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## Unilorin, EFCC have common goal, says Egbewole

...EFCC praises Unilorin staff for support in combating illegal mining

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has stated that the University's commitment to eradicating economic crimes, examination malpractices, and other vices aligns with the objectives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), which aim to rid Nigeria of economic crimes.

The Vice Chancellor stated this last Thursday (June 20, 2024) when he visited the new Zonal Director of the Ilorin Zonal Office of the EFCC, Mr Harry Erin. He noted that Unilorin and the EFCC have maintained a positive relationship over the years, which has fostered a synergy that has led to significant developments for both organisations.

Prof. Egbewole praised the EFCC for its instrumental role in assisting the University in tracking and combating economic crimes within its domain.

The Vice Chancellor said, "EFCC has been of great help to Unilorin because the agency has assisted us in tracking some economic crimes", adding that "economic crime is a cankerworm that must be eradicated from the Nigerian system. We share practically the same goal because, when we work together, we can provide society with a clean environment."

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■ Mr Erin (left) presenting a souvenir to Prof. Egbewole during the visit last Thursday

## Christian management staff pay Sallah homage to VC, other top officials

By Temitope Omoniyi

In a display of religious harmony and sustenance of a longstanding tradition, members of the Christian management staff of the University of Ilorin paid the traditional Sallah homage to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and other Muslim top management staff last Tuesday (June 18, 2024).

The Christian delegation, led

by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Omotosho, included the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Fawole; Council Member, Prof. Feyifoluwa Ologe; and the Dean of Postgraduate School, Prof. Bamidele Owoyele.

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## Your appointment is well deserved, Egbewole tells KWASU VC



By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the appointment of Prof. Shaykh-Lukman Alade Jimoh as the 3rd substantive Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University (KWASU), Malet, as a round peg in a round hole.

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Also on the entourage were the Dean of Management Sciences, Prof. Rotimi Gbadeyan; the Dean of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole; the Dean of Life Sciences, Prof. Patricia Omojasola; the Director of the Centre for Renewable Energy, Prof. Jacob Aweda; the Director of General Studies Division, Prof. Rotimi Omotoye; and the Director of Advancement Centre, Prof. Olukunmi Olaitan.

The team visited the residences of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (SAN); the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Ambali; the Registrar, Mr. Mansur Alfaanla, FCIML; the Acting Bursar, Mr. Oba Abdulbark; the University Librarian, Dr. Kamaldeen Omopupa; and members of the University Governing Council, Prof. Abdurashheed Adeoye, and Prof. Usman Raheem.

The leader of the delegation, Prof. Omotosho, congratulated the

Vice Chancellor and other Muslims in the community on the occasion of this year's Eid-ul Adha. He emphasised that the visit upheld the University's tradition of promoting inter-faith understanding.

Pointing out that similar visits occur during Christian festivals, the Deputy Vice Chancellor said that this

exemplified the spirit of brotherhood and religious tolerance within the University community.

The gesture was warmly received by the Muslim management staff members, as many of them expressed appreciation for the demonstration of unity and respect.

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■ *The Vice Chancellor and his wife (middle) receiving the visitors in his house*

## Your appointment is well deserved, Egbewole tells Kwasu VC

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Prof. Egbewole, who celebrated the appointment last Thursday (June 20, 2024) when he paid a congratulatory visit to Prof. Jimoh, noted that the Professor of Islamic

Medicine and Theology has paid his dues.

While acknowledging the significant challenges that come with the position, the **UNILORIN** Vice Chancellor said challenges are meant for men, and he expects nothing less than

excellent performance from the new Kwasu Vice Chancellor.

Expressing confidence in the decision made by the Kwasu Governing Council and the Governor of Kwara State, who doubles as the Visitor to the state-owned university, Prof. Egbewole said, "I am sure the Governing Council saw a series of positive things in you to consider you for this position. I am also sure that His Excellency, the Governor of Kwara State, was appropriately advised,

which is why you were considered for the position."

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Chairman of the Consortium of Universities in Kwara State (KU8), said that the consortium, as an academic community, is optimistic about the future of Kwasu under Prof. Jimoh's leadership, as the KU8 members are anticipating significant progress and innovations.

In his response, the Kwasu Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jimoh expressed gratitude for the support from Prof. Egbewole and the KU8 institutions.

While observing that the appointment was ordained by God, as it does not mean he was the best to be considered for the post but because God has destined him to lead this fast-growing institution, the 1988 graduate of the University of Ilorin said he believes he will record significant success with the support of all stakeholders and the KU8 members.



■ *Prof. Egbewole (right) and Prof. Jimoh during the visit*

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To the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Ambali, the visit was a testament to the University's strong sense of brotherhood.

On his part, the Registrar, Mr Alfanla, commended the continued observance of this tradition, which, he believed, promotes religious harmony and a sense of community within the University.

Similar sentiments were expressed by the Acting Bursar, Mr Abdulkarki, and the University Librarian, Dr Omopupa.

The Council members, Prof. Adeoye and Prof. Raheem, also noted that exchange of visits between Christian and Muslim leaders at the University serves as a positive example of inter-faith cooperation. They added that such visits will continue to promote a more inclusive environment where people of different faiths can celebrate religious holidays and strengthen bonds of mutual respect.

Also on the delegation was an Assistant Director (Information and Protocol), Mr Oluwasegun Alabi.



■ *At Prof. Ambali's house*



■ *At Prof. Adeoye's house*



■ *At Mr. Alfanla's house*



■ *At Prof. Raheem's house*



■ *At Dr Omopupa's house*



■ *The Vice Chancellor welcoming the leader of the delegation, Prof. Omotesho to his house*



■ *At Mr. Abdulkarki's house*



■ *The Vice Chancellor welcoming Prof. Fawole to his house*



■ *The Chief Imam leading the Eid-ul Adha prayers*

## Be conscious of Allah, Unilorin Chief Imam charges Nigerians

**T**he Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Nasir Abdus-Salam, has charged Nigerians to be conscious of Allah and His injunctions in their open and secret affairs.

Prof. Abdus-Salam made the call penultimate Sunday (June 16, 2024) while delivering the 1445 AH Eid ul Adha Sermon at the University's Eid Praying Ground.

The Chief Imam, whose sermon centred on "Obedience and Submission to Allah", said, "I enjoin you and myself to be conscious of Allah's injunctions and to abide by them in public and in private".

He said that the life of Prophet Ibrahim is represented by unshakable faith and unconditional submission to Allah "when he was commanded to slaughter his only child, who he had at the old age of andropause and his wife Haajar at menopause. Neither the mother, the child nor Prophet Ibrahim made any choice other than obedience and compliance".

According to the Chief Imam, "The rewards of that, among others, are Allah dignified Ibrahim by redeeming Ismail with a great ram; that act became worship for the sake of obedience; it also became an annual remembrance event until the day of judgment; he is beautifully remembered among Allah's creatures and as the father of the prophets and the father of the Muslims. As Muslims, there is no objection or complaint against Allah's Will to have similar rewards".

Citing examples from the verses of the Quran and the sayings of the Prophets (SAW), Prof. AbdusSalam also charged Nigerians to benefit from the attitude of the companions of the Prophet (SAW) toward Allah's command. He said, "When the verse prohibiting alcohol was revealed, the companions did not only

refrain but rose immediately, and broke the vessels of their wine, which blew up in their pathways and roads; when the verse on hijab was revealed, they achieved the meaning of surrender and obedience; and when the verse on the change of direction from Bayt ul-Maqdis to Bayt ul Haram, a change of about 1800 – North to South of Medina, they captured all these with obedience and submission to Allah and the Prophet Muhammad without questioning."

He, however, admonished Nigerians to earn obedience and submission to Allah by following the directive and earlier life of the companions and redirecting their affairs in line with the lessons from Eid ul Adha, which are built upon obedience and submission to the injunctions of Allah and His messenger.

The Chief Imam prayed Almighty Allah to accept the sacrifice and other acts of worship, bestow upon us a pleasant life, and provide for us sustenance that will guarantee ease of living.

"He specifically committed the life and affairs of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. W a h a b O l a s u p o E g b e w o l e , SAN, and other principal officers to the caring hands of Allah, beseeching Him to "grant them peaceful tenure".

In their separate remarks, some worshippers at the University's Eid ground, appreciated Allah for granting them the grace to see another Eid and called on the government to address the economic situation affecting Nigerians.

The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, described the Sallah celebration as a reflection of righteousness, urging Nigerians to submit themselves to the will of Allah and everything will be good for them.

On his part, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, and his

family, the entire Muslim community of the University and the Muslims worldwide on this auspicious occasion.

He urged all worshippers to abide by the message of sacrifice, obedience, and hope, adding that things will be better at the end of the day.

Prof. Ambali said, "We have to do what is right and obey almighty Allah so that He can come to our aid. As a country, this is a tough time for us but we believe that if we do what is needful and obey the law of Allah and the Holy Prophet we are going to stay all through these hurdles on the good side".

"We pray for our leaders at the Local and National levels that God will guide them aright in taking decisions that will bail us out of this predicament. We have the hope that things will be better, he added.

He urged members of the University community to continue to serve the University diligently and by that, Allah will bless whatever we earn.

"We must continue to be obedient, to be hopeful and have every belief that at the end of the day the Vision 1. 10. 500 of the Vice Chancellor will be realised by Allah's grace", he said.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU), University of Ilorin Chapter, Mr Ibrahim Suberu, thanked Allah "for sustaining our lives till this time. I pray that we continue to live to witness more of this.

"I want to urge the University community particularly the management and staff to learn a lot of lessons from the Eid celebration. Irrespective of who you are, you should have the fear of Allah and have total submission to His will by doing what is right always".



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Prof. Egbewole, who is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria and a Fellow of the Society for Peace Studies and Practice (FSPSP), also commended the Zonal Director of the EFCC, noting his exemplary leadership and positive representation of the agency.

He said, "The immediate past Zonal Director established a wonderful relationship with us, and we believe Mr. Harry will surpass his achievements."

The Vice Chancellor expressed his appreciation for the warm reception by the EFCC officials, which, he noted, contradicted the public perception of the agency. "The reception shows you are civil despite the demanding nature of your job," he remarked.

In his remarks, the Zonal Director of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Mr. Erin, commended the committed staff of the University of Ilorin for their assistance in the agency's operations. He noted that their support has been pivotal in the seizure of over 20 trucks from illegal miners in Kwara State over the past two weeks.

The EFCC boss said the operation has led to a situation where illegal miners are leaving Kwara State while serious miners have been moving their businesses to the state.

Mr. Erin explained the EFCC's desire for continued collaboration with the Most Outstanding University in Nigeria, in recognition of the institution's significant role in aiding investigations.

The EFCC Zonal Director



■ Prof. Egbewole (right) and Mr Erin during the visit last Thursday

praised the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Egbewole, for his efforts in keeping the commission's officials vigilant and proactive, saying, "People like Prof. Egbewole are challenging the officials of the commission to be on their toes".

Mr Erin emphasised the EFCC's mission to create a paradigm shift and enhance national consciousness. He added that the anti-graft agency focuses on the prevention of crimes in Nigeria through ongoing media advocacy to educate Nigerians, especially the youth, about the destructive impact of corruption. "Corruption is destroying our future, and that is why we are emphasising prevention through serious and continuous media advocacy," Mr Erin added.

While lamenting that the rate of crimes in Nigeria does not correspond with the prosecution and eventual punishment of perpetrators, Mr Erin said, "In Nigeria, we

talk about crime every day, but we have not deemed it fit to talk about prosecuting the perpetrators. One of our problems is that Nigerians are united in crime."

The EFCC boss criticised the Nigerian elite for their united front when it comes to obstructing investigations into economic crimes.

The EFCC boss said, "The elite in Nigeria from the South, West, East, and North are all united when it comes to crime. They don't want suspects to be investigated. But when it comes to good things that will help the country grow, you see them becoming enemies all of a sudden."

He added that the commission's efforts continue to focus on not only tackling crime but also ensuring that those responsible are brought to justice, in order to foster a system that works efficiently for the betterment of the Nigerian society.

# UNILORIN's ex-VC, AbdulRaheem, appointed Dutse varsity's Pro-Chancellor

## •Egbewole hails appointment

By Abubakar Imam

**A** former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, has been appointed the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Federal University, Dutse (FUD), Jigawa State.

The appointment of Prof. AbdulRaheem, who served as the Chief Executive of the nation's most sought-after University from 1997 to 2002, was announced along with those of several others by the Federal Government.

The erudite Professor of English, who is also the Chairman and Pro-Chancellor of the newly established Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, was the 6th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.

Born on October 22, 1947 in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, Prof. AbdulRaheem was also the pioneer Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Kwara State University, Malete. He also served as the Executive Chairman of the Federal Character Commission (FCC).

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor



■ Prof. AbdulRaheem

of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated Prof. AbdulRaheem on his appointment.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement issued on his behalf by the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle

Akogun, described Prof. AbdulRaheem's appointment as well-deserved and commendable going by his vast experience in university administration.

While describing the appointment as an opportunity for Prof. AbdulRaheem to export the characteristic diligence and probity of the University of Ilorin to one of the nation's young universities, Prof. Egbewole added that staff and students of FUD would certainly gain a lot from the exposure and services of Prof. AbdulRaheem, who he described as a veteran in the knowledge industry and a respected voice in community and political management.

Prof. Egbewole encouraged Prof. AbdulRaheem, who is also the Talba of Ilorin, to give his all to this appointment to enable FUD swiftly climb the ladder of progress in order to contribute its quotas to national and human development.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law wished Prof. AbdulRaheem a fruitful and rewarding tenure of office.

# Registry Second Quarter Seminar holds June 26

By Temitope Omoniyi

**T**he Registry Department, University of Ilorin, has scheduled its 2024 second quarter in-house seminar for this Wednesday (June 26, 2024)

According to the notice signed by Secretary of the Registry Steering Committee, Ms Abosede Sewedo Panu,

the seminar, which holds at the University Auditorium at 12.00 noon, will focus on understanding the legal implications of official communication and the required skills acquisition for professional development and efficiency.

The statement added that the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfanla, FCIML, has emphasised the importance of having efficient administrators at all levels of

administration, making attendance at the seminar by all Registry staff highly valued.

The notice added that the seminar aims to enhance the skills and knowledge of University administrators, promote effective communication and efficient service delivery.

# Omojasola delivers 261<sup>st</sup> Inaugural Lecture

**T**he 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 sixty-first (261st) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

**Lecturer:** Professor Patricia Folakemi Omojasola  
**B.Sc. (Hons.), M Sc., Ph. D. (Ilorin), FNSME**

Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin

**Topic:** "Microorganisms in the Service of Man"

**Date:** Thursday, 27th 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. Omojasola

# Physical Sciences honours Faculty alumni, other stakeholders

By *Mustafa Abubakar and Bashirat Omotosho*

The Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, has honoured 39 of its former students and other stakeholders, who have made the Faculty and the University proud in their various endeavours.

The honours award ceremony was part of the events marking the Faculty's maiden International Hybrid Conference (APSCON2024), which held between June 4 and June 8, 2024.

Speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, penultimate Wednesday (June 12, 2024), the Chairman of the Conference Local Organising Committee, Prof. Olusegun Ige, disclosed that the honourees included the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was given the "Visionary Leadership Award"; the former Vice Chancellor, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, who got 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 who were honoured 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



■ *The former Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ambali (middle), displaying his award on the occasion*

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.

Also honoured were distinguished Faculty alumni, mentors and personalities including 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 Abdulrazaq

Abubakar Garba, former Director General, Nigerian Geological Survey Agency, Abuja.

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

# OGM: Unilorin Amicable Co-op Society celebrates success

By *Isaac Lewu*

The Kwara State Commissioner for Business, Innovations, and Technology, Mrs. Damilola Yusuf Adelodun, has commended the executive team of the Amicable Multipurpose Co-operative Society for their excellent work in promoting cooperation and development within the society.

She said this penultimate Tuesday (June 11, 2024) at the Society's Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) held at the Faculty of Education Lecture Theatre, University of Ilorin.

The Commissioner, who was represented by Mrs. Aare Lawal Modupe, highlighted the excos' efforts in fostering an environment of inclusivity and cooperation, which has led to the society's remarkable growth and success.

She praised the executive committee's commitment to the principles of fairness and transparency, which have

made the Amicable Co-operative Society a shining example among similar organisations.

In her welcome speech, the President of the Amicable Co-operative Society, Dr. Dorcas Sola Daramola, expressed gratitude for the strong synergy between the executive team and the members.

She pointed out that the success of the society is a collective effort and commended the members for their unwavering support and active participation.

Dr. Daramola emphasised the importance of collaboration in achieving the society's goals. She also highlighted various initiatives and projects that were successfully implemented through the joint efforts of the executives and the members.

She praised the members' dedication and commitment to the society's mission, which has resulted in numerous benefits for all stakeholders.

The General Secretary of Amicable

Multipurpose Co-operative Society, Dr. S.K Ajiboye, said the celebration was not only a moment to appreciate past accomplishments but also an opportunity to look towards the future.

He advised all members to make their payments promptly, and urged them to be financially disciplined by developing the will to pay back loans even when not deducted from the source.

The executive team presented its vision for the upcoming year, outlining ambitious plans to expand the society's reach and improve on its impact. They also emphasised their commitment to continue fostering collaboration and providing valuable resources and support to members.

The Vice President of the Society, Mrs. Ahmed, expressed gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the society and encouraged everyone to continue working together for the betterment of the society.

# Work with NUC on course accreditation, Egbewole tells COREN

By Bashirat Omotosho and Latifat Ruji

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has advised the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) to work with the National Universities Commission (NUC) to ensure smooth accreditation process between the two bodies.

Prof. Egbewole made the call penultimate Tuesday (June 13, 2024) during a COREN Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Stakeholder's Colloquium for the Development of Programme Educational Objectives for Bachelor of Computer Engineering programme.

He disclosed that, in doing so, the universities will spend less financially and save time set aside for accreditation of courses.

The Stakeholders' colloquium is part of the requirements for COREN OBE drive to position Engineering education in Nigeria for global competitiveness.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotosho, maintained that the current administration is "committed to fostering an environment where academic rigour meets practical relevance, where theoretical knowledge is seamlessly integrated with real-world applications, and where our students are equipped not just with degrees, but with the skills, ethics, and vision to lead in an increasingly complex and technological world".

He noted that one of the objectives of the University is to



Prof. Omotosho (middle) with other stakeholders at the event

produce not just job seekers but job creators, who can translate their engineering solutions into viable business ventures emphasising cross-cultural communication, ethical practices, and an understanding of global engineering challenges and solutions.

While commending the Faculty of Engineering and Technology on their alumni, who have been reaching out to their various Departments, Prof Omotosho told the students that "money is not everything but there is money in knowledge and it's all about knowing how to transform the knowledge into money".

In his opening remarks, the Dean of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Jamiu Kayode Odushote, explained that the purpose of the gathering is to harness the collective wisdom and experience of the diverse stakeholders.

He said, "We have in this room a rich tapestry of expertise from industry leaders who understand the current and future needs of the marketplace, to scholars who are at the forefront of research and pedagogy, to our esteemed alumni who have translated their education into impactful careers, and to our students, who represent the future of engineering

and innovation".

Prof. Odushote explained further that Engineering, as a discipline, stands at the intersection of science, technology, and society. The rapid pace of technological advancement necessitates a dynamic and forward-thinking approach to education. It is imperative that our curriculum not only keeps pace with these changes but anticipates them, preparing our students to be innovators and leaders.

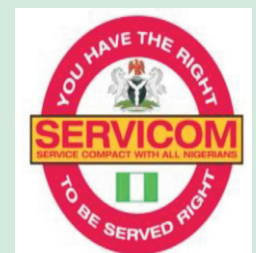
The Dean noted that the insights and contributions today are invaluable as "we seek to refine and enhance our educational objectives". He emphasized that by working together, they can ensure that the University of Ilorin remains at the cutting edge of engineering education, producing graduates who are not only highly skilled and knowledgeable but are also innovative, ethical, and socially responsible.

One of the highlights of the event was the official presentation of the programme curriculum.

In attendance were the CEO of FEMTECH, COREN representatives, Deans and Heads of Departments, Stakeholders in the industry, and students, among others.

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# Unilorin SSANU set to reposition its welfare scheme

By Isaac Lewu

The University of Ilorin Chapter of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) has announced plans to reposition its Welfare Scheme by increasing the monthly minimum fee payable by members from the present N500 to N5000 in view of the current economic realities in the country.

This was announced by the Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT) of SSANU Welfare Scheme, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Scheme, held penultimate Monday (June 10, 2024) at the Basement of the University Auditorium.

Mr Alfanla, who is also the Registrar of the University, explained that the previous fee structure was insufficient to cater to the needs of the members in the present economic situation.

The BOT Chairman urged all members to modify their monthly contributions to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of the welfare scheme as the new fee structure is expected to take effect from July to allow members to align their contributions accordingly for the second half of the year.



■ SSANU Chairman, Comrade Falowo

During the AGM, Mr Alfanla also highlighted the importance of capturing all members on the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS). He said the collation of names is currently underway to facilitate the necessary adjustments for the deduction of a minimum of 5000 naira from IPPIS. This step, according to him, aims to streamline the contribution process and ensure accurate record-keeping.

The BOT Chairman further said that

any member who withdraws his/her contributions from the saving scheme at any point in time will not be accepted back in the scheme again.

Also speaking, the Treasurer of the SSANU Welfare Scheme, Mr. Akanbi Mohammed Jimoh, reassured members that their contributions would be invested wisely to maximise profits within a short period of time.

This commitment is intended to instill confidence in the management and utilisation of the members' funds.

Mr. Jimoh, who is also a Deputy Bursar at the Bursary Department, reaffirmed his commitment to transparency and accountability in safeguarding the financial interests of the members.

The auditors conducted a thorough review of the Association's financial records and statements during the AGM. Their examination revealed no discrepancies or irregularities, as financial regulations were complied with, thus reinforcing the integrity of the association.

Among those that were present at the AGM were the Director Works, University of Ilorin, Mr. Rahman Amao; the Director Physical Planning, Mr Toyin Jimoh; Deputy Directors, Deputy Registrars and other senior non-teaching staff of the University.

# USS wins NUESA inter-schools quiz contest

By Latifat Raji

A student of the University of Ilorin Secondary School (USS), Rukayat Agboola, has emerged the winner of the Inter-Schools Quiz Competition organised by the Nigerian Universities Accounting Students Association (NUASA) for Senior Secondary School students in Kwara State.

The competition featured

four different schools across the state. They are, University of Ilorin Secondary School, Government Day Secondary School, Adewole, Chapel Secondary School, Ilorin, and Queen Elizabeth Secondary School, Ilorin, was held last Monday (June 10, 2024) at the University Auditorium.

In the keenly contested competition, Rukayat was declared winner with 35 points against her

counterparts from Government Day Secondary School, Adewole, Adebisi Abdulazeez, who came second with 30 points and Chapel Secondary School's Shalom Agboola, who came third with 25 points.

NUASA Inter-Schools Quiz Competition is a yearly event, which forms part of the Annual Accounting Summit.

# POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN

## Re: 2023/2024 Session Application Forms Sales

Applicants are hereby informed that the sale of postgraduate application forms will close on Sunday, 30th June 2024. Qualifying examinations for the various programmes will take place on Saturday, 3rd August 2024.

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# UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN FACULTY OF ARTS

The Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin invites

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# FACULTY LECTURE

which will hold as follows:

**VENUE:** UNIVERSITY  
AUDITORIUM

**TIME:** 9AM PROMPT

**DATE:** 26TH JUNE, 2024

## Theme

### Unearthing the Archaeological Past for Sustainable Development

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## UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

### FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	378,500.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	745,700.00
Sundry Other Income	279,200.00
Convocation Souvenir	133,200.00
Boarded Property	602,500.00
Capitation NHIS	3,750.00
Income from Verification/Screening	35,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	2,000.00
Utility Income	114,700.00
Postgraduate School Charges	2,151,500.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	180,000.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	1,156,900.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	429,360.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	105,950.00
Institute of Education Application Form	203,000.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	75,600.00
JUPEB School Charges	320,450.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦6,917,310.00</b>
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Guardian Newspapers Advertisement	577,850.00
Abadam Universal Interbiz Ltd Construction of Fence	4,386,442.36
Habmar Worldwide Interbiz Repair of Damaged Roof	6,259,248.25
Habraib Global Resources Ltd Repair of Damaged Roof	2,674,943.32
Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company Balance of April 2024 Bill	87,567,205.18
Luke Gbenle Jolayemi Nig Ltd Supply of Air Conditioners	3,029,502.44
Ezalol Nig Ent Supply of Medical Equipment	2,784,411.25
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	27,234,249.25
Purchase Advance Various	1,597,100.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	14,805,500.00
Medical Rehabilitation Therapy Board Accreditation Expenses	1,935,215.00
Nigerian Legion Salary for May 2024	370,000.00
Staff Training International Learned Conference (CBNTETFUND)	119,596,610.00
Unilorin Press Production of Answer and Exam Booklet	60,976,450.000
TSA Charges Various	58,695.00
<b>Total payment for the period</b>	<b>₦333,853,422.05</b>

Signed

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## Ambali joins BOT of Artificial Intelligence Practitioners' body

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) of the University of Ilorin, and Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Suleiman Funsho Ambali, has been appointed into the Board of Trustees (BOT) of the National Association of Artificial Intelligence Practitioners (NAAIP), Nigeria.

In the nomination letter from its Secretariat, dated June 13, 2024, the Association said that Prof. Ambali was nominated on account of his dedication to the field of Artificial intelligence.

The letter, signed by the Association's President, Prof. Eyilope Ogunbodede, and made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN, read, "We have the honour of informing you that members of the newly inaugurated National Association of Artificial Intelligence Practitioners



■ Prof. Ambali

(NAAIP), have unanimously agreed to invite you to be a pioneer member of the Board of Trustees of the Association. This is based on

your transparent and highly valued contributions to the development of our country, Nigeria, and your keen interest in Artificial Intelligence and other progressive, forward-thinking developments in education and the general society.

"We do hope that you will kindly accept this invitation and join NAAIP in our desire to ensure that Nigeria is not left behind in the AI revolution."

Other nominated members of the NAAIP BOT include Chief Afe Babalola, SAN, who will serve as Chairman; Prof. Peter Okebukola, Prof. Ruqayah Ahmed Rufai, Prof. Andy Ogochukwu Egwunyega, SAN, Chief Bert Chuks Igwilo, SAN, and Prof. Bobboi Umar.

Meanwhile, the management of the University of Ilorin has congratulated Prof Ambali on the appointment.



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Ibiyomi, Florence Modupe	Registry	Jun 23
2	Salami, Kamal	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Jun 23
3	Yahaya, Ibrahim Olarewaju	Library	Jun 23
4	Adeleke, Elisha Ademola	Geography & Environmental Management	Jun 23
5	Noibi, Tajudeen Olufemi	Adult & Primary Education	Jun 23
6	Alaya, Mulikat Bukola	Architecture	Jun 23
7	Jimoh, Ganiyu Olanrewaju	Physical Planning Unit	Jun 23
8	Fahm, Abdulgafar Olawale	Religions	Jun 23
9	Aremu, Abdulfatai	Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology	Jun 23
10	Salami, Mercy Funke	Agric Econs & Farm Management	Jun 23
11	Eniayekan, Julianah Modupe	Registry	Jun 24
12	Siwoku-Awi, Omotayo Foluke	French	Jun 24
13	Sanni, Samuel	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	Jun 24
14	Awe, Janet Toyin	Training Research & Development	Jun 24
15	Olaitan, Olukunmi Lanre	Health Promotion & Environmental Health Education	Jun 24
16	Zubair, Salamat Hassanat	Security Division	Jun 24
17	Raji, Wasiu Olarewaju	Geophysics	Jun 24
18	Dare, Lola Ige	Registry	Jun 24
19	Baba, Halimat Shola	Crop Protection	Jun 24
20	Duniyan, Israel	Food & Bioprocess Engineering	Jun 24
21	Agboola, Abdulazeez Shola	Religions	Jun 25
23	Omotoye, Rotimi Williams	Religions	Jun 25
24	Adeniji, Kayode Adebamiji	Pathology	Jun 25
25	Dolapo, James Olanrewaju	Central Workshop: Engineering	Jun 25
26	Jegede, Thomas	Human Kinetics & Health Education	Jun 25
27	Dada, Yemisi Racheal	Registry	Jun 25
28	Musa, Roseline Omowunmi	Health Services	Jun 25
29	Dairo, Adeniyi Abraham	Central Administration: Office	Jun 25
30	Abejirin, Emmanuel Sunday	University Lodges Unit	Jun 25
31	Theman, Samson	Industrial Chemistry	Jun 25
32	Amoloye-Adebayo, Azizat Omotoyosi	Islamic Law	Jun 25
33	Adewumi, Olawumi Nimota	Registry	Jun 26
34	Okeola, Fatai Olayiwola	Industrial Chemistry	Jun 26
35	Yusuf, Noah	Sociology	Jun 26
36	Abdulrahaman, Hafsat Adenike	Veterinary Microbiology	Jun 26
37	Agodirin, Olayide Sulaiman	Surgery	Jun 26
38	Sanni, Abdulrasaq	Central Administration: Office	Jun 26
39	Akinsola, Grace Oluwabukunmi	Agric Econs & Farm Management	Jun 26
40	Ojo, Omotayo Ibronke	Bursary	Jun 26
41	Onwuama, Kenechukwu Tobeckukwu	Veterinary Anatomy	Jun 26
42	Abdulganiy, Abdulazeez Babamale	Security Division	Jun 26
43	Salihu, Sarat Adenike	English	Jun 26
44	Abdu-Rasaq, Abdulkabir	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jun 26
45	Alabi, Victoria Adunola	English	Jun 27
46	Adedokun, Ganiyu Adeyemi	Mechanical Engineering	Jun 27
47	Sadiku, Joseph Raimi	Registry	Jun 27
48	Alli, Oluwasayope Ibidapo	Animal Production	Jun 27
49	Ajibola, Taiye Benjamin	Physics	Jun 28
50	Adedigba, Olabisi	Adult & Primary Education	Jun 28
51	Abdulrahaman, Alao Isah	Human Kinetics & Health Education	Jun 28
52	Adebayo, Lamidi	Security Division	Jun 28
53	Abdullahi, Nimota Jibola	Educational Management	Jun 28
54	Adeleke, Oluwafemi Oyetunde	Civil Engineering	Jun 29
55	Dunmade, Emmanuel Olaniyi	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	Jun 29
56	Oyabambi, Adewumi Oluwafemi	Physiology	Jun 29
57	Murtala, Imam Akeyede	Arabic	Jun 29
58	Tejidi, Taibat Tosin	Biochemistry	Jun 29
59	Jacob, Priscilla Ayooluwa	Library & Information Science	Jun 29
60	Abdulkadir, Salman Zubari	Veterinary Surgery & Radiology	Jun 29
61	Okwechime, Patience Onyekachukwu	Microbiology	Jun 29

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



# Guest Writer

## Professor Wahab Egbewole: Vision and Postulations

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Notably, the orderliness enjoyed within the school setting results from continuous interaction among different mechanisms and components of leadership. For example, while the vice-chancellor is typically known as the central face of the leadership of schools, the responsibility for advancing the institutions does not lie exclusively with them. Bodies like the Governing Council, the Senate, and the Congregation, among others, each has its responsibilities that must be adequately carried out for the effective running of the system. Here, Professor Egbewole's concern is that unless these different components work together effectively, it becomes almost impossible to enhance the quality of education in an economically wounded country.

In all honesty, if the current government, regardless of its political power, does not compound the existing challenges within the educational system and instead allows its organs to function independently with only necessary guidance and motivation, it can create an atmosphere conducive to the dissemination of quality education to students while simultaneously enhancing the quality of students, staff, and society. This approach would

undoubtedly pave the way for several other things, all of which would lead to the actualisation of the country's potential.

While the government has given reasonable justification for the removal of subsidy, the fiscal benefits that would come from it should be maximised effectively. For instance, nearly all schools in the country suffer from various infrastructure problems. Some are faced with unequipped classrooms and laboratories, while others face a shortage of personnel essential for the sound development of students. It is an undeniable reality in many Nigerian universities that infrastructure deficit often contributes to poor academic outcomes among graduates. Many students, particularly those in Pure Sciences requiring necessary exposure to practical experiences and knowledge, are frequently disappointed by the suboptimal resources available in their schools. Failure to address these issues will inevitably lead to critical challenges.

Professor Egbewole offers valuable insights into the management of student affairs in Nigeria's current academic system. According to him, students in contemporary times should be the focal point of all educational engagements, and it is important to give them the necessary support that would stimulate their learning. Professor Egbewole identifies a couple of challenges

facing students in modern times, including the disproportionate number of students seeking admission compared to available universities. Government-owned universities are overloaded with excess students, yet their needs are not adequately provided for. For example, an increased student population logically requires a corresponding increase in staff, but Nigerian lecturers are over-laboured, making it difficult to provide necessary services such as counselling and mentorship. This further complicates the students' prospects and undermines the country's development potential.

Professor Egbewole stresses the importance of providing student support services, as that will considerably influence students' engagement. Without creating such a friendly atmosphere for them, they will lack the motivation to collectively work toward the country's transformation. All these insights give us a reason to celebrate the academic ingenuity of this well-versed Professor, as he clearly understands the measures needed to address Nigeria's educational challenges.

*\*This is the third 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.*

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### Professor Wahab Egbewole:

## Vision and Postulations

By **PROF. TOYIN FALOLA**

One of the defining attributes of a sage is their ability to meditate on present events and dig into past actions for cross-examination of issues and emerging trends to provide a clear roadmap for the future. While many professors undergo a strenuous process to develop this quality, some have the ability without struggling. Among that latter category is Professor Wahab Egbewole, an enigmatic personality with robust ideas that are beneficial to humanity.

Recently, Professor Egbewole noted that Nigeria's post-independence development, anchored on solid educational foundations, reflects the inherent awareness of the front-runners of the country's nationalist advocacy that without quality education,

dreams and aspirations for the country's greatness would remain mere illusions. He recognised the efforts of these early generations in facilitating unprecedented transformations, and they have done well, and history continues to praise them.

Professor Egbewole opines that although the post-independence educational structures of the country retained the fundamental principles employed by the colonialists when establishing the various educational centres, their focus shifted significantly. He admitted that this shift was necessary because the priority then was not how Nigerians provided educational services to the teeming populace but more about when they would rid themselves of colonial influence. Professor Egbewole, however, believes that each phase of development requires different thinking, as it is customary for human societies to evolve to accommodate changes. Basically, the current time, in which technological and scientific innovations have been overtaken, departs ideologically and culturally from the previous systems. It is crucial to come to a common agreement on how best to adapt to these changes to avoid vulnerability in the larger scheme of things.

Meanwhile, amidst the attendant changes engulfing the world currently, Nigeria is confronted with numerous peculiarities that necessitate a thorough reevaluation of its approaches and principles. Given that the changes necessitated by the technological surge demand another level of attitude from the people, they must be prepared, as the changes occasioned by artificial economic schematics could have unpredictable and lasting negative effects.

For instance, Professor Egbewole cautioned against arguing or concluding that the removal of subsidies, which exacerbates economic meltdown in the country, is a deliberate machination imposed by the government to taunt innocent citizens. He encourages the populace to instead see subsidy removal as an inevitable decision reached after realising that subsidy payments have become a substantial financial burden for the government. In all fairness to common sense, this dilemma is one that Nigeria cannot escape from in its current trajectory.



■ **Prof. Egbewole**



■ **Prof. Falola**

This piece does not replicate what Professor Egbewole has said in his well-thought-out work but rather reinforces the argument that he is clairvoyant and can provide accurate information, judgment, and perspective based on thorough analysis. Through his piece, he aims to show how the elites, who gained access to the corridor of economic power either as a political favour or compensation for an earlier act of kindness, have compromised the nation's future. These elites have failed to recognise that competing globally is only possible for a country like Nigeria when its leaders, irrespective of the category of leadership, have the discipline to showcase collective seriousness.

By their depleting moral principles, the country became a victim of its elites, and they appear to pay no particular attention to the best ways to rejuvenate the nation. Professor Egbewole argues that the country's persistent problems stem from a network of an ill-conceived fraternity dominated by the elites, who intend to continue to take advantage of the government through the oil subsidy scheme. They understand that continued subsidy payments draw substantial amounts of funds from the country's coffers and could lead to an economic breakdown, but they are more concerned about their exploitative opportunities than the national project. When the current president took decisive action to end this scam, beneficiaries fought back fiercely, holding the country by the jugular in the process.

Knowing that education is critical to any form of development, Professor Egbewole contextualises all these challenges to how changes in governance, as propelled by subsidy removal, could affect university management and the country's educational system. Among other things, Professor Egbewole emphasises that the issue of governance and management is crucial at this pivotal time for revamping the country's educational system. This awareness informs his position that although there could be daring economic challenges imposed by the policy initiatives introduced by the government, effective institutional management entails careful consideration of various factors.

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