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UNILORIN retains top spot in JAMB institutional rankings **Still the most subscribed *First choice for international students*

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin has once again emerged as the Most Subscribed Institution by candidates in the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Institutional Ranking for the 2022/2023 admission exercise.

The University was also ranked first in the category of Institution with the Highest Number of Admitted International Students, with 70 international students, beating Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, with 18 foreign students, to the second position.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

Egbewole promises 24-hour electricity supply by year-end

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has assured researchers at the institution that a stable 24-hour electricity supply will be restored on campus before the end of the year.

Prof. Egbewole gave this assurance penultimate Friday (July 5, 2024) while declaring open a TETFUND Grant Writing Workshop organised by the Center for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT) at the University Auditorium. *(Contd. on page 4)*



■ Prof. Ambali

Abdul-Raheem canvasses punishment, reward system for sanitation compliance

By Abubakar Imam

Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry, University of Ilorin, Adenike Modinah Abdul-Raheem, has urged constituted authorities to ensure the immediate institutionalisation of a punishment and reward system that would encourage the sanitation of the

environment.

Prof. Abdul-Raheem stated this last Thursday (July 11, 2024) while delivering the 262nd Inaugural Lecture, titled "The Sojourn of a Physical Environmental Chemist Exploring Environmental Impact in the Life of a Man" at the University Auditorium. *(Contd. on page 5)*



■ Prof. AbdulRaheem

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Be good ambassadors of UNILORIN, VC urges international students

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has encouraged the institution's foreign students to represent UNILORIN positively in their respective countries and wherever they find themselves.

Prof. Egbewole made this appeal last Tuesday (July 9, 2024) during a familiarisation visit by students from the Linguistics Immersion Centre to his office.

The Vice Chancellor, who explained the importance of the students' role as ambassadors of the University, assured them of his continued support and expressed a desire to welcome them back for their degree and postgraduate programmes. He also expressed hope that they would be able to convince other prospective admission seekers from their various countries to see the good work being done at the University of Ilorin.

While acknowledging the challenges faced by the students during their programme, the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law said that the challenges faced by the students

have played a crucial role in their personal and academic growth. He pointed out that overcoming these obstacles has not only enhanced their resilience but also equipped them with valuable problem-solving skills and adaptability.

Prof. Egbewole, however, encouraged the leadership of the Linguistics Immersion Centre to implement measures to prevent similar challenges in the future.

The Senior Advocate of Nigeria also reaffirmed the University's commitment to its students, both current and alumni, noting their value to the institution. He expressed confidence in the Centre's continued success and pledged the administration's support to the Centre, adding that all demands to improve the programme would be considered. He also appreciated the Director and other facilitators of the Centre for their dedication and efforts in ensuring the programme's progress.

Speaking earlier, the Director of the Linguistics Immersion Centre, Prof. Yusuf Lanre Badmus, expressed profound gratitude to the Vice Chancellor for revitalising the Centre, which had been inactive for some time. The Director

observed that the Vice Chancellor's visionary leadership and determination were key factors in the Centre's resurgence.

Prof. Yusuf said the visit was intended to complement a previously sent memo, to showcase the significant number of international students currently enrolled in the programme of the Centre.

Looking ahead, the Director outlined plans to promote the University's programmes further in Burkina Faso, Senegal, Mali, Chad, and other African countries to complement the students from Cameroon, Republic of Benin, Niger Republic, Togo and Côte d'Ivoire who are already enrolled in the Linguistics Immersion Centre's programme.

Prof. Yusuf said the Centre has already received numerous admission requests from these countries, which indicate a growing interest in the University of Ilorin's offerings.

In his remarks during the visit, one of the students from the Republic of Benin, Mr Oseni Olouwatoyin Mouyasir, expressed appreciation to the University of Ilorin's management for the exceptional training, which the Linguistics Immersion Centre offers them.

While reflecting on the language training, Mouyasir noted that "many international students initially struggled to express themselves in Nigeria. However, thanks to the programme, we have all become bilingual, which showcases the University's effective language education".

Another student from Cameroon, Miss Aken Comfort Api, expressed gratitude, on behalf of the international students, to the University management for its kindness since their arrival in Nigeria and appreciated the memorable invitation to celebrate Eid-I-Kabir, which made them feel warmly welcomed.

UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION; 2024 ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

In line with Article 12 Section (iii) (B) of the Constitution of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, the NOTICE is hereby given for election into

the following vacant positions of the National Executive Committee which are:

- a. National President
- b. National Vice President
- c. National General Secretary
- d. National Assistant General Secretary
- e. National Treasurer

- f. National Financial Secretary
- g. National Publicity Secretary
- h. National Social Secretary
- i. National Internal Auditor
- j. National Legal Adviser

ELECTION shall be held:
Date: 24th August 2024
Time: 10 am

Venue: The University of Ilorin Auditorium.

Signed: CHAIRMAN
University of Ilorin Alumni Association
2024 Electoral Committee

UNILORIN retains top spot in JAMB institutional rankings

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UNILORIN has been the most sought-after institution by admission seekers since 2013 and has been the winner of the JAMB award since its introduction in 2018. Last year, the university won N150 million, N75 million for being the Most Subscribed Institution by candidates and N75 million for admitting the highest number of international students.

The rankings, published in last week's edition of JAMB's weekly newsletter, JAMBULLETIN, evaluate

Nigerian tertiary institutions based on various criteria for the 2022/2023 academic session. The criteria encompass five distinct areas: Most Subscribed Institutions by Candidates, Most National in Terms of Admission Spread, Most Improved in Gender Balance, Most International Students, and Most Compliant to Admission Guidelines.

In the category of Most Subscribed Institution by Candidates, the University of Ilorin secured the top spot with 97,351 applicants. The University of

Lagos followed with 75,967 candidates, Nnamdi Azikiwe University had 58,956, Bayero University attracted 57,150, and the University of Benin garnered 55,455 candidates.

The University of Ilorin also topped the Admission of International Students category with 70 international students. Ahmadu Bello University followed with 18 students, the University of Maiduguri had 12, Nile University welcomed five, and Ebonyi State University admitted three international students.

SSANU, NASU call for payment of withheld salaries, removal from IPPIS

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) and the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), University of Ilorin Chapters, have appealed to the Federal Government to release their four-month withheld salaries, approve a living wage for Nigerian civil servants, and immediately direct the removal of university staff from the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPIS), among other demands.

The union leaders made the appeal last Tuesday (July 9, 2024) while speaking with the press on the sidelines of a protest rally staged to press home their demands.

The protesters moved from the University Auditorium to the Fountain, carrying placards with various messages, including: "NO SSANU! NO NASU! No University"; "SSANU rejects the usurpation of its offices"; "Pay our four months withheld salaries"; and "We demand total freedom from IPPIS", among others.

Addressing newsmen during the protest, the Chairman of SSANU,

UNILORIN Chapter, Comrade Naheem Falowo, called on Nigerians to prevail on the government to reduce the expenses of governance to better serve the people. He noted that university staff could no longer afford house rent, school fees for their children, and health care bills.

Similarly, the Chairman of NASU, Comrade Suberu Ibrahim, stated that the protest was to demand the payment of the four-month withheld salaries, the arrears of 12 months of a 25% salary increase, and the removal of university staff from IPPIS as their payment platform..

The NASU

Chairman also called for the approval of a living wage for Nigerian workers and a renewed commitment from the government to the nation's education system.

Also speaking, the National Financial Secretary of SSANU, Comrade Jimoh Akanbi, appealed to the government



Comrade Falowo

not to cause disunity among university unions.

Akanbi, who is a former Chairman of SSANU, UNILORIN Chapter, said the government, which paid the withheld salaries of teaching staff members, should endeavour to pay the withheld salaries of the non-teaching staff who are working in the same system.

He lamented that earned allowances, which were budgeted for in the 2023 appropriation, have not been paid in the second half of 2024 and that the government still owes the university staff one year of arrears of consequential salary adjustment. He appealed to the government to consider the plight of university staff who are finding it difficult to make ends meet.



Egbewole promises 24-hour electricity supply by year-end

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The Vice Chancellor, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali, acknowledged the current challenges faced by the University, particularly the recent disruption in electricity supply and the lack of essential resources needed to facilitate seamless research processes.

He urged researchers, staff, and students to be patient and make collective effort to overcome these challenges, saying, "We are aware of the challenges of electricity, which is central to achieving a successful study. The administration has been working assiduously to achieve success in this regard".

Pointing out that research is a key component of the University's tripartite mandate, Prof. Egbewole noted that "the product of research is what we use in teaching and in community service". He added that research "is very central to the Vision 1-10-500 of this administration, and it is very pertinent that we must deliberate in our research policies. We must put up measures that will encourage researchers and give our researchers what it takes to compete favourably with their contemporaries across the world".

While addressing issues such as the non-completion of research and lack of coordination among research teams, the Vice Chancellor lamented that these issues have significantly impeded research progress. He was, however, optimistic that the workshop would address these problems.

Prof. Egbewole reechoed the University's commitment to conducting impactful research that aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in order to address local, national, and international issues. He said, "We want all our researches to be impactful and address local, national, and international problems, not just for the sake of publishing. The era of publish or perish is gone. Now you must publish for sustainable development".

The Vice Chancellor also encouraged younger academics to learn from experienced researchers to ensure sustainability within the University. He urged Deans of Faculties and Heads of Departments to mentor the younger academics effectively, saying, "The future of this University belongs to the younger academics. Hence, I appeal to the Deans and Heads of Departments to mentor them well".

Earlier in his welcome address, the



■ Cross section of participants



■ Dr Oloyede

Ag. Director of the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Dr. Abdulkarim Ayopo Oloyede, said that the workshop aimed to equip academic staff and technologists with the essential knowledge and skills required to successfully apply for TETFUND Institutional Based Research (IBR) and National Research Foundation (NRF) Grants, which are crucial for funding research projects that contribute to the advancement of knowledge and societal development.

Dr Oloyede, who said the NRF initiative allows researchers to access up to 50 million naira for their work, highlighted the University's historical success with this fund. According to him, "over the years, we have had a maximum of seven principal investigators in a year coming from this institution, while some other universities are getting up to 19 applications in a single year. As part of the Vision 1:10:500 agenda of the current administration, research development is a key priority. We have organised this workshop so that in subsequent years, Unilorin researchers can also have more than 19 research proposals approved in a year. With the right support, this is

possible."

The Ag. Director of DREDIT also announced the establishment of mega research groups within the institution, disclosing that these groups are designed to promote collaborative efforts among staff, research students, and external experts, aiming to conduct impactful research that addresses specific challenges and advances knowledge in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

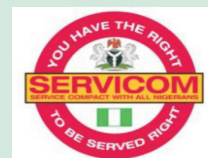
He said, "I want to emphasise the importance of the mega research groups and the necessity of allowing these groups to form their own leadership teams rather than having them appointed. This approach will ensure greater ownership, commitment, and effectiveness in achieving our research goals. Despite the challenges faced in the follow-up process, the mega research groups are still ongoing, and the university remains committed to their success. These groups are structured to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and are pivotal for aligning research efforts with the SDGs.

Dr Oloyede, who is a Wireless Telecommunications and Internet Governance specialist, explained that all future research proposals, Senate (Special) research grants, IBR, and NRF applications will be channeled through these research groups. He said that this streamlined approach is intended to foster collaboration, ensure alignment with institutional priorities, and maximise the impact of research endeavours.

He, however, encouraged all researchers in the University to consider joining a research group that resonates with their interests and expertise. "Together, we can make significant strides towards addressing global challenges and achieving sustainable development," he told the attendees.

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Abdul Raheem canvasses punishment, reward system for environmental sanitation

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The Inaugural Lecturer, who is the first female Professor of Chemistry produced by the University of Ilorin, explained that the system should also be extended to the higher education sector in order to achieve a rewarding, peaceful, clean and buoyant economy.

The renowned Professor of Environmental Chemistry also enjoined the government to provide adequate funding and state-of-the-art equipment necessary for ground-breaking research in Physical Environmental Chemistry to all higher institutions. She added that the support would facilitate infrastructure upgrade, regular monitoring and pollution control measures.

Prof. Abdul-Raheem also urged all the strata of government to ensure that their Environmental Protection Agencies (EPAs) are made functional and effective in order to aid collaboration among governmental agencies, local communities and environmental agencies for more innovative and sustainable solutions to soil, water and air pollution.

The Inaugural Lecturer added that it is crucial to effectively implement environmental management policies because doing so would mitigate the risks posed by heavy metal contamination in soil near dumpsites, water and air for maintaining soil, water and ambient air quality and safeguarding public health.

Prof. Abdul-Raheem also called for collaboration between industries and the Chemistry Departments in higher institutions, saying that such collaboration would develop biodegradable plastics from renewable sources to address plastic waste and protect marine ecosystems.

She also appealed to Chemistry Departments in higher institutions of learning to partner with international organisations like the United Nations to enhance their environmental chemistry research.

Prof. Abdul-Raheem, who is a



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

former Deputy Director of UNILORIN Renewable Energy Centre (UREC), also charged physical environmental chemists to unite with biologists, biochemists, engineers, medical personnel and social scientists in interdisciplinary research needed to effectively tackle complex environmental challenges.

She noted that those collaborative efforts will advance biomimetic technologies and sustainable energy initiatives and harness diverse expertise for effective solutions.

Prof. Abdul-Raheem also enjoined heads of local government councils to prioritise community engagement for environmental sustainability and social inclusivity. She added that they should specifically partner with the Chemistry Departments of institutions of higher learning within their localities to empower local communities with sustainable practices through collaborative research and

environmental chemistry expertise.

The Inaugural Lecturer also urged governments and managements of higher institutions to create a clean and hygienic environment and develop strategies that would bring about zero tolerance for open defecation. This, she said, would promote quality public health.

Drawing inspiration from her personal experience, particularly since she joined the services of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdul Raheem urged senior academics to always support the junior ones in order to facilitate their growth within the academic system.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was also attended by Principal Officers of the University, a former Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Ishaq Oloyede, Prof. Musbau Akanji, Prof. I.B. Oloyede, colleagues, friends as well as former and current students of Prof Abdul-Raheem.

UNILORIN team excels in National Climate Risk Research Challenge

By **Temitope Omoniye**

A team of students from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, has emerged as runner-up in the National Climate Risk Research Challenge organised by the Sustainable Africa Initiative in collaboration with the Climate Risk Research Foundation.

The team, comprising undergraduates and Master students, was led by Prof. Fatimo Adekola, Prof. Adebisi Adeyina, and Dr Olusegun Ojumoola. Over a period of three months, they worked tirelessly to predict the effects of climate

risk factors on crops in a local community, using advanced crop modeling and visualisation software.

Their research also focused on providing mitigation and adaptive solutions to help farmers adapt to the changing climate. The team's outstanding work earned them the second prize and \$3,500 prize money at the award ceremony held at the University of Ibadan on June 25, 2024.

Other universities that participated in the challenge included Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, University of Lagos, University of Uyo, University of

Ibadan, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, and Bayero University, Kano, amongst others.

In a chat with UNILORIN Bulletin, the leader of the delegation, Prof. Adekola, noted that the award highlighted University of Ilorin's commitment to excellence in research and its dedication to addressing pressing environmental issues.

She expressed the team's gratitude to the University management and the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole, for their support throughout the competition.



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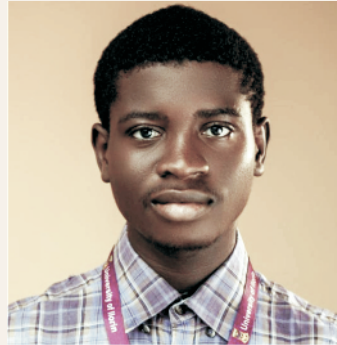
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UNILORIN Students' Union elects new exco

By *Mustafa Abubakar, Basirat Omotosho, and Sodiq Alabere*

A 300-level student of the Department of Accounting, Faculty of Management Sciences, University of Ilorin, Victor Ogehenetega Agezeh, popularly known as "VIGTEG", has been elected the 37th President of the University Students' Union.

In the election held Penultimate Friday (July 6, 2024), Agezeh was declared winner after defeating two other candidates for the top position.

Announcing the result, the UISEC Chairman for the 2022/2023 general election, Tijani Zainudeen Ayobami, said that Agezeh polled 12,026 votes to surpass his closest rival Abdullah Olanrewaju Adiamo, who polled 7,926 and Solomon Ilemo Samuel who scored 5,168 votes.

Also elected were Rodiyah Oyeronke Adegoke, Vice President (PS); Sarah Oreoluwa Olukorode, Vice President for the College of Health Sciences, Usman Adeyinka Adebayo of the Faculty of Information Sciences (CIS), General Secretary; Ramat Bukola Ganiyu, Assistant General Secretary; Ayanfeoluwa Sangobiyi, Financial Secretary; Habeeb Abiodun Aminu, Welfare Secretary, College of Health Sciences; Victor Tijesunimi, Welfare Secretary (PS); Abiodun Olalowu, Social Relations Officer; and Joseph Ajewole, Sports Secretary.

Other elections held were for the Senate Council, Faculties and Hall Representatives.

Senate Council: Francis Olamide Adeboye, Abdul-Lateef Olaseeni

Jamiu, Ruqayah Temitope Uthman-Ishola (Faculty of Agriculture); Naimot Opeyemi Jimoh, Saidat Olamide Lamina, Muhammed Gbolahan Ajani (Faculty of Art); Raheemah Fumilayo Abdulrahman-Raji, Opeyemi Enoch Afolayan, Yetunde Arinola Alawonla (Faculty of Basic Clinical Science); Ifeoluwa Adesewa Sodipo, Musa Morenikeji Mudashir, Samson Adeyanju Gbadamosi (Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences); Faith Omotola Sanni, Favour Chizuruoke Obiefula, Julius Olakuseyin Adigun (Faculty Communication and Information Science); Ibukunoluwa Joanna Tomiwa, Muslim Olatunde Abiola, Olawole Peter Olayimika (Faculty of Clinical Sciences); and Kabirat Abisola Adeoye, Afees Opeyemi Rasheed, Oluwasola Victor Dadda (Faculty of Education).

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Yusuf, UNILORIN alumna, becomes Appeal Court Justice

By Abubakar Imam

A graduate of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Justice Asmau Ojuolape Tanwa Yusuf, was last Wednesday (July 10, 2024) sworn-in as one of the new Justices of the Court of Appeal.

The event, which took place at the Supreme Court of Nigeria Complex, Abuja, was presided-over by the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Olukayode Ariwoola.

Until her elevation, Justice Yusuf was a Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory.

Justice Yusuf, who was born on May 20, 1979 and called to the Nigerian Bar in 2004, was also a staff member of the Directorate of Legal Affairs of the University of Ilorin before joining the Kwara State judiciary as a Magistrate.

Reacting to the



Justice Yusuf

development, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said that the University is delighted to have one of its alumni and ex-staff member as a Justice of the appellate court.

In a statement issued on his behalf by the Director of Corporate

Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that the management, staff and students of the University received the news of the elevation of Justice Yusuf to the appellate court with pride and gladness.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), described Justice Yusuf as one of the outstanding products of the University and a thoroughbred judicial officer whose activities on the lower bench have been very exciting and remarkable.

While congratulating Justice Yusuf on her elevation, the Vice Chancellor urged her to continue to serve as an impartial adjudicator. He also urged her to remain a shining role-model to students of the University and members of the nation's younger population at large.

UNILORIN Mass Comm students shine at Advertising Industry Colloquium

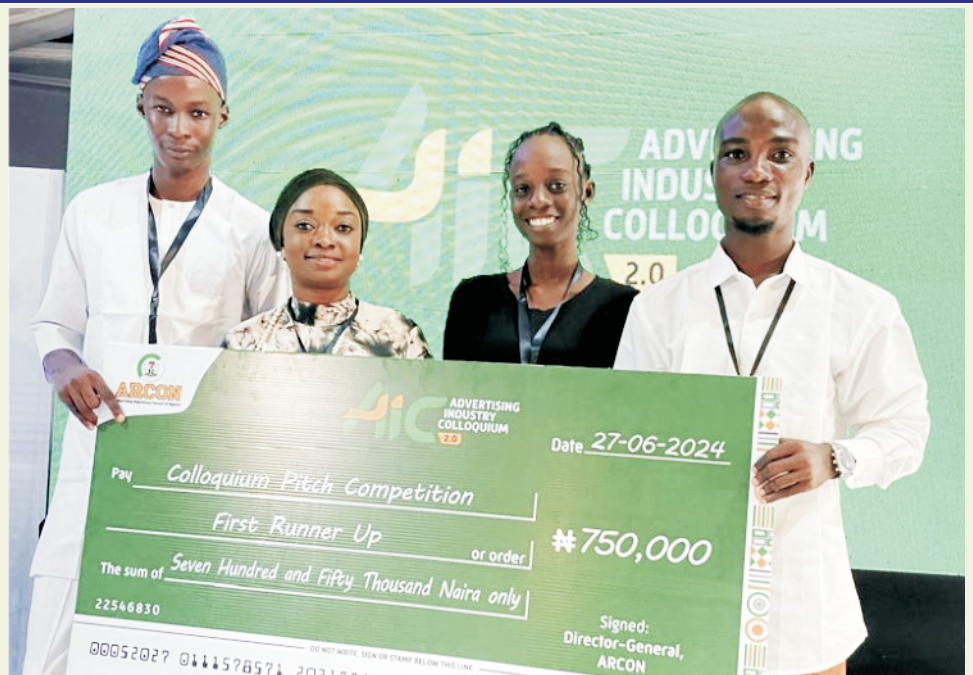
By Temitope Omoniyi

A team of talented students from the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, has made the University proud by emerging as first runner-up at the Advertising Industry Colloquium 2.0.

The Colloquium, held at Sheeba Hall, Ikeja, Lagos, on June 27, 2024, is a premier event that brings together students and professionals in the advertising industry to share ideas and showcase their skills.

Led by the Ag Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr. Kehinde K. Kadiri, the team consisted of Ahmed Olawale Animashaun, Stephen Okikioluwa Ifebajo, Afolarin Ibrahim Sanusi, and Oluwafunmibi Oreoluwa Tawose.

Dr Kadiri commended the students for their dedication and resilience, saying, "I am pleased to



see our students excel in such a prestigious competition. Their hard work and determination have paid off, and we are grateful for the recognition they have brought to our University."

She added that the team's achievement reflects the Department's commitment to producing talented and industry-ready graduates.

Faculty honours Oriola for contributions to environmental awareness

By Isaac Lewu and Bashir Dawodu

The Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, penultimate Thursday (July 4, 2024) held its 3rd Valedictory Lecture for the retiring Prof. Emmanuel Okunlola Oriola, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to environmental awareness and academic excellence.

The event, held at the institution's Social Science Lecture Theatre, celebrated Prof. Oriola's distinguished career and profound impact on both the University and the society at large.

In the Valedictory Lecture, titled "The Environment and You: A Rethink", Prof. Oriola lamented the shift from merit-based practices to nepotism in university admissions and employment, and called for a return to the principles of fairness and excellence.

He highlighted critical issues affecting education and the environment, calling for measures to combat pollution, promote tree planting, and improve irrigation techniques to uplift local farmers.

Emphasising the dangers of noise pollution and improper waste disposal on public health, Prof. Oriola called for renewed environmental ethics and awareness campaigns.

He stressed the need for a conducive academic environment to enhance educational quality, expressing concern over the pressures faced by educators today.

In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), commended Prof. Oriola's exemplary



career and advocacy for environmental sustainability.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, further commended Prof. Oriola's dedication and leadership, while also recognising his advocacy on environmental sustainability and his unwavering commitment to educational excellence.

In her remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. J. A. Omede, acknowledged Prof. Oriola's significant contributions to the University and expressed gratitude for the Vice Chancellor's support in organising the event.

She added that the ceremony, marked by reflections on Prof. Oriola's achievements, underscored the role of the academia in shaping a sustainable future.

On his part, the immediate past Dean of the Faculty, Prof. I.P. Ifabiye, said that the event was not only to celebrate

Prof. Oriola's illustrious career but also served as a call to action for environmental responsibility and educational integrity, resonating as a guiding beacon for future generations.

The event was attended by dignitaries including the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotosho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research, Technology and Innovation (RTI), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the University Librarian, Dr. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. B.S. Alabi; the Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Omojasola; the immediate past Registrar of the University, Dr. Modupe F. Olowoleni; and her husband; the Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Noah Yusuf, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Akasoro; the former Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Abdullateef Oladimeji; Oba D. S. Oyerinola, Alada of Adanla and staff members and students of the University.

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Others are Ridwan Olamilekan Akinjobi, Adejumo Grace Olawale, Mariam Sarah Olowofuja (Faculty of Engineering); Oluwanifemi Chiamaka Bejide, Quaribat Oluwabukola Adeyinka, Mubarak Omotayo Awoyemi (Faculty of Environmental Science); Waliulahi Aluko Abdulrahman, Adaeze Miriam Ani, Abdulhafeez Olaitan Agboola (Faculty of Law); Taiwo Kelly Demehin, MusAb Adedayo Lawal, Romlah Omolara Sanni (Faculty of Life Sciences); Idris Alabi Badmus, Abdulazeez Olaide Odewole, Mariam Ayomide Babalola (Faculty of

Management Sciences); and Joseph Oluwatobilola Olojede, Islamiyat Olajumoke Olajide, Rodiat Morounkunbi Akewushola (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences).

Others are Rofiat Titilope Abdulsalam, Ademola Abdulhameed Oloru, Anuluwapo Gbenga Owolabi (Faculty of Physical Sciences); Abdullahi Olalekan Soliu, Bukola Janet Iwaluwa, Ayobami Makanjuola Badmus (Faculty of Social Sciences); Faruq Olanrewaju Anifowose, Fatihat Olamide Sulaiman, Ayodeji Samson Orobowale (Faculty of Veterinary Medicine).

Hall Representatives: Nnamuria

Mariam Abdullahi (Abuja Hostel), Sheu-Ibrahim Ayomide Yusuf (Lagos Hostel-Male), Oluwasemilore Abiodun Bamigboye (Lagos Hostel-Female), Faridah Lolade Yusuf (Needs Hostel), Yusuf Faruq Abdulmalik (New College Male Hostel), Muhammad Opeyemi Kusimo (Old College Male Hostel), Ayomide Amirat Adeleke (Old College Female Hostel), Abdulganiy Adeyinka Adebayo (Saboke Male Hostel), Karimot Abisola Babalola (Saboke female Hostel), Aminat Kolo Mohammed (Trunil Hostel), and Queen Aishat Olawale (Zamfara Hostel).

Geophysics Dept holds maiden M.Sc defence

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Department of Geophysics, University of Ilorin, has held its maiden Postgraduate thesis defence.

The Department, which commenced the M.Sc. and Ph.D. Postgraduate programmes in the 2021/2022 academic session, held the maiden M.Sc thesis defence at the end of the Department's 2022/2023 session last Thursday, (July 4, 2024).

Speaking at the end of the exercise, the External Examiner, Prof. O.G. Bayowa of Ladoké Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomosho, commended the two researches presented for their quality, noting his deep satisfaction.

He stated that by his reckoning, such quality could not have been achieved without the unflinching cohesion of purpose among the staff of the Department. He, therefore, urged members of the Department to sustain the cooperation and other efforts that have resulted into the successful defence.

In his remarks, the Head of the Department of Geophysics, University of



Ilorin, Prof. S. Olatunji, appreciated the University management for its support, especially in the provision of facilities, such as the establishment of an Intergraph Room, where the grants recently won by staff of the Department were installed.

Prof. Olatunji noted that the installations have aided the quality of

research carried out in the Department. He also thanked the staff of the Department for their support and hard work, noting that their work ethics ensured the success recorded with the maiden defence.

The two postgraduate students, who successfully defended their M.Sc. researches, are Okekeogugbe, O. A. and Olajolo, O. S.

Tribute galore as Performing Arts celebrates life and times of Prof. Kofoworola

By Mubarak Oladosu and Lateat Raji

The Department of the Performing Arts, University of Ilorin, has celebrated the life and times of Prof. Ezekiel Oyegbile Kofoworola, a departed hero of the Department, who died at 85 years of age, with a series of enthralling events and performances.

While setting the tone for the events, which kicked off with a procession that began in front of the Faculty of Arts and ended with a series of events held in the Performing Arts Theatre last Thursday (July 11, 2024), the Head of the Department, Prof. Segun Oyewo,

declared, "We are not here to mourn but to celebrate the exit of an icon"... He reminisced on the activities of Prof. Kofoworola in the Department when he was a lecturer, and Head of Department.

Prof. Oyewo encouraged the audience to reflect back on life itself and make good use of life by impacting positively, noting that death is the only common heritage of all human beings as riches, wealth and offsprings are bound to elude some.

While delivering the message of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Léré Adéyemi, said that the Vice Chancellor wrote to the Faculty and

Department to deliver the University's greeting and commiseration to the family over the loss of the iconic literary guru"

The Dean, who is a Professor of Yoruba, ended his remarks with ewi, a Yoruba eulogy poetry, in paying tribute and mourning the eternal exit of Prof. Kofoworola from the land of the mortals.

Speaking at the event, a former Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Abdulrasheed Abiodun Adeoye, described Prof. Kofoworola as a peace maker, action man, creative director, teacher, who used the Aristotelian reverse mentoring model to keep abreast of the latest trends in his field.

Prof. Adeoye said he participated in acting "Dance of the Mosquitoes", written by Prof. Kofoworola and also in reading excerpts from Prof. Kofoworola's Play, "Funtoje Our Love", along with Prof. Oyewo, Dr Taye Adeola, Dr Akinsipe D. and Mr. Femi Atteh.

Other members of the Department who paid their respective tributes were Prof. Solomon Ikibe, Dr Mrs Shuaib and Dr Tayo Arinde among others.

In his reaction, Dr Kayode Kofoworola, who spoke on behalf of the family, described their patriarch as a quintessentially funny man who dispels gloom from those around him.

He mentioned the values he instilled in them as hard work, empathy and aiming high and integrity.



You are not inferior, Oloyede tells Islamic students

By Bashirat Omotosho



The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Ishaq Olanrewaju Oloyede, has told students of Islamic Studies that studying the course doesn't make them inferior

Prof. Oloyede gave the assurance penultimate Thursday (July 4, 2024) during the annual Symposium of the 400 level students of the Department of Religions, Islamic Studies Unit, University of Ilorin.

The Registrar, who was represented by Navy Captain Gidado Taofeeq Mikhdad, said, "Success is not a straight path but often a winding road filled with obstacles, but each challenge is an opportunity to learn, grow, and become stronger".

He advised the students to free their minds from stereotypes that may be directed at them as students of Islamic Studies.

He advised the students to mirror their lives after the people that have made monumental achievements but not view themselves merely as potential clerics.

Captain Gidado noted that "good things come with patience and seeing themselves as someone who would prosper is the beginning and with Allah everything and anything is possible", maintaining that he studied Islamic studies and today, he is a Naval officer.

Speaking on the topic, "New directions in Islamic Studies in the 21st century", Captain Gidado explained that there are new possible directions to be included in the teaching of Islamic Studies

where students would learn the text, context and hypertext of the Hadith and Fiqh.

He maintained that the new possible directions include reconceptualisation of Islamic Studies through its combinations with other disciplines such as Islamic Studies and digital humanities, Islamic Studies and Political Science, Islamic Studies and Medical Sociology, Islamic Bioethics, Islamic Architecture among others.

Captain Gidado told the students, "We all have within us an incredible reservoir of strength, resilience, and potential. But tapping into that reservoir requires faith -- faith in our abilities, faith in our dreams. It means embracing failures as stepping stones to success, rather than as dead ends".

He maintained that they have to keep moving to generate attraction nationally and internationally as opportunities abound and they should use the opportunity of studying at the University of Ilorin as a launch-pad, saying, "If they feel you cannot, and you say you can, then Allah will make it so".

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Lere Adeyemi, reminded the students of the University that they are global citizens and the Lord will take them there.

He advised them not to relegate themselves, but believe in themselves and believe in God.

He encouraged them not to be distracted in life in order to achieve their goals.

In his remarks, the Level Adviser of the 400 level students, Mr Ibrahim Olayinka Oniye, explained that everything that has a beginning must have an end.

He admonished the students to see the training as an opportunity to equip themselves with necessary materials to go on their sojourn in life.

He noted that with steadfastness, patience, commitment and tolerance, the sky is their starting point.

Highlights of the event included the rendition of poems, presentation of award and certificates to the lecturers of the Department.

Among the dignitaries at the event were the Director of Linguistics Immersion Centre, Prof Badmas Lanre Yusuf, Prof. Imam Aliagan, Dr Akiti Alamu, Dr Dauda Gambari, Dr Danladi Shittu, students from the Department, among others.



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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 4TH TO 11TH JULY, 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	922,550.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	2,247,348.39
Sundry Other Income	3,139,993.39
Convocation Souvenir	609,900.00
Boarded Property	15,000.00
Income from Verification/Screening	145,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	7,000.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	14,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	16,000.00
CODL Undergraduate Charges	60,600.00
Utility Income	343,700.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	55,000.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	38,500.00
Postgraduate School Charges	1,837,500.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	1,150.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	175,000.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Payment	100,750.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	150,900.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	4,347,950.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	82,300.00
Institute of Education Application Form	340,000.00
Remedial Application Form	167,200.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	126,000.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,980,900.00
JUPEB Application Form	25,200.00
Total Receipt for the Period	? 16,949,441.78
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Tunks Technologies Ltd Supply of Laptop (CBNTETFUND)	1,083,720.93
Nikyay Dynamic Enterprise Ltd Reconstruction of Collapsed Septic Tank/Soakaway pits and desilting of drainage	1,631,420.00
Cosmic Insurance Brokers Ltd Premium Due	5,599,572.00
Bridge Numerics Ltd Certificate of Habitability of Liaison office Abuja	3,000,000.00
Teras/Unilorin ICDL ICDL CRN Subscription and ATC Train the trainer (CBNTETFUND)	21,000,000.00
Vintage Press Ltd Advertisement	169,282.69
Leader and Company Ltd Advertisement	326,525.00
Agi and Partners Ltd Consultancy Services (CBNTETFUND)	2,384,830.86
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	15,121,851.15
Purchase Advance Various	5,838,100.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	400,400.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	169,750.00
Staff Training Research Grant	4,525,218.62
TSA Charges Various	38,592.50
Total payment for the period	? 61,289,263.75

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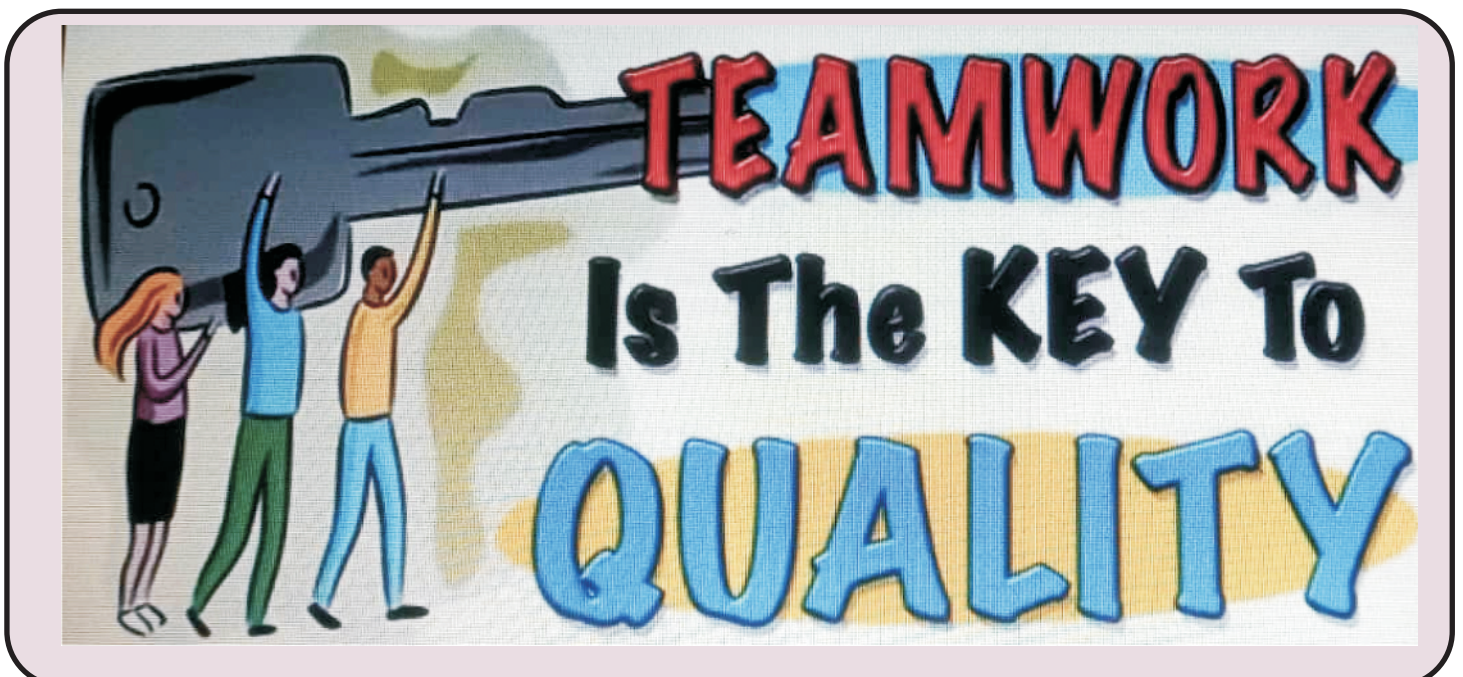
S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1.	IDRIS, A. Oyewole	Basic Clinical Sciences/Pharmacology and Therapeutics	The Adjuvant Effects of Chloroquine on Acrylamide-Induced Renal Glomerular Diseases in Adult Wistar Rats	Thursday 11 th July, 2024/10:00am	Anatomy Departmental Seminar Room (New College Site)



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Odeigah, Louis Okeibunor	Family Medicine	Jul 14
2	Ijagbemi, Comfort Iyabo Aiyeloja	Registry	Jul 14
3	Ijaiya, Gafar Tunde	Economics	Jul 14
4	Lawal, Mistura Nike	Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering	Jul 14
5	Tiamiyu, Osuolale Abdramon	Telecommunication Science	Jul 14
6	Owolabi, Ogochukwu Mary	Registry	Jul 14
7	Bello, Issa Adebayo	Security Division	Jul 14
8	Yusuf, Nafeesat Asabe	Registry	Jul 14
9	Imamfulani-Hassan, Aminat Omolola	Physiology	Jul 14
10	Afolabi, Hassan Adegbola	Network Operating Centre	Jul 14
11	Jemiwobi, Kayode	Security Division	Jul 15
12	Kalejaiye, Hassan Kehinde Ayodele	Health Services	Jul 15
13	Abolarin, John Olawuyi	Central Workshop: Engineering	Jul 15
14	Oriowo, Matthew Olanrewaju	Optometry & Vision Science	Jul 15
15	Ijaiya, Muftau Adeniyi	Finance	Jul 15
16	Imam, Yahya Oyewole	Religions	Jul 15
17	Babamale, Isiaka	Security Division	Jul 15
18	Olatoke, Joshua Kayode	Jurisprudence & International Law	Jul 15
19	Bello, Olukayode Cornelius	Registry	Jul 15
20	Adeyemi, Florence Modupe	Registry	Jul 15
21	Anya, Catherine Elu	Registry	Jul 15
22	Olubiyo, Olufunke Hellen	Registry	Jul 15
23	Adeyemo, Olatundun Simbiat	Bursary	Jul 15
24	Basiru, Afisu	Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry	Jul 15
25	Mohammed, Kudirat Jumoke	Centre For Counselling & Human Development	Jul 15
26	Yusuf, Badmus Olarewaju	Religions	Jul 16
27	Ajileye, Gloria Ibidun	Registry	Jul 16
28	Garba, Yakubu	Bursary	Jul 16
29	Odebode, Adeola Aminat	Counsellor Education	Jul 16
30	Abdulmumin, Bilqees Ayoola	Finance	Jul 16
31	Okeke, Constance Chinyere	Registry	Jul 17
32	Fadesire, Sunday Ayinla	Web Support Services	Jul 17
33	Badiru, Abdullahi Ayinde	Library	Jul 17
34	Adetutu, Joseph Adebayo	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jul 17
35	Akanbi, Olatunde Babatunde	Veterinary Pathology	Jul 17
36	Ologe, Abimbola Rita	Registry	Jul 17
37	Alamoyo-Yusuf, Alimat Ajibike	Registry	Jul 17
38	Olafunmishe, Habeebat Aduke	Health Services	Jul 17
39	Abdulrasaq, Ridwan	Library	Jul 17
40	Yusuf, Aishat Abdulqadri	Science Education	Jul 18
41	Ahmad, Sadiya Isah	Registry	Jul 18
42	Olarewaju, Olamide David	Registry	Jul 18
43	Suleiman, Saliu Salahudeen	Veterinary Public Health & Preventive Medicine	Jul 18
44	Usman, Yisa	Security Division	Jul 19
45	Ajagbe, Ajibola Oluwasegun	Telecommunication Science	Jul 19
46	Omotosho, Remi Stephen	Registry	Jul 19
47	Omidiji, Olaitan	Works: Mechanical	Jul 19
48	Ihedioha, Esther Ifesinachi	Siwes Unit	Jul 19
49	Ajimati, Rasidat Titilayo	Library	Jul 19
50	Ahmed, Limota	Human Kinetics & Health Education	Jul 20
51	Ameh, Michael Oonwudegu	Security Division	Jul 20
52	Braimoh, Kunle Thomas	Radiology	Jul 20
53	Atanda, Jimoh	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jul 20
54	Adegbite, Hassana	Registry	Jul 20
55	Ayuba, Hussaina	Registry	Jul 20
56	Olumoh-Abdul, Hidayah Ayodeji	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Jul 20
57	Afolabi, Saheed Olanrewaju	Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Jul 20
58	Yusuf, Hamed Agboola	Economics	Jul 20
59	Aremu, Khadijat Omowumi	Health Services	Jul 20
60	Fakoya, Abdulamid Abiola	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jul 20

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

- In an advertisement, the National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED), University of Ilorin, has called on qualified candidates to apply for the post of Director. ("UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, NIGERIA, NATIONAL CENTRE FOR HYDROPOWER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT(NACHRED), VACANCY FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR" *The Nation* Monday, June 17, 2024; "UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, NIGERIA, NATIONAL CENTRE FOR HYDROPOWER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT(NACHRED), VACANCY FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR", *This day Monday*, June 17, 2024, p.25).
- In an interview, a Professor of Public health at the University of Ilorin, and Consultant Public Health Physician at the University of Ilorin teaching hospital, has said that cholera spreads from person to person mainly through contaminated food and water. ("Overcrowding poor sanitation aid cholera transmission- UNILORIN prof.", *The Punch* Tuesday, June 18, 2024, p.3)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), has expressed concern over the recent hike in electricity tariffs imposed by the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC). (Varsities groan under heavy electricity bill", *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, June 25, 2024, p.7)
- The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Unilorin Chapter, has staged a rally on campus where the Chairman, Dr Alex Akanmu, has urged well-meaning Nigerians to prevail on the government to do the needful with regards to their outstanding emoluments. ("ASUU warns of impending closure of varsities", *New Telegraph*, June 26, 2024, p.28).
- The University of Ilorin has been mentioned among other universities that the Federal Government will inaugurate its Governing Council on July 4, 2024. ("FG to inaugurate varsities governing councils July 4", *The Punch* Tuesday, July 2, 2024, p.15)
- The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, has honoured the first Professor from Ilorin Emirate, Prof. Saka Nuru, who was a former Deputy Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University Zaria at its Maiden Annual Lecture. ("Nigerians spend 65% of salaries on food -UN", *Leadership* Thursday, July 4, 2024, p.8)
- The University of Ilorin has been mentioned among other universities where the non-teaching members of both the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) and the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU) to compel the Federal Government to release the withheld four-month salaries of University workers. ("SSANU, NASU begin protest over four months withheld salaries", *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, July 10, 2024, p. 19; "Withheld Salaries: SSANU, NASU cripple nations varsities", *Vanguard*, Wednesday, July 10, 2024, p. 4; "Varsity workers protest over outstanding pay rocks campuses", *The Nation*, Wednesday, July 10, 2024, p.4)
- The University of Ilorin has been listed among the top Federal Universities at the Duel 2024-2025 season competition making the list of the 16 universities with a total score of 82.7%. ("UNILAG, CU 14 others qualify for University Duel Finals", *The Nation* Thursday, July 11, 2024, p.17)
A 400-level student of Biochemistry at the University of Ilorin, Rukayat Afuwape, has choose the path of barbing, a male dominated occupation in Africa. ("How female students are breaking gender norms, barriers", *The Nation*, Tuesday, July 11, 2024, p.18).
- The University of Ilorin has been mentioned in a publication describing the surge in its monthly electricity bill from 70million to 230million as a situation the Vice Chancellor of the Institution, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole termed unsustainable. ("How to avert crises In Nigeria Public universities", *Vanguard*, Thursday, July 11, 2024, p.18)





UNILORIN Students' Unilon flags off own hostel project ... project'll be named 'Egbewole Hostel' -- SU President

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has turned the sod for the construction of a 10-bedroom (40 bed spaces) bungalow hostel, which is the capital project of the 36th Students' Union leadership of the University.

While speaking at the event held last Friday (July 12, 2024), the Vice Chancellor said the University of Ilorin is extremely lucky to have this crop of students thinking positively and looking at how students can partner with the University in making life more enduring for the student population.

Prof. Egbewole expressed joy that the student leadership is thinking of alleviating the accommodation challenges confronting the student populace, noting that accommodation is crucial, as solving it addresses a significant percentage of the problems people face as human beings.

He commended the 36th Student Union leadership for initiating such a project and urged the Physical Planning Unit (PPU) of the institution to continue monitoring it and offer professional advice to ensure its completion as planned.

The Vice Chancellor also encouraged the Student Union to involve their members from the Departments of Architecture, Estate Management, Building, and Quantity Surveying of the University in the supervision process, saying that this would provide them with valuable learning opportunities during their studentship. He expressed the hope that the project would be ready for commissioning in the next few months.

In his remarks, the 36th President of the Student Union, Mr Adesunkanmi Joseph Ologundudu, said the hostel, which will feature 10 rooms, two common rooms, and 40 bed spaces, will be named after Prof. Wahab Egbewole in appreciation of the support, counselling and role he had played in ensuring the success of the Students' Union executive.

The Student Union President said there have been several projects by the Students' Union over the years, but there has been none like this, noting that this initiative marks a departure from previous projects due to its scale and expected impact.

He said, "The 36th executive has a mantra to



■ The Vice Chancellor laying the foundation of the hostel last Friday, while the Director of PPU, QS Jimoh (right), and others watch

build a lasting legacy, and we believe this is one such legacy that our administration will forever be remembered for. This achievement is courtesy of the Vice Chancellor, who approved and supported this initiative from the day we conceived it. We thank him for his fatherly support and also appreciate the Director of Works, the Dean of Student Affairs, and the entire executive members of the 36th Student Union".

Mr Ologundudu pointed out that the incoming Student Union executive has been committed to complete the project to ensure its sustainability and success.

The Director of the Physical Planning Unit (PPU), Q.S. Toyin Jimoh, also confirmed the Students' Union's commitment to the project's completion, as he explained the importance of professional oversight to ensure its success.

The PPU Director said if completed, the hostel project will add to the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) of the Students' Union and it will alleviate the issue of hostel accommodation in the university.

Joining the Vice Chancellor at the turning of the sod was the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; and the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu; among others.