraina	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Jun 17
25	Adedoyin, Olanrewaju Timothy	Paediatrics & Child Health	Jun 17
26	Suleiman, Adamo	Registry	Jun 17
27	Shuaib-Babaita, Yusuf Lanre	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Jun 17
28	Echono, John	Security Division	Jun 17
29	Ibrahim, Kola Sambo	Registry	Jun 17
30	Gambari, Abubakar Ayuba	Computer Science	Jun 17
31	Da'uda, Kowiyu Abiodun	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Jun 17
32	Usman, Bashir Muhammed	Registry	Jun 17
33	Amolegbe, Khadijat Busola	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Jun 17
34	Imam-Fulani, Yusuf Olayinka	Telecommunication Science	Jun 17
35	James, Joshua	Registry	Jun 17
36	Adio-Yusuf, Suliat Iyagba	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	Jun 18
37	Gbadamosi, Mudasiru Adeniyi	Security Division	Jun 18
38	Ibiyeye, Omotayo Michael	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jun 18
39	Adeniyi-Egbeola, Folakemi Oyeyemi	Arts Education	Jun 18
40	Okewande, Oluwole Tewogboye	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Jun 18
41	Enahoro, Ruth Stella	Unilorin Zoo	Jun 18
42	Oke, Florence Olamide	Registry	Jun 18
43	Obafemi, Ayomikun Oluwagbemiga	Registry	Jun 18
44	Ejim, David Inung	Registry	Jun 18
45	Kuranga, Sulaiman Alege	Surgery	Jun 19
46	Olatunji, Saminu	Geophysics	Jun 19
47	Lawal, Musbau Ayofe	Works: Parks & Gardens	Jun 19
48	Adekanmi, Modupe Margaret	Registry	Jun 19
49	Shittu, Medinat Adebukola	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 19
50	Aliyu, Mustapha Olanrewaju	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	Jun 19
51	Ojumoola, Olusegun Adebayo	Crop Protection	Jun 19
52	Arewa, Augustine Friday	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jun 20
52	Arewa, Augustine Friday	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jun 20
53	Oluoyomi, William Olorunshogo	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Jun 20
54	Udoh, Jacob Nsini	Security Division	Jun 20
55	Kareem, Ibrahim Atanda	Registry	Jun 20
56	Yusuf, Ahmed Adebayo Jamiyu	Central Admin: Office	Jun 20
57	Oloyede, Bashir Olayiwola	Library	Jun 20
58	Issa, Musa Giwa	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jun 20
59	Ojo, Isreal Sunday	Registry	Jun 20
60	Yahaya, Aliyu Shina	Registry	Jun 20
61	Abdulrahaman, Abdullahi Alanamu	Plant Biology	Jun 20
62	Bamidele, Florence Oluwabunmi	Registry	Jun 20
63	Ilori, Felicia Iyabode	Registry	Jun 20
64	Nuhu, Silifat Ranti	Library	Jun 20
65	Kolawole, Olabisi Abigael	Registry	Jun 20
66	Salihu, Abdulrahman Adebayo	Bursary	Jun 20
67	Obajemih, Obafemi Ibitayo	Food & Bioprocess Engineering	Jun 20
68	Fakomogbon, Mayowa Joshua	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 20
69	Abdulkareem, Abdullaheem Aderemi	Procurement & Maintenance Suport	Jun 20
70	Aboyarin, Ruth Oyin	Registry	Jun 21
71	Enaibe, Bernard Ufuoma	Anatomy	Jun 21
72	Salman, Balkisu	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 21
73	Udeze, Augustine Okechukwu	Microbiology	Jun 21
74	Ibrahim, Kehinde Olojoku	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Jun 21
75	Adefila, Emmanuel	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Jun 22
76	Adebayo, Rafiu Ibrahim	Religions	Jun 22
77	Fagbemi, Grace Temilola	Registry	Jun 22
78	Dairo, Justina Ibidun	Registry	Jun 22
79	Olatunji, Lawrence Aderemi	Physiology	Jun 22
80	Ajide, Aduke	Registry	Jun 22
81	Olobayo, Oluwayemisi Victoria	Registry	Jun 22
82	Faseyi, Olakunle Akanni	Registry	Jun 22
83	Garba, Ayinla Mashood	Registry	Jun 22
84	Sagaya, Abdulquadri	Plant Biology	Jun 22
85	Alebiosu, Titlayo Mercy	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Jun 22

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- While delivering the 259th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, entitled "White Matter Matters in the Search for Phytochemical Candidates for Demyelinating Disorders", Prof. Gabriel Olaiya Omotoso of the Department of Anatomy, has identified tobacco smoking as the leading cause of preventable deaths and diseases worldwide, which causes more than 8 million deaths yearly.
("8m tobacco smokers die annually, says Unilorin Don", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; "8 million tobacco smokers die every year says Unilorin don", <https://sundiatas.net>,
- The University of Ilorin has announced the promotion of 16 of its senior academics to the rank of professors following the recommendations of the University Appointment and Promotion Committee (A&PC) with the approval of the Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman (SAN).
("UNILORIN names 16 new professors", <https://royalnews.com.ng>)
- An Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Ilorin, Abdulateef Muhammed, has been mentioned among researchers from Nigeria and the Republic of Benin who have suggested ethnic relations and inter-ethnic marriages among others as solutions to reoccurring herder-farmer tension in Nigeria.
("Don offers solution to farmers-herders clashes", *The Guardian*, Friday, June 7, 2024, p. 31)
- FETICON 2024: Engineering Professors Highlight AI's Role In Sustainable Development
The Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, has held its 2nd International Conference, tagged F E T I C O N 2 0 2 4 .
<https://youtu.be/2TvollEmDk?si=tJI4b8f6fnMfcR5m>
- 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.
("IBEDC imposes N230m electricity bill on UNILORIN", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; See also, "Unilorin monthly electricity bill jumps from N70m to N230m-VC", <https://tribuneonline.ng.com>, "UNILORIN seeks alternative power sources over N230 monthly electricity bill", <https://leadership.ng>, "Unilorin's N230 million monthly electricity bill not sustainable-VC", <https://nairametrics.com>, "UNILORIN Electricity Bill Jumps From N70 To N230", *Leadership*, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, p.6, "Unilorin VC Alerts on Electricity Bill Surge to N230", <https://nationaltelescope.com>).
- Researchers at the University of Ilorin under the aegis of Innovative Veterinary Solutions for AntiMicro-bill Resistance (INNOVETAMR) 2 Research Group has won a grant N1.7 billion to develop innovative solutions for antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in food producing animals.
("UNILORIN Research group gets N1.7b grant to develop antibiotic alternatives", *Leadership*, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, p.15, "UNILORIN INNOVET- AMR wins 1.6M Canadian dollar Research grant", <https://royalnews.com.ng>, <https://www.vanguardngr.com>, "Unilorin research group wins 1.7b grant to develop antibiotic alternative", <https://leadership.ng>, "Unilorin lecturers Gets 1.7billion Grant To Develop Alternative Antibiotics", <https://accuratenewsng.com>).
- 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-defense and combat training as a vocational activity for them.
("Unilorin Introduces Self-Defence Defence As A Vocation To Students", <https://globalreportage.com.ng>, "Unilorin introduces self-defense, combat training for students" <https://www.vanguardngr.com>).
- The Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Olarenwaju 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.
("Why University of Ilorin Will Remain Outstanding-JAMB Registrar, Prof. Oloyede", <https://accuratenewsng.com>; "Why I Still Teach At Unilorin, Despite Being The Registrar of Jamb- Oloyede", <https://globalreportage.com.ng>)
- A professor of Guidance and Counseling at the University of Ilorin, Mary Fajonyomi, has expressed concerns that sexual harassment is becoming an epidemic in the Nigerian tertiary institutions.
("Sexual harassment becoming an epidemic in tertiary institutions", <https://blueprint.ng>).

Guest Writer

- By Toyin Falola

An Illumination of Intellect

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Many of Professor Egbewole's other contributions have x-rayed the place of the African court in safeguarding human rights. Through his writings, particularly in relation to human rights, he explored themes relating to the perspective of the African court. This Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) has explained how there are nuances in the position of the people. Among other things, he has always established that, although the African perspective on a legal debate takes a sociocultural dimension, attitudes and attributes have not hindered them from enhancing the legal safety of individuals and protecting their rights.

As such, it is important to note that the progress achieved by African courts contributes to developing a template that has a global appeal for legal matters. This ensures that their jurisprudence will not be ideologically different from what is obtainable in other parts of the world. Professor Egbewole's passion for ensuring that things are done appropriately has always fueled his energy and zeal to become more than he already is in the

scheme of things. This intelligent scholar has facilitated programs aimed at educating the younger members of the bar. He encourages them to gain an understanding of the current situation of the world and continent and draw out legal frameworks that can help position Africa in the right place among other continents. For this accomplished legal professional, while ideas and concepts are increasingly becoming globalized, maintaining ideological boundaries and clarity remains crucial.

Professor Egbewole has contributed immensely to books and journals, earning him a lot of respect, accumulating international support, and confirming that he has inscribed himself into the book of history. Another amazing thing about him is that his intellectual rigour does not end within the legal landscape; it extends to other areas of important academic boundaries. For example, he has made educational contributions addressing labour union issues in the country, geared towards the democratic distribution of power to enhance the effective operation of academic activities and other matters affecting the general populace.

As an example, he stresses that the isolation of the University of Ilorin from active engagement with the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) is not intended to antagonize the organization. Instead, he acknowledges their significance in advocating for the larger academic community so that staff and students can derive maximum benefits. However, he raises concerns about the strategies and approaches sometimes employed by the association, noting the adverse effects on the students they claim to be representing. As an expert in peace and conflict management, he offers recommendations to address the perennial challenges faced by the Union and the country's educational system. He concludes that without the implementation of lasting solutions to these myriad challenges, they will continue to affect the country's educational system in more ways than can be effectively handled.

PS: This is the second of a three-part essay inspired by Professor Wahab Egbewole's lecture on June 3, 2024, at the University of Abuja on university administration in post-subsidy Nigeria.



Professor Wahab Egbewole: An Illumination of Intellect

By PROF. TOYIN FALOLA

Central to social advancement is a vast constellation of ideas that springs from the knowledge of informed individuals. These ideas are not indiscriminately produced; rather, they are accumulated through dedication and a commitment to improving people's ideas and transforming their vision. The satisfactory achievement of these goals often leads to people generating ideas that become the catalyst for unprecedented growth.

It is important to understand that any level of progress made by humans or any tangible outcomes from their actions are a direct result of their unwavering commitment and perseverance to ensure that they accomplish the things they dedicate themselves to. In their minds, they would have carved out routine activities that would enable them to achieve their desires. Often, these activities require discipline, dedication, and commitment, which are qualities that cannot be externally inspired. This underscores the fact that without a significant amount of discipline and effort, individuals will inevitably encounter difficulties on their paths to achieving any meaningful success in life.

In every profession and career, such dedication and character towards one's goals cannot be found wanting; otherwise, it would be impossible to accomplish anything tangible in the community of humans. Without a doubt, that seems to be the way of nature, as it is a common experience that success requires a solid commitment. For instance, doctors who perform successful surgical operations did not begin their experimentation in the theatre room. Instead, they start their professional trajectory with the minuscule efforts of burning candles to read in secondary school and during their tertiary education. Lawyers, architects, pilots, captains, and other professionals follow the same trajectory. For some academics, they are often measured by their contributions to debates and the formulation of replicable ideas that lead to policy generation. Although a significant portion of our professional engagement is dedicated to teaching and remoulding members of society from the classroom, not many people give the necessary accolades to teachers for taking up this assignment. In fact, many believe that teaching is a natural calling and that everyone involved in the business is owed some recognition or rewards only by the Almighty.

Without straying, there is a connection between Professor Egbewole's professional development and the quality of intellect that always follows his identity. His innumerable contributions to scholarship define him today in the community of intellectuals. I find the legal positions of this erudite scholar particularly intriguing in one of his co-published articles, which considers the legal implications of business and contract agreements made before the breakout of the COVID-19 pandemic. This publication piqued my interest because I am aware of the adverse impacts such agreements can have on existing deals.

I have particularly become more knowledgeable about contractual agreements and the implications of unforeseeable circumstances, such as accidents, medical issues, and pandemics, which can potentially affect someone or people in performing the legal responsibilities that their contracts have outlined. In places



■ Prof. Egbewole



■ Prof. Falola

like the United Arab Emirates, civil law ensures that parties involved in contracts receive necessary assistance in cases of force majeure. This legal framework allows them to seek additional compensation in court for unforeseen emergencies, which also enables them to address problems holistically and not in ways that would affect a single party, considering that none of them is responsible for the emerging challenges.

Conversely, countries like Nigeria, the USA, and some others that practice common law do not afford such privileges. It is intriguing to understand that places like Nigeria do not automatically recognize the challenges faced by parties involved in contracts during unforeseen circumstances. However, this is not because they are especially inhuman but because they lack an understanding of the complexity of human interactions. Therefore, they argue that a force majeure clause must be inserted into the contracts before claims can be made.

I am genuinely satisfied when I learn from people like Professor Egbewole because that knowledge has a significant impact on me and other individuals potentially entering into contractual agreements with clients at different places. More importantly, the enlightenment provided by his other publications cannot be overemphasized. For instance, many now understand the crucial role of the judiciary in helping to develop a healthy and representative democracy—thanks to scholars like Professor Egbewole, who have continued to conduct research that sheds light on these things.

While it is common knowledge that the judiciary enforces laws made by the legislature and carried out by the executive, not many of us in other professions understand the significance of the judiciary system across very critical parts of any country, the absence of which could have dire consequences. For example, if the judiciary fails in its responsibilities, it stands a huge chance of sinking the country's economic system. This is because not only are they directly expected to undertake the legal obligations that would enhance orderliness, but they are also expected to play a leadership role in achieving the nation's goals and objectives. Professor Egbewole emphasizes that respecting the rights and freedom of the common people is fundamental to true liberation and economic development, as investors gauge a country's character based on how it treats its citizens, influencing their decisions on whether to invest there or not.

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