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Education decay: Govt alone not to blame -- Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale



■ The Commandant of NAISSET, Sobi, Major General S. S. Ibrahim (right), presenting a plaque to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, after the lecture

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the government alone should not be blamed for the poor state of the nation's education, pointing out that the educational institutions, the staff unions, and parents should also share in the blame.

Prof. Egbewole made these remarks penultimate Friday (May 24, 2024) while presenting a paper, titled "Nigerian Education System: Interrogating Internal Efficiency and Cost-Effectiveness", at the Nigeria Army Institute of Science Education and Technology (NAISSET)'s Senior Executive Course, held at Sobi Cantonment, Ilorin. *(Contd. on page 3)*

UNILORIN, Sasakawa Africa to strengthen ties

...as Agric Extension Dept hosts SAA capacity-building programme

By Tajudeen Babamale and Bashir Dawodu

The University of Ilorin and the Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA) have reaffirmed their commitment to boosting agricultural development in Nigeria by strengthening their collaborative efforts, which started in 2010 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The Vice Chancellor,

Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the Country Director of Sasakawa Africa Association, Dr Godwin Atser, made this commitment penultimate Friday (May 24, 2024) when the Sasakawa Country Director led the Sasakawa representatives from its Japanese headquarters and the Unilorin SAA Team on a visit to the University.

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DISCLAIMER

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

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

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

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

Tobacco responsible for over 8 million deaths yearly - Omotoso

By Kunle Akogun

University of Ilorin Professor of Anatomy, Gabriel Olaiya Omotoso, has identified tobacco smoking as a leading cause of preventable death and disease worldwide, saying that it "causes more than 8 million deaths yearly".

Prof. Omotoso, who made the

declaration last Thursday (May 30, 2024) while delivering the 259th Inaugural Lecture of the University, said that the latest global estimate of tobacco users is 1.25 billion people, 80 per cent of which are in low- and middle-income countries.

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■ Prof. Omotoso

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■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN (middle), with Principal Officers and some top University officials at a Retreat organised by Unilorin Holdings Ltd. at Pinnacle Resource Centre, Igbonna, penultimate weekend

FG's Student Loan Scheme, a good idea, says Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2024, which was recently signed into law by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, is a good idea and well appreciated.

Prof. Egbewole, who made the observation in a chat with UNILORIN BULLETIN in his office last Monday (May 27, 2024), however, counselled that transparency is key to the success of the scheme.

The Vice Chancellor, who noted that the student loan is not a new concept in Nigeria, described its reintroduction by the current administration as a positive step towards addressing the financial barriers that hinder many students from pursuing higher education.

While acknowledging the potential of the scheme, Prof. Egbewole explained the importance of transparency in its implementation. He opined that the



■ Prof. Egbewole

success of the initiative hinges on clear guidelines, fair allocation of funds, and robust accountability mechanisms.

The Senior Advocate of Nigeria cautioned that the scheme should prioritise merit-based selection criteria over regional or political considerations, saying that the loans should be awarded based on academic merit rather than affiliations.

He said, "We must prioritise the interests of the students and the integrity of the education system", adding that "loans

should be awarded to all deserving Nigerians irrespective of their backgrounds".

While appreciating the willingness of the government to rework on the scheme when concerns were raised by Nigerians, the Unilorin Vice Chancellor said, "One aspect I appreciate in the conception of the loan scheme is that when concerns were raised, the government went back to the drawing board and refined the process. I'm confident that what they have in place now will withstand the test of time".

Prof. Egbewole, however, urged all borrowers to uphold the core values of integrity and responsibility as he advocated the need for conscientious repayment of the loans, stressing the role of individual accountability in sustaining the programme.

The Vice Chancellor made a special appeal to students of the University of Ilorin who may benefit from the scheme, to embody Unilorin's core values of integrity and probity, in accessing, utilising, and repaying the loan to the authorities.

Education decay: Govt alone not to blame - Egbewole

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To correct the anomalies and put the educational sector of Africa's most populous country on a proper development path, the Vice Chancellor suggested that conscious and deliberate steps should be taken to increase funding for the education sector while all the stakeholders, government, parents, universities/tertiary institutions, private sectors, staff unions, students and indeed the administrators of institutions should come together and take appropriate decisions on the effective management of education in the country.

Prof. Egbewole lamented that the funding of the education sector in the last 20 years has lagged significantly behind the 15-20% suggested benchmark prescribed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The Vice Chancellor also lamented the wastage in the name of the severance gratuity for political office holders after successful completion of their tenure, which also comes with largesse of outrageous pension packages.

Prof. Egbewole said, "I have no doubts in my mind that the kind of democracy we run is expensive and we have not managed it within the context of our resources. We have equally failed to be prudent in running the kind of democracy we have". He asked, "How do we justify the number of aides appointed as political office holders; how do we justify the amount of money by way of salaries, allowances and emoluments? How do we justify the level of profligacy, greed, corruption, extravagance etc going on in our system?"

The Senior Advocate of Nigeria pointed out that to restore the educational system to the path of efficiency and effectiveness, part of oil subsidy removed should be directed to education.

He said, "With the era of subsidy removal, while I hold no brief for the government, the recommended 26% budgetary allocation to education may not be realisable but increased budget allocation is on the horizon. This, I must say, remains in the realm of conjecture but as a critical stakeholder, if oil subsidy is removed, part of the gains should be budgeted for education".

Prof. Egbewole further stressed the need for government to change the current salary structure in the education sector if efficiency is to be returned. According to him, most workers in the sector are earning only surviving wages, saying this must be addressed quickly if we desire the best for the sector. "It is not enough to increase the salaries of the workers in this sector rather, appropriate mechanisms must be put in place to properly motivate staffers, create better



■ Prof. Egbewole (3rd right), with the NAiset Commandant, Maj. Gen. Ibrahim (4th left), Principal Officers of the University and Principal Staff Officers of NAiset after the lecture

opportunities to incentivise them and restore their dignity and make them productive.

While naming others who are responsible for the decay of the education system, the Professor of International Law and Jurisprudence stressed the need to have wastages reduced or eliminated across various institutions in the country and then, increase the productivity level to justify the available spending on education.

He said, "It is imperative to stress that while funding is seriously affecting and hampering internal efficiency, wastages of the available resources are equally fundamental. There is an issue of corruption by the managers of affairs of the education sector either at the policy level or at the level of implementation. The question is, what are the educational institutions using the money available to them for?"

Speaking on the human element in the determination of internal efficiency, the Vice Chancellor said that there is no way Nigeria can get to the optimal level if the universities are run with persistent industrial issues. "Can we compete in the 21st Century if we have our schools closed for eight months?", he queried.

Speaking further, he said, "There is also the need for our unions to engage government constructively, deliberately and in a very pragmatic manner. The government must abandon its Olympian posture to positively address all issues afflicting inefficiencies in the education sector and willing to invest more in it. Equally important are the workers in the sector who must be ready to work as their counterparts in the developed economies and shun all forms of sloppiness. A proper mix of all of these parameters will ensure a level of efficiency in the sector. We will, however, only be able to maximise our gains if there is a fundamental shift in attitude across the spectrum. As it has

been said, our attitude-will ultimately define our altitude".

Prof. Egbewole, however, posited that "the government cannot provide all that we need to change the narrative of the education sector to attain internal efficiency", pointing out that "there must be a collaboration between the government, private sector and parents to achieve appreciable improvement. This collaboration must be such that all the parties must be willing and ready to engage truthfully".

In his remarks, the Commandant of the Nigerian Army Institute of Science Education and Technology (NAiset), Sobi, Major General Sani Sumaila Ibrahim, observed that a government that is genuinely concerned about its country's well-being must demonstrate a deliberate commitment to improving the education system.

The NAiset Commandant explained that when the education system is ailing, it affects every facet of the society as he identified education as the primary system within the society, shaping the quality of the nation's health, economy, judiciary, and other sectors.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to the Sobi Cantonment were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; 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 Alfa; and the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa.

UNILORIN, Sasakawa Africa to strengthen ties

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Prof. Egbewole, who affirmed the fruitful relationship between Sasakawa Africa and the University, expressed happiness over the mutual benefits derived from the partnership and underscored the importance of leveraging such collaborations for sustainable development.

While commenting on the new focus of SAA, which is targeting regenerative marketing and nutrition, the Vice Chancellor noted that this area is deemed particularly relevant in the context of contemporary Nigeria.

Prof. Egbewole stressed the importance of capacity building and called for a comprehensive approach that goes beyond mere training of farmers to include skill development for University staff and other beneficiaries.

While explaining the significance of identifying the specific skill levels and requirements of individuals targeted for capacity improvement, the Vice Chancellor called for a strategic evaluation of short courses to ensure they align with the desired outcomes and cater to the diverse needs of the participants.

Earlier in his remarks, the Country Director of Sasakawa Africa Association, Dr Godwin Atser, said SAA, which established its presence in Nigeria in 1992 and operates in more than 22 states, has been a key player in revolutionising the agricultural landscape of the country.

The Country Director said that SAA launched the Sasakawa Africa Fund for Extension Education (SAFE) initiative in the year 2000, after recognising the pivotal role of agricultural extension services in driving agrarian transformation. He explained that the primary objective of SAFE was to address the dearth of extension services by nurturing a new cadre of extension professionals.

Dr Atser added that among the 13 universities collaborating on this initiative across Africa, the University of Ilorin stood out as a strategic partner in Nigeria, alongside institutions in Ghana, Sierra Leone and others.

Also speaking during the visit, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olyemisi Bolajoko Fawole, shared insights into the longstanding collaboration between the University and the Sasakawa Africa Association.

According to the Dean, "Sometime in 2010, the University signed an MoU with Sasakawa Africa Association, and since then, we have worked together to train mid-career extension officers, with approximately 120 individuals graduating with B.Sc. in Agricultural Extension through this programme".

In a related development, the Department of Agricultural Extension and

Rural Development, Faculty of Agriculture, hosted the Agricultural Extension staff of the Kwara State Ministry of Agriculture, who converged on the University campus for a capacity-building workshop organised by SAA from May 20 to 24, 2024.

The workshop, titled "Agricultural Business II", focused on Leadership, Administration, and Facilitation Skills for Agricultural Extension Services and was targeted at strengthening the capacity of extension workers for improved delivery of extension services in response to the changes and challenges facing the Agricultural sector.

On her part, the Ag. Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, Dr Kemi F. Omotesho, appreciated SAA for its commitment to the MoU signed with the University and to Agricultural Extension education and practice.

In an interview with *UNILORIN BULLETIN*, the Technical Coordinator for



Prof. Egbewole (left) receiving the Sasakawa representatives in his office, penultimate Friday

Sasakawa Association Nigeria, Dr. Anjola Oluwafadairo, stressed the need for the federal government to invest in extension workers, saying that the investment would enable them to disseminate crucial information to farmers in rural areas, provide essential resources like fertilizers, and equip farmers with necessary tools. She added that such measures are vital not only for enhancing agricultural output but also for combating insecurity, and ensuring that farmers can operate without fear.

UNILORIN mourns late ex-Council Chairman, Prof. Banjo

By Temitope Omoniyi

The management of the University of Ilorin has commiserated with the family of Emeritus Prof. Ladipo Ayodeji Banjo, a former Pro-Chancellor and Council Chairman of the University.

Prof. Banjo, who was the University's Council Chairman between 2005 and 2007, died penultimate Friday (May 24, 2024) at the age of 90 years.

This was contained in a letter dated May 30, 2024, and addressed to the family of the late academic giant by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfañla, FCIML.

The Registrar pointed out that Prof. Banjo's leadership significantly influenced the University's growth and academic excellence.

He added that Prof. Banjo was a dedicated scholar and esteemed leader whose guidance steered the University of Ilorin through crucial phases of development. Mr Alfañla pointed out that Prof. Banjo left behind a legacy of excellence, integrity, and unwavering commitment to education, adding that his scholarly achievements and administrative expertise continued to inspire generations.

The Registrar further submitted that beyond his academic contributions, the late Prof. Banjo was known for his warmth, kindness, and generosity, touching



Late Prof. Banjo

countless lives and fostered a culture of academic excellence.

While extending the University community's heartfelt condolences to Prof. Banjo's family during this difficult time, he urged the family to find comfort in the memories of his remarkable life and the lasting impact he made.

The letter further stated that Prof. Banjo's legacy will continue to be celebrated for his contributions to the academic world and the enduring mark he left on the University of Ilorin.

Tobacco responsible for over 8 million deaths yearly - Omotoso

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In the Inaugural Lecture, titled “White Matter Matters in the Search for Phytochemical Candidates for Demyelinating Disorders”, the don posited that out of the 8 million yearly deaths from tobacco usage, “1.3 million are non-smokers exposed to second-hand smoke”.

Prof. Omotoso, who lectures in the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, however lamented that “despite a great deal of health education and awareness on the grave implications of cigarette smoking, many people are still caught in the web of the habit, pointing out that in Nigeria for instance, 10 per cent of the population smoke tobacco daily”.

The don identified some adverse consequences of cigarette smoke on different organs of the body as including its adverse effects on male gonads and reproduction/fertility, adding that passive cigarette smoke also detrimentally affects adult brains.

To curb the menace of cigarette smoke, Prof. Omotoso stressed “the need for all of us to arise and protect our children from tobacco industry interference”

The Inaugural Lecturer also called on the government to enforce Tobacco Production laws in the country, stressing the need for the government to

“take a cue from other countries, such as New Zealand, United Kingdom and Australia to effect this”.

Noting the urgent need of public enlightenment to educate the society about the harmful effect of cigarette smoke, Prof. Omotoso underscored the need to improve access to diagnostic tools to mitigate the challenge of disease diagnosis in the country.

The don also has some words of advice for the society as a whole. Pointing out that “tobacco smoking, whether actively or passively, is deadly”, Prof. Omotoso said it should be avoided like a plague. He specifically advised pregnant women or women planning to have pregnancy to avoid tobacco exposure.

On general wellbeing of the people, the Inaugural Lecturer advised nursing mothers to embrace exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months to stimulate mother-baby intimacy and essential brain development of the newborn.

He also enjoined individuals to engage in regular medical check-ups.

Prof. Omotoso also urged the



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

University to continue to emphasise quality of research papers for promotion, saying that “fewer, but exceptional papers in very highly rated journals should attract special consideration”.

He made a special case for the adequate equipment of research laboratories to serve as a motivation for research outputs, adding that the University Research Laboratories must be accessible to researchers 24 hours a day, even during Unions' industrial actions.

UNILORIN appoints 16 new professors

By Temitope Omoniyi

The University of Ilorin has announced the promotion of 16 of its senior academics to the rank of Professor.

Their elevation, following the recommendations of the University

Appointment and Promotion Committee (A&PC) and with the approval of the Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, SAN, recognises their exceptional achievements in teaching, research, and community service.

A statement from the Office of the Registrar said that the 16 distinguished scholars were found to have excelled in the realms of teaching, research and community service.

The breakdown of the beneficiaries of the promotion exercise shows that three of the new Professors are produced by the Faculty of Clinical Sciences and they are Prof. John Kola Olarinoye, Prof. James Ayodele Ogunmodede, and Prof. Simeon Kayode Olubiya.

The Faculty of Education produced Prof. Abdulrahman Suyuti Omosidi, who teaches at the Department of Educational Management.

Two lecturers from the Faculty of Engineering and Technology were also elevated to the rank of Professor and they are Prof. Kamorudeen Olaniyi Yusuf and Prof. Habeeb Adewale Ajimotokan

The Faculty of Law produced four new Professors and they are Prof. Abdulrazaq Owolabi Abdulkadir, Prof. Mubarak Tijani Adekilekun, Prof. Azizat Omotoyosi Amoloye-Adebayo, and Prof. Ganiyat Mobolaji Olatokun.

The Faculty of Life Sciences produced three new professors. They are Prof. Adedoyin Igunnu, Prof. Musa Oyewole Salawu, and Prof. Toyin Olayemi Agbabiaka.

From the Faculty of Physical Sciences are Prof. Wasiu Olarewaju Raji, Prof. Hussein Kehinde Okoro, and Prof. Amudat Lawal.



■ *Prof. Egbewole*

Egbewole advocates responsible electricity usage amidst rising tariff

By Tajudeen Babamale

Against the background of the recent hike in electricity tariff in the country, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called for prudent electricity consumption in the University to mitigate the escalating costs.

Prof. Egbewole made the appeal last Tuesday (May 28, 2024) during a meeting with Students Union Executives, Students Representative Council and Faculty Presidents at the University Auditorium.

He said the meeting was imperative to keep the student representatives abreast of the development in the country, which affects the university in a great way.

The Vice Chancellor lamented that since the introduction of the new electricity tariff system categorising consumers to Bands A to E by the Minister of Power and the Electricity Regulatory Commission, the University has been grappling with exorbitant electricity charges.

Prof. Egbewole highlighted the financial strain imposed by the revised tariffs, revealing that prior to the adjustment, the University had been contending with monthly electricity bills ranging from N100 million to N120 million.

Following the tariff revision, he said that the University received a bill of N230 million for electricity in March 2024, escalating to N236 million in April, with uncertainty looming over May charges. He pointed out that this translates to an annual expenditure of between N2.3 to N2.6 billion on electricity alone, which is an unsustainable burden.

Acknowledging the imperative to maintain a conducive learning environment despite financial challenges, Prof. Egbewole stressed the necessity for collective action to address the issue. "We must prioritise responsible electricity

usage on campus, ensuring lights and appliances are switched off when not in use", Prof. Egbewole said, adding, "We cannot achieve this without the active involvement of the student leadership."

The Vice Chancellor said, "For instance, our expectation is that as soon as we leave this hall, all the lights will be turned off. Similarly, when you enter your hostel room, you switch on

the light; when leaving the room, you should turn it off. Also, if you are in a room and nobody is in the toilet, the light in the toilet should be switched off. If you are not charging your phone, the socket should be turned off. Likewise, when you are not using the fan, it should be turned off. We consider these actions important".

He stated further that "we cannot achieve this without the leadership of the student bodies being aligned with us. You occupy the largest portion of the campus, including hostels, classrooms, laboratories, libraries, and all other areas where you conduct your activities. If we can engage a hundred percent of the student populace in these efforts, we can expect a reduction of at least 30 to 40 percent in our current energy consumption".

As part of efforts to extend the initiative to other stakeholders, the Vice Chancellor explained that the management is also exploring the need to identify other critical stakeholders such as shop owners, private hostels, banks, and other establishments to ensure they also use electricity responsibly.

He, however, added that additional measures would be implemented



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (right) speaking at the management meeting with Students' Union Leaders on Energy Saving, last Tuesday

because the current reality is not sustainable. "It is our hope that by the time these measures are put in place, the student body will appreciate the challenges we are facing. It is not our intention to punish anyone, but rather to address the reality of the situation. In order for us to embark on this campaign of responsible electricity usage, we need your cooperation and support. That is why we felt it is necessary to appeal to you.

In his remarks, the Students' Union (SU) President, Comrade Joseph Adesukanmi Ologundudu, appreciated the Vice Chancellor and his management team for their decision to discuss the recent developments on electricity usage with student representatives.

Comrade Ologundudu observed that electricity usage on campus extends beyond students residing within the University campus. He noted that a significant number of students who reside off-campus frequently visit the University to charge their devices when faced with power outages in their respective areas.

The SU President identified the importance of the management's adopting a strategic approach in communicating the development about responsible electricity usage to students. "How students receive this message will greatly depend on the approach adopted by the management", he stated.

Comrade Ologundudu suggested identifying unique periods, such as during tests and exams, when a majority of students remain on campus, to optimise electricity usage. Additionally, he urged the exclusion of essential areas like the school clinic and the library from any electricity conservation initiatives.

The SU President shared his optimism on the successful implementation of the proposed measures and reiterated the commitment of the student body to supporting the efforts of the University administration in promoting responsible electricity usage.



SU president, Ologundudu (left) and other students representatives at the meeting, last Tuesday

You've made us proud, Egbewole hails UNILORIN X-Culture ambassadors

By Abubakar Imam and Bashirat Omotosho

The Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), has commended the 41 Unilorin students that participated in the 2024 "X-Culture" programme for their dedication and hard work, saying that the invaluable skills they gained through the on-line international collaboration would be useful to them for life.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (May 27, 2024) at the reception and certificate presentation ceremony organised for the X-Culture Ambassadors by the Centre for International Education (CIE) at the University Auditorium,

Describing their participation in the maiden edition of the X-Culture programme as an opportunity that has brought joy to the University, the Vice Chancellor told the students, "You have made us proud".

The students, who are drawn from various Faculties of the University, include Sekinat Badrudeen, Peculiar Chisom, Chukwukere Olokode, Sherifat Eniola, Tijani Taofikat, Abiola Taine Oluwabunmi, Adebayo Oreoluwa, Issah Alabi Babatunde, Atoyebi Itunoluwa Janet, Jolayemi Abdulkadir, Esan Mary Imoleayo, and Alaba Emmanuel Adekunle.

Others are Shuaib Arafat, Oluwadamilola Summer Anyanwu, Akinkanju Temidayo Favour, Jemima Alabi Isama, Mustapha Jolayemi Mubarak, Olatunji Yesirat Olayinka, Tinuola Quareebat Oseni, Sulaiman Ahmad Olohuntobi, Ebareki Mudiakevwe Igbagbo, Kekere-Ekun Maryam Olasumbo, Malik Oiza Dorcas, Ponnile Olawuyi, and Adegbesan Afoloruso Faith.

Also included are Gabriel Ayodele, Adunmo Omotola Christianah, Ridwan Alapo, Ogundele Favour Jesuspemi, Abdulrazaq Moyosore Isamiyah, Afolabi Azeezat Kehinde, Opoola Khalid Olayiwola, Fawaz Olamide Salau, Abdulsalam Khadijah Ayomide, Adegemi Emmanuel Ayomide, Bamidele Olajesubomi Ayomide, Bilesanmi Tobiloba Adesewa, Olorunfemi Solomon Abolaji, Adekunle Ibrahim Adeniran, Olowoniyi Samuel, Adebayo Usman Adeyinka, and Adesina Islamiyah Mojirade.

Highlighting the role of international collaborations, Prof. Egbewole shared his optimism on the programme being a crucial step towards internationalisation of the University.

He noted that the programme would not only broaden the students' perspectives but would also enhance the reputation of the University as a hub of global learning and collaboration.

Prof. Egbewole also commended



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (middle), Principal Officers and CIE staff members with the X-Culture ambassadors after their official presentations last Monday



Prof. Egbewole

the CIE Director, Prof. Ibraheem Onireti and the founder of the X-Culture programme, Mr Vas Tara, for introducing the programme to the students and facilitating their participation.

The Vice Chancellor further urged the Students Union leaders to advocate for students' participation in such programmes thereby increasing collaborations.

Earlier in his address, the Director, Centre for International Education, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, explained that the desire of the present administration of the University to ensure that the University emerges as the first in Nigeria, one of the leading 10 in Africa and among the topmost 500 at global level, could only be achieved if the University has respectable presence in the global arena through functional participation in intellectual programmes, research and contests by its staff members and students.

Prof. Ibraheem explained that participation in programmes like X-Culture is one of the ways by which the University can earn global recognition among scholars, students, researchers and other stakeholders.

He added that the experiences derived from X-Culture would always enhance the academic wherewithal of participants and also equip them with critical skills such as cross-cultural communication, team work and problem-solving in a real

world context.

The Director congratulated students of the University who participated in the programme as he said that their participation is a testament to their dedication and ability to work effectively on a global stage.

Prof. Ibraheem thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for introducing the University to the X-Culture programme.

He added that the Vice Chancellor's commitment to enhancing the institution's horizons and fostering global engagement has paved the way for students of the University to experience transformative opportunities like the X-Culture.

He also thanked the founder of X-Culture, Mr Vas Taras, and Mr Abdulazeez Idiari for their efforts in ensuring that students from the University participated in the programme at all costs. He further thanked the University Committee on the programme, under the leadership of Prof. I. B. Kadir, for their support.

The Director expressed the hope that more staff members and students of the University would participate in the upcoming X-Culture exercises slated for August 26, 2024 and October 13, 2024, saying that their participation would sustain and expand the international presence of the University.

Prof. Onireti explained that the next exercise comes up between August 26 and October 13, 2024 and encouraged students and staff members to actively participate in the upcoming exercise as their participation is key to sustaining and expanding the international presence of the University.

In attendance were the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Musa Yakubu; and the Ag. Director of the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Dr Abdulkareem Oloyede, among others.

Ex-Unilorite named 'Outstanding Master Student' at Western Michigan varsity

By Temitope Omoniyi

Sodiq Abiodun Oladipupo, a distinguished alumnus of the University of Ilorin, has attributed his significant academic and professional accomplishments to the solid foundation laid during his undergraduate studies at the University. Oladipupo's journey from Ilorin to international acclaim underscores the University's role in shaping global scholars.

Reflecting on his academic journey, Oladipupo, who graduated with a First-class honours in Economics in 2020, emphasised the exceptional quality of education he received at the University of Ilorin.

"The education I received was top-notch, providing a solid foundation for my Master degree," he stated.

His undergraduate excellence was recognised with a scholarship that covered the entire cost of his education and living expenses, further facilitating his academic achievements.

Oladipupo's academic prowess continued at Western Michigan University in the USA, where he completed his Master in Applied Economics with a perfect 4.0 GPA. His academic journey was decorated with



■ **Mr Oladipupo**

numerous accolades, including the title of Outstanding Master Student, awarded in 2023.

His academic excellence also attracted prestigious scholarships, including the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Limited (NNPC/SNEPCo) scholarship, and the AbdulKabir Aliu Foundation Scholarship. These opportunities provided him with invaluable networking prospects with industry leaders and an active role in promoting corporate social

responsibility to address environmental and health concerns.

In addition to his academic achievements, Oladipupo is also an accomplished researcher. He has been working in areas such as Environmental Economics, Development Economics, Financial Economics, Gender and Labour Economics, and Health Economics, with publications in reputable journals. Currently, he is a research mentee to Professor Sarah Jacobson of Williams College, USA, who is an expert in the field of Environmental Economics.

Oladipupo's next academic pursuit will take him to Arizona State University, where he has accepted one of 15 fully funded Ph.D. offers. Starting on August 5, 2024, he will specialise in Environmental Economics, Macroeconomics, and Development Economics.

A co-founder of The Investment Society at the University of Ilorin, Oladipupo's journey is a testament to the impact of the University's quality education and support. As he embarks on this new chapter, his story continues to inspire and exemplify the heights achievable with dedication and the right support.

AVAC App will strengthen UNILORIN, DMU partnership -- Jwaid

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Academic Lead of De Montfort University (DMU), Leicester, United Kingdom, and supervisor of the African Agriculture Knowledge Transfer Partnership (AAKTP) project, Dr Alli Jwaid, has disclosed that the developing Agricultural Value Chain (AVAC) App, will help to further strengthen the partnership between the University of Ilorin and his university.

Speaking with UNILORIN BULLETIN last Thursday (May 23, 2024), through the AAKPT UNILORIN team lead, Prof. Joshua Olaoye, who is also the Africa Knowledge Based Lead of the project, he said the App will also enhance knowledge transfer in the areas of Cyber Security both to personnel of Microscale Embedded Company Limited, Abuja and University of Ilorin.

According to him, "With the level of the development of the App, the DMU will help to further strengthen the partnership between the two universities and also enhance knowledge transfer in the areas of Cyber Security both to personnel of Microscale Embedded



■ **L-R: Dr Jwaid, Prof. Olaoye and other AAKTP members at the interactive session**

Company Limited, Abuja and University of Ilorin".

Dr Jwaid expressed satisfaction on the current phase of the project, urging the team to create media presentation in form of video, for the App and a button that will receive complaints both from the farmers and buyers.

He also urged them to maintain and properly address the vulnerability/security issues on the App, reminding them that the LUTMIS component of the App must be activated before the forthcoming conference in Ibadan.

In their separate remarks, Prof. Olaoye and Mr Ahmad Sadiq (CEO, Microscale Embedded Company Limited, Abuja) appreciated Dr Jwaid and promised to put in their best to improve the AVAC App based on his observations.

Also present at the meeting was Mr Khalil Ibrahim Usman (Company Supervisor), Mr Dare Mobolaji (AAKTP Associate), as well as other staff from Microscale Embedded Limited, Abuja, and Prof. M. O. Sunmonu, who joined the meeting virtually.

Clinical Sciences holds public lecture, research workshop

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

A Professor of Neurology at the University of Ilorin, Kolawole Wasiu Wahab, has called for the removal of universities from the Treasury Single Account (TSA) as many research works by scholars have been halted as a result of the inability to access foreign grants paid through the Central Bank of Nigeria because of the TSA policy in the country.

Prof. Wahab, who made the call penultimate Wednesday (May 27, 2024) while delivering the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences Public Lecture and Research Workshop, charged the government to “lift embargo on employment and employ more staff in universities and teaching hospitals and make recruitment into residency training seamless”.

Speaking on the theme, “Navigating the Twists and Turns of Medical Research in Nigeria”, the former Director of the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), also called on the government at all levels to finance medical research as it is done in other countries that are desirous of good health for their citizens.

Pointing out that “the world will only be better if we improve the way things are done”, the don said that to improve the country's health indices, there is a need to improve medical research.

He said, “Government must make a deliberate effort to finance medical research as it is done in other countries desirous of good health for their citizens, provide relevant infrastructure to encourage solution-driven research, improve working conditions to stem the tide of brain drain, grant universities true autonomy so that they will be able to manage their finances”.

Prof. Wahab also urged the



■ **Prof. Ambali (middle) presenting plaque of appreciation to Prof. Wahab (2nd left) while others look on, during the programme penultimate Wednesday**

universities and teaching hospitals in the country to “establish intra- and inter-disciplinary collaborations, collaborate with local and foreign universities for synergies, such as south-south and north-south collaborations, establish functional Research Management Offices, employ the best brains while respecting the Federal Character clause, motivate and reward productive staff, reintroduce refresher courses for staff, introduce students to research early in their training and institutionalise mentoring”.

In his presentation on the topic, “Effective Multidisciplinary Research Collaboration: Experience Working with Medical Researchers”, Prof. Alfred Adegoke of the Department of Counsellor Education, University of Ilorin, said that multi-disciplinary collaboration enables creativity in research, helps to create the ability to explore diverse fields in our efforts to create historical and new knowledge.

Prof. Adegoke said, “Many intellectual, social, economic and political problems require multidisciplinary approach to be solved. It reminds us of the unity that exists among diverse intellectual fields or disciplines. It provides the scholars with the

opportunity to delve into other disciplines in the course of his/her research thereby enabling him/her to appreciate the relevance of other disciplines”.

He said that the concentrated effort of many hands and minds is transformative in most organisational applications, adding that “tackling major issues in society today requires a collective effort by different disciplines working together”.

Also in her presentation, titled “Effective Multidisciplinary Research Collaboration in Nursing”, Prof. Deborah T. Esan of the Faculty of Nursing Sciences, Bowen University, Iwo, said that sustaining collaborative efforts and evaluating outcomes requires continuous evaluation, knowledge dissemination, funding opportunities and team building activities while ensuring equitable participation”.

Earlier in his opening address, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Sulaiman Funsho Ambali, said that all hands are on deck in creating an outfit for the Faculty, stressing that the University administration is already concluding arrangements to put all its outlets under the UNILORIN Holdings to enhance the Internally generated revenue in the University.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged the lecturers to improve on their research works, noting that their efforts in this regard will not go unrewarded.

In his remarks, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Prof. B. S. Alabi, appreciated the speakers for their thoughtful presentations, urging scholars to key into the messages passed.

In his vote of thanks, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Lukman AbdurRahman, explained that it has been a long standing tradition of the Faculty that Departments take turns to host the Faculty lectures which is held quarterly.



■ **Guests and participants at the event with the Provost of the College, Prof. Alabi (middle)**

Glitz, as Engineering celebrates retired, promoted staff

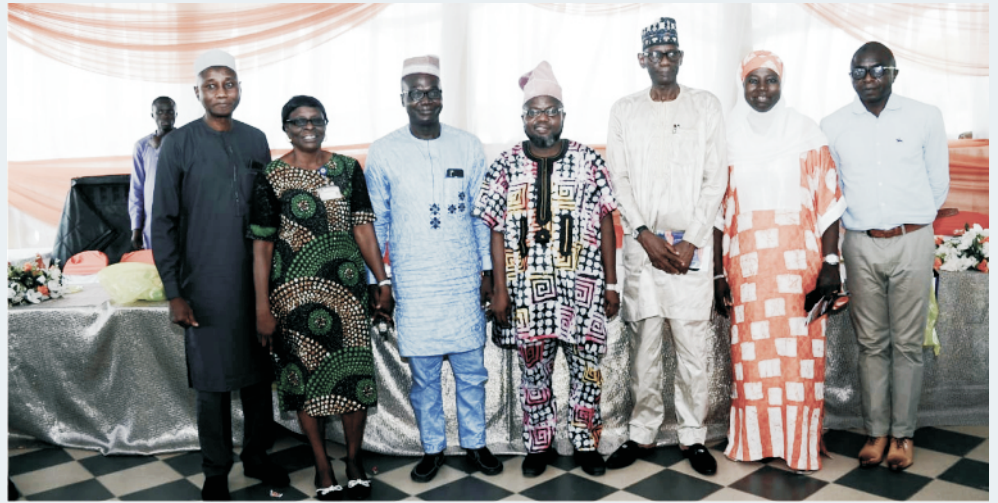
By Bashirat Omotosho

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology rolled out the red carpet penultimate Thursday (May 23, 2024) in celebration of excellence and dedication of some retired Faculty members and some promoted staff members.

Speaking on the occasion, the Dean, Prof Jamiu Kolawole Odushote, expressed gratitude to the retirees for their dedication and commitment to excellence while in the service of the University. He also congratulated the promoted staff members on their accomplishments.

Prof Odushote made this assertion while speaking at the send-off ceremony held last Thursday (May 23, 2024) for retirees, promoted professors, promoted chief senior technologist and grant award winners at the University Dam site.

Prof. Odusote explained that the programme was the “first of its kind where we come together as a Faculty to celebrate and honour excellence”. He noted that it was a day of recognition, appreciation and celebration as the Faculty honours those who have dedicated their careers to the progress of the Faculty thereby making



■ Dean, Prof. Odusote (middle) and some of the Faculty Award winners at the ceremony

invaluable contributions to the life of the students at various Departments.

The Dean maintained that their expertise, wisdom, and guidance have shaped the minds of countless students and left an indelible mark on the Faculty and the University at large.

The retirees are Prof. Suleiman Abdulkareem from Chemical Engineering, Prof. Bolaji Sule from Water Resources and Environmental Engineering, Prof. Yinusa Adediran from Electrical and Electronics Engineering,

Mr Okiemuye Ohworisi, Mrs Ibiyeye from Water Resources and Environmental Engineering, Mr Akinpelu Emmanuel from Central Workshop, Mr Adeloye Afolayan from Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Mr Isiaka Ishola, Dean's Driver and Mr Wahab Hassan, Caretaker.

The promoted professors are Prof. Temitope Odetoye, Prof. Nazmat Surajudeen-Bakinde, Prof. Bilewu Solomon, Prof. Shuaib Babata, Prof. Ajimotokan Habeeb, Prof. Tajudeen Adeboye, Prof. Rasheedat Mahamood, Prof. Musliu Sunmonu, Prof. Kamorudeen Yusuf, Prof. Rafiu Yusuf, Prof. Ismaila Ahmed, Prof. Jayeola Opadiji, Prof. Aye Ajiboye and Prof. YusufAbdulrahman.

The promoted Principal Chief Technologists are Dr Blessing Aboyeji, Engr. Oloyede Abiodun, Engr. Ben Ekwemuka, Engr. Arowolo Olatunji and Engr. Olorunshola Friday.

Speaking on behalf of the retirees, Prof. Bolaji Sule appreciated the Faculty management, Dean and other staff of the Faculty for honouring them.

He appreciated all those who made their stay in the University worthwhile and prayed that the University will continue to soar higher.

Major highlights of the event were the presentations by the Director of Counselling Unit, Prof. Foluke Bolu-Steve, who discussed “Life after Retirement” and Prof. Oloye, who discussed “Maximising Collaborative Efforts: Strategies for Securing Grants and career advancement”.

Expelled and Rusticated students



Name: Segun Micheal OYEWOLE
Mat. No.: 19/25OD186
Level: 400
Dept.: Counsellor Education
Faculty: Education
Offence: Beating a fellow female student
Punishment: Rustication for one academic session



Name: Olanrewaju Abdulkabir ABDULKADRI
Mat. No.: 22/52HL004
Level: 100
Dept.: Information Technology
Faculty: Communication and Information Sciences
Offence: Demand for money from the parent of a missing student as ransom
Punishment: Expulsion



UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Faculty of Engineering and Technology International Conference (FETiCON 2024)

2ND TO 6TH
JUNE, 2024

**SIDE ATTRACTION:
EXHIBITION &
ALUMNI AWARDS**

**THEME:
LEVERAGING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO
ACHIEVE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Sub-themes:

1. Environmental monitoring and conservation
2. Renewable energy optimization
3. Precision agriculture and food security
4. Smart cities and Infrastructure
5. Smart healthcare and assistive technology
6. Smart teaching and learning
7. Sustainable waste management
8. Green technology and climate action
9. Water resource management and blue economy
10. Security and strategic peace
11. Economic and financial re-engineering
12. Ethical AI Practices

Registration:

- Regular ₦50,000.000 (Early bird) >>> ₦60,000 (Late)
 - Student: ₦30,000 (Early bird) >>> ₦40,000 (Late)
 - International: \$150 (Early bird) >>> \$200 (Late)
- Early bird registration ends April 25, 2024

Publication and indexing:

All accepted papers will be indexed in the conference proceedings. Selected full length papers will be published in Scopus indexed journals; NJTD (APC: ₦60,000) and Key Engineering Materials (APC: €70)

Mode of Payment

Payment from Local Participants (Naira Transfer)
Name of Bank: United Bank for Africa (UBA)
Account Number: 1013302840
Account Name: Nigerian Journal of Technological Development
Purpose of Remittance: FETiCON 2024

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Account Name: Nigerian Journal of Technological Development
Beneficiary Account Number: 2245963694 (USD)
Bank Name: United Bank for Africa
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Intermediary Bank: CITIBANK NEW YORK
Account Number: 36320321
Swift Code: CITIUS33
Routing No: 021000089



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(Online Participation is also Available).

Important Dates:

Full paper submission: March 15, 2024
 Notification of acceptance: March 28, 2024
 Camera ready (final paper submission): April 15, 2024
 Paper submission is via CMT: www.feticon.com.ng/submit

Conference Schedule:

- Day 1: Arrival
- Day 2: Pre-conference workshop on AI and Cocktail
- Day 3: Opening ceremony and Breakout sessions
- Day 4: Breakout sessions, Closing Ceremony and Dinner/Alumni/techHub Award
- Day 5: Departure

Host: Prof. Jamiu Kolawole Odusote
Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology

Chief Host: Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN),
Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Conference Chair:
Prof Nazmat Surajudeen-Bakinde



UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN FACULTY OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

FAPSCON
2024
Final Call

Faculty of Physical Sciences Maiden International Conference (Hybrid) (FAPSCON 2024)

Conference Date:
4th – 8th
June,
2024

University Auditorium, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

Theme:

Renewable Energy and Clean Environment: Panacea for Sustainable Development

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Bankim Ch. TRIPATHY
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Chairman, Senate Committee on Agricultural
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2nd Faculty Lecture Speaker:

Dr. Justus Adebajo ADELEKE
Ph.D (Manchester), B.Sc. (1st Class, Ilorin), MBA (DELSU)
Wells, Reservoir & Facilities Management, ARADEL Holdings,
& Principal Consultant, Justus PetroConsult, Aberdeen, UK

Sub-Themes:

- a) Environmental Sustainability
- b) Role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education
- c) Mineral Exploration and Exploitation for National Development
- d) Environmental Health
- e) Indigenous Technologies in Environmental Management
- f) Emerging Trends for Efficient Fuel Production/Battery Technologies
- g) Trends in Water Exploration, Exploitation and Quality Assessment
- h) Waste Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Technologies
- i) Space Technology and Communication
- j) Food Security for Sustainable Development
- k) Population Growth and Associated Impacts
- l) Multi-disciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Approach to Attaining Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)

Important Dates:

Abstract submission (150 words) extended: 11th May, 2024
 Notification of acceptance extended: 15th May, 2024
 Full Paper submission (8 pages maximum) ends: 22nd May, 2024
 Camera ready (Final Paper) submission ends: 27th May, 2024

Conference Schedule:

- Day 1: Arrival and Registration
- Day 2: Opening Ceremony/Keynote Addresses/Awards/Technical Session
- Day 3: 2nd Faculty Lecture/Technical Session/Familiarization Tour
- Day 4: Technical Session/Dinner
- Day 5: Departure

Call for Abstracts:

Abstracts are invited from relevant disciplines. Submission will be peer reviewed and acceptance based on quality, originality and relevance. All accepted manuscripts will be published in the conference Book of Proceedings indexed in SCOPUS. All submissions should be sent electronically to fpsconference2024@unilorin.edu.ng
 website: www.fapscon.org.ng

Registration: Intending Participants can register via <https://forms.gle/VR5kb7yMrhKcVJCE9>

Participants	Early Bird	On-Spot
Faculty Members	N15,000 (Subsidized)	N20,000
Non-Faculty Members/Researchers	N25,000	N30,000
Students: Undergraduate	N5,000	N7,500
Postgraduate	N10,000	N15,000
International	\$100	\$150

Early Bird extended: 19th May, 2024

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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 23RD TO 30TH MAY 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	861,202.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	1,213,300.00
Sundry Other Income	4,098,600.00
Convocation Souvenir	688,000.00
Boarded Property	1,500.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	29,500.00
Refund (Salary)	1,925,000.00
Refund (Non Salary)	500,000.00
Interest on University Housing Loan	1,000.00
Income from Verification/Screening	35,000.00
Capitation NHIS	27,000.00
Contractors' Registration fee	16,000.00
Disciplinary fines	60,000.00
Publication	92,600.00
Staff I.D Cards	9,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	2,000.00
Tender Fees	210,000.00
Utility Income	245,600.00
Hire of University Property	32,400.00
Income from Fitness Centre	1,000.00
Rent on University Property	64,800.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	1,379,600.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	77,400.00
Postgraduate School Charges	1,398,650.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	140,500.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	2,300.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	1,284,350.00
Postgraduate Application form	1,810,950.00
Ilorin Business School Application form	100,800.00
Institute of Education School Charges	262,650.00
Institute of Education Application Form	733,600.00
Remedial Hostel Accommodation	45,450.00
Remedial School Charges	113,150.00
JUPEB School Charges	2,122,700.00
JUPEB General Payment	110,600.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦19,696,202.00
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
PGC Cleaners and Merchants Waste Collections	50,000.00
Aptlysaf International Ltd Development of E-Ticketing and Transcript Software (CBNTETFUND)	16,145,962.50
Keemsek Global Ventures Electrical Repairs	3,689,335.50
Meem Solar Solution Supply of CCTV and Installation	2,219,800.00
Muztaf Global Ltd Supply of Computing Equipment	9,614,800.00
Soft Soul Multipurpose Ltd Supply and Installation of Equipment ATC Programme	8,104,962.50
Olaiya Technical Services Supply of Office Furniture	4,495,755.50
Rastag Global Ltd Renovation of Old IOE Building	8,046,288.48
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Variou.s.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	34,858,914.38
Purchase Advance Various	5,951,300.00
Staff Training Staff Development Awards (CBNTETFUND)	1,500,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Mgt Board Supply of Fuel	8,656,335.00
Unilorin Guest Houses Catering Services	4,533,522.00
Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) Remittance of Revenue Collected.	14,503,386.56
IBEDC Electricity bill for the month of April 2024	150,195,380.00
Unilorin Press Printing	5,639,341.48
Social Sciences Student Charges for 2022/2023	1,347,600.00
Student Union Government Student Charges for 2022/2023	28,098,600.00
Lukuman Memorial Welfare Foundation Student Charges for 2022/2023	4,683,100.00
ARTS Student Charges for 2022/2023	2,063,200.00
EnviromentalSciences Student Charges for 2022/2023	354,800.00
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Faculty of CommInf Science Student Ass Student Charges for 2022/2023	1,104,800.00
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Nig Ass of Life Science Student Student Charges for 2022/2023	1,558,400.00
Management Sciences Student Charges for 2022/2023	1,680,000.00
PANS Unilorin Student Charges for 2022/2023	178,000.00
National Association of Science Students Student Charges for 2022/2023	1,250,800.00
Veterinary Medicine Student Charges for 2022/2023	174,400.00
TSA Charges Various	58,692.50
Total payment for the period	₦323,843,876.40

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S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Olawuyi, Ayodele Kehinde	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Jun 02
2	Sulaiman, Moshud Ayanda	Library	Jun 02
3	Zakariyya, Maymunat Bake	Registry	Jun 02
4	Okeola, Olayinka Gafar	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	Jun 02
5	Ogunleye, Samuel Adebisi	Security Division	Jun 02
6	Obalowu, Alabi Magaji	Registry	Jun 02
7	Saliman, Abdulrahman Kallah	Library	Jun 02
8	Oloyede, Isiaka	Statistics	Jun 02
9	Shehu, Fatai	Security Division	Jun 02
10	Otene, Janet Christiana	Registry	Jun 02
11	Ifelaja, Grace Adebimpe	Registry	Jun 02
12	Lamidi, Oluwatoyin Helen	Registry	Jun 02
13	Niyi-Gafar, Oluwabunmi Lucy	Jurisprud. & Interna. Law	Jun 02
14	Isiaq, Abdulwaheed Atanda	Political Science	Jun 02
15	Adegboye, Adiru Afolabi	Veterinary Medicine	Jun 02
12	Oyeyiola, Abdulhamid Kolawole	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Jun 02
13	Abdulraheem, Adijat Mojisola	Health Promotion & Environmental Health Education	Jun 02
14	Ahmed, Tijani Ayinla	Adult & Primary Education	Jun 02
15	Mustapha, Muinat Omolade	Registry	Jun 03
16	Olaoluwa, Monday	Security Division	Jun 03
17	Abdullahi, Yaqub Alhaji	Arabic	Jun 03
18	Adejoh, Mathew	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	Jun 03
19	Onifade, Olasunkanmi Adeoye	Health Promotion & Environmental Health Education	Jun 03
20	Yahaya, Yusuf	Security Division	Jun 03
21	Ajiboye, Samuel Kolawole	Counsellor Education	Jun 03
22	Lawal, Abdulmumin Abubakar	Educational Management	Jun 03
23	Kayode, Rebecca Omotayo	Registry	Jun 03
24	Kayode, Ajoke Oluwatoyin	Agric Extension & Rural Development	Jun 03
25	Abdul-Kabir, Asmau Imam	Centre For Ilorin Studies	Jun 03
26	Ahmed El-Imam, Amina	Microbiology	Jun 03
27	Busari, Yusuf Olanrewaju	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Jun 03
28	Abdulwahab, Tajudeen Babamale	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jun 03
29	Adebowale, Quadri Ramon	Telecommunication Science	Jun 03
30	Famuyiwa, Shola Temitope	Library	Jun 03
31	Lawal, Falilat Onundi	Geography & Environmental Management	Jun 03
32	Ayinla, Samuel Ayodele	Registry	Jun 03
33	Orimolade, Benjamin Olawale	Industrial Chemistry	Jun 03
34	Mohammed, Raji	Security Division	Jun 04
35	Lawal, Ismail Adigun	Surgery	Jun 04
36	Akoh, Enukorah Peter	Security Division	Jun 04
37	Iroye, Kayode Ademola	Geography & Environmental Management	Jun 04
38	Imam, Abubakar Sidiq	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jun 04
39	Adeniyi, Enekole Esther	Geography & Environmental Management	Jun 04
40	Ohunenise, Stephen Mayomi	Registry	Jun 04
41	Badru, Surajudeen Adewale	Arts Education	Jun 04
42	Yahaya, Ganiyat Taiwo	Registry	Jun 04
43	Daramola, Mojisola Bosede	Religions	Jun 04
44	Yusuf, Abdulhameed Badmas	Religions	Jun 04
45	Isa, Babatunde Folorunsho	Registry	Jun 04
46	Badmus, Eedris Kolawole	Civil Engineering	Jun 04
47	Adekunle, Samuel Babatunde	Biomedical Engineering	Jun 04
48	Akangbe, Job Seun	Registry	Jun 04
49	Ajide-Bamigboye, Nimat Toyosi	Microbiology	Jun 04
50	Fawole, Adegboyega Adisa	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Jun 05
51	Asiegbu, Joy	Registry	Jun 05
52	Usman, Salawu Anate	Portal Services	Jun 05
53	Enebi, Ojoafedo Emmanuel	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jun 05
54	Aweda, Wahab Yusuf	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jun 05
55	Olukotun, Amos Oluwole	Registry	Jun 05
56	Tunde, Afolabi Monisola	Geography & Environmental Management	Jun 05
57	Boluwade, Funmilayo Christiana	Registry	Jun 05
58	Bakare, Jibril Ayobami	Registry	Jun 05
59	Ibrahim, Abdullahi Olarewaju	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jun 05
60	Adewuyi, Yisa Omotayo	Registry	Jun 06
61	Owolabi, Funmilayo Rachel	Health Services	Jun 06
62	Isah, Hajarat Eneye	Health Services	Jun 06
63	Ayinmode, Roseline Modupe	Physiology	Jun 06
64	Nwosu, Florence Chika	Linguistics & Nigeria Languages	Jun 06
65	Abdul-Rahman, Lukman Olajide	Surgery	Jun 06
66	Shittu, Abdulwahab Danladi	Religions	Jun 06
67	Akinfenwa, Olubusola Bosede	Religions	Jun 06
68	Abdulwahab, Ramlat Abimbola	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 06
69	Ajakaiye, Mercy Emoshioke	Bursary	Jun 06
70	Nyamngee, Amase	Medical Microbiology & Parasitology	Jun 06
71	Sambo, Abdulrahman Waziri	Linguistics & Nigeria Languages	Jun 06
72	Ibrahim, Dauda Oladimeji	Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry	Jun 06
73	Ore, Fatimoh Kikelomo	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Jun 06
74	Abdulkareem, Yunus Idowu	Registry	Jun 06
75	Saheed, Soliu	Registry	Jun 06
76	Inotu, Blessing Simbiat	Registry	Jun 06
77	Mohammed, Danjima Mohammed	Bursary	Jun 06
78	Oseni, Babamale Abdulganiyu	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jun 06
79	Mustapha, Oba Toyin	Plant Biology	Jun 07
80	Atteh, Oluwayemisi Florence	Training Research & Development	Jun 07
81	Eyiolorunshe, Joseph Adekunle	Security Division	Jun 07
82	Ajidagba, Abibat Omowumi	Registry	Jun 07
83	Ajewole, Funsho Abayomi	Registry	Jun 07
84	Usman, Hajarat Enehezeyi	Registry	Jun 07
85	Adebayo, Bashir	Security Division	Jun 07
86	Atolani, Olubunmi	Chemistry	Jun 07
87	Suleiman, Hawawu	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 07
88	Fakile, Oluaseye Grace	Accounting	Jun 07
89	Olajugba, Samuel Olumide	Registry	Jun 08
90	Balogun, Bamitale Janet	English	Jun 08
91	Aniyikaiye, Christianah Olubunmi	Unilorin Staff School	Jun 08
92	Mohammud, Saadu Atolagbe	Security Division	Jun 08
93	Mohammed, Waheed	Security Division	Jun 08
94	Suleiman, Yekeen	Portal Services	Jun 08
95	Rasheed, Shofiu Adewuyi	Social Science Education	Jun 08
96	Salman, Medinah Tanwa	Computer Base Test	Jun 08
97	Oyedepo, Sunday Olaitan	Bursary	Jun 08
98	Kazeem, Muinat Olanike	Microbiology	Jun 08

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- While delivering the 258th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, entitled "Game Changer of ICT", Prof. Omenogo Mejabi of the Department of Information Technology, disclosed that she has developed an e-market place application for a closed system such as a university. ("Unilorin don develops e-market place for closed system", <https://kakakinblog.home.blog>; "FG Urged To Use ICT To Solve Cross -Border C h a l l e n g e " , <https://www.radionigeriakaduna.gov.ng>; "Unilorin don develops e-market place for closed system ", <https://solidmedia974482948.wordpress.com>; "Unilorin Female Prof Launches e-market place ", <https://newnigeriannewspaper.com>; "Unilorin don develops e-market place for closed system", <https://solidmedia>); UNILORIN Don Seeks Use of ICT to Tackle Cross Border Challenges, <https://newtelegraphng.com>; UNILORIN Don Seeks Use of ICT to Tackle Cross Border Challenges, <https://thereflection.com.ng>; UNILORIN Don Seeks Use of ICT to Tackle Cross B o r d e r C h a l l e n g e s , <https://nationaltrailonline.com.ng>

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the Ilorin-based legal luminary, Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, on his appointment as Chairman, Governing Council of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) ("Egbewole Congratulates Yusuf Ali on FUNAAB Governing Council Appointment", <https://www.dailytopic.com>)

- In an opinion article, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has paid a glowing tribute to the Principal Partner of the Ghalib Chambers, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, on the 30th anniversary of the Law firm slated for June

1, 2024. ("GHALIB CHAMBER@30: Yusuf Ali ELECTRIFIES KWARA", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "Ghalib Chambers @30: Yusuf Ali E L E C T R I F I E S K w a r a " , <https://theshieldonlineng.com>; "Ghalib Chambers @30: Yusuf Ali Electrifies Kwara", <https://theeagleonline.com.ng>; "Ghalib Chambers @30: Yusuf Ali electrifies Kwara", <https://blueprint.ng>; "Ghalib Chambers @30: Yusuf Ali electrifies Kwara ", <https://high-profile.com.ng>; "Ghalib Chambers @30: Yusuf A l i e l e c t r i f i e s K w a r a " , <https://championnews.com.ng>; "Ghalib Chambers @30: Yusuf Ali electrifies Kwara", <https://solaremnews.wordpress.com>; "OPINION: Ghalib Chambers @30: Yusuf Ali electrifies Kwara", <https://freshinsightneestv.com>; "Ghalib Chambers @30: Yusuf Ali electrifies Kwara", *New Telegraph*, Wednesday, May 29, 2024, P.12)

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commiserated with the management of FRCN Harmony FM, Idofian and the Kwara State Council of the Nigeria Union of Journalist (NUJ) on the death of one of the outstanding journalists in the state, AbdulRasak Bello. ("Egbewole Mourns Late Harmony FM Journalist ", <https://www.dailytopic.com.ng>)
- The pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, who is also a Professor of English Linguistic, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Mahfouz A. Adedimeji, has scored the Tinubu-led government high in the area of the DOTD Agenda for Education that was unveiled the Federal Government. ("Education: Kudos, Knocks for Tinubu", *New Telegraph*, Tuesday, May 28, 2024, P. 14)

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2.	JIMOH, Jubril Babatunde	Social Sciences/Geography and Environmental Management	Socio-Economic and Environmental Impacts of Ibadan-Oyo Expressway on Settlements in Oyo State, Nigeria	Thursday, 30 th May, 2024/12:00 noon	Faculty Board Room, Social Science
3.	ISARINADE, Julius Olaolu	Education/Social Sciences	Knowledge, Competence and Attitude of Special School Teachers in Helping Pupils with Autism to learn in South-west Nigeria	Thursday, 6 th June, 2024/10:00am	Faculty of Education Board Room



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Affiliation: Osun Poly now to issue UNILORIN degree certificate

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin and Osun State Polytechnic, Iree, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to introduce ten degree programmes at the 31-year old Polytechnic.

The ten degree programmes include Mathematics and Computer Science from the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Mass Communication from the Faculty of Communication and Information Science, Accounting and Business Administration from the Faculty of Management Sciences, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering and Mechanical Engineering from the Faculty of Engineering, as well as Microbiology and Food Science Technology from the Faculty of Agriculture.

The MoU, which was signed last Tuesday (May 28, 2024) at the Vice Chancellor's office was witnessed by Principal Officers and Council members of both institutions.

In his address at the event, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, articulated the shared vision of both institutions to foster academic excellence and ensure the holistic development of students.

Prof. Egbewole, who restated the University's global reputation for integrity, said it is committed to upholding rigorous academic standards in the certificate-awarding processes. He said, "We also want to plead that as a University, we don't cut corners, and we hope you will also go by the rules as regards the processes leading to the award of our certificates".

While acknowledging the rich institutional heritage of Osun State Polytechnic, the Vice Chancellor commended the Polytechnic for its commitment to meeting and surpassing the stringent criteria set by the University Centre for Affiliated Institutions.

He also expressed gratitude to the Chairman of the Governing Council of the Osun State Polytechnic for demonstrating exemplary leadership by leading the team to the signing of the MoU, adding that his coming highlighted the importance he attached to the MoU signing ceremony.

Prof. Egbewole expressed hope that the partnership between UNILORIN and Osun State Polytechnic would flourish, benefit students and contribute to the advancement of education in Nigeria.

Earlier in his remarks, the Chairman of the Governing Council of the Osun State Polytechnic, Hon. Diran Ayanbeku, expressed optimism that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the most sought-after University in Nigeria signifies a significant turning point for the institution, as it heralded an expansion of its academic offerings.

Hon. Ayanbeku said with the introduction of the initial ten programmes, he was hopeful that in the near future, there will be addition of more programmes, driven by the exceptional performance and patronage garnered by these initial programmes.

In his own remarks, the Rector of the Osun State Polytechnic, Iree, Mr Kehinde Adeyemi Alabi, echoed the sentiments of the institution's Council Chairman to anticipate the expansion of such opportunities to include more programmes in the near future.

The Rector said he was grateful to the Vice Chancellor, Senate and Management of the University of Ilorin for the opportunity to establish affiliation with the Most Outstanding University in Nigeria on ten programmes. He noted that the affiliation would foster collaboration between both institutions and elevate the standards of education in the polytechnic.

Mr Adeyemi said, "Today marks a historic milestone, solidifying the close academic relationship between our two



■ The Chairman of the Governing Council of Osun State Polytechnic, Hon. Diran Ayanbeku (right), and the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Egbewole, after the MoU signing ceremony

institutions".

Also speaking, the Director of the Centre for Affiliated Institutions, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ahmad Shehu AbdusSalam, announced significant progress in the Centre's efforts to foster academic collaborations across Nigeria. He said the Centre recently established Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with various institutions and is actively working on affiliating diploma, degree, and postgraduate programmes with multiple institutions across Kwara, Lagos, and other states.

Prof. AbdusSalam revealed that the Centre is currently in the process of affiliating diploma programmes with six institutions, degree programmes with four institutions, and postgraduate programmes with others, with several more under consideration.

Commenting on the next stage of the MoU signed with the Osun State Polytechnic, the Director noted that "In the next stage of the affiliation process, applications for degree programmes will be submitted to the National Universities Commission (NUC) for approval. This entails a verification visit from a team representing the NUC to the affiliated institutions".

He further clarified that as per NUC regulations, thirty percent of the staff involved in teaching activities at the affiliated institutions will be sourced from the parent institution to ensure that academic quality and standards are maintained.

Moreover, Prof. AbdusSalam highlighted the stringent oversight mechanism already put in place, saying, "We will continuously monitor the affiliated programmes, to ensure adherence to the approved courses. Any modifications or changes at the affiliated institution must receive endorsement from the Senate of the University of Ilorin, including questions, evaluations, library resources, and examination results."

Other members who were in the team from the Osun State Polytechnic, Iree, were the Vice Chairman of the Governing Council, Dr Sunday Ogundiji; the Registrar of the Polytechnic, Mr Abiodun Oyedele Oloyede; the institution's Bursar, Mr Sunday Ademola Afolabi, and the Director of Affiliate Programme, Dr Adekunle Raufu Raji.

Joining the Vice Chancellor at the signing ceremony were the Principal Officers and the Deans of concerned Faculties and other stakeholders.