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By Tajudeen Babamale, Bashir Dawodu and Latifat Raji

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called on the National Assembly to provide adequate budgetary support for universities in Nigeria to enable them to achieve global standard.

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Prof. Egbewole (left); Senate Leader, Senator Bamidele (right), and other guests at the public lecture, last Monday

FROM THE VC's DESK

My beloved students,

Let me start by congratulating you all on the successful conduct of your general elections, culminating in the emergence of a new leadership. The election was not only free, fair, and credible but rancour free. I wish the new leadership a very successful tenure while I congratulate the outgoing executive for a very wonderful tenure.

In advance, I wish you all success in the coming examinations. I have no doubt that you have managed to prepare in spite of the excruciating challenges that we currently witness in our University, especially the forced position by the IBEDC, which has affected electricity and water supply.

I must specially appreciate and commend your resilience, perseverance, show of understanding, and uncommon commitment to our University. I appreciate your responsible studentship and hope that we will overcome this ugly situation in the shortest possible time.

The University is working assiduously to ensure that the challenges are fixed and, never again, shall we go through this odious path in our University. Once beaten, twice shy. We remain committed to a campus that is very conducive to teaching and learning because we know our students are being prepared for global competition and recognition. Thus, we have !° minimum standard of academic excellence.

Please continue to be patient with us as we try to find permanent solution to this challenge.

Wishing you the very best of luck in your examinations.

Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN
Vice-Chancellor.

Senate Leader, Bamidele, backs creation of state police

By Tajudeen Babamale, Bashir Dawodu and Latifat Raji

Following public outcry over the inability of the central police force to effectively manage Nigeria's security challenges, the Senate Leader, Senator Michael Opeyemi Bamidele, CON, has advocated the creation of a state police system.

Senator Bamidele made

the call last Monday (July 1, 2024) while speaking at a public lecture titled "Constitutional Amendment and the Political Dynamics of State Policing in Nigeria", organised by the Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin, in collaboration with the Institute for Legislative Studies, University of Ilorin. (Contd. on page 4)

Emir of Ilorin commends UNILORIN's internationalisation drive

The Director of the Linguistic Immersion Centre, University of Ilorin, Prof. Badmus Olanrewaju Yusuf, last Tuesday (July 2, 2024), led the staff and students of the Centre on a courtesy visit to the Emir of Ilorin, His Royal Highness, Dr Ibrahim Sulu Gambari.

The visit is an integral part

of the Centre's yearly excursion, which is one of the requirements for the award of the language proficiency certificates of the Centre, and it aims at acculturating the foreign students.

Welcoming the visitors to his palace, the Emir commended the successful efforts of the University of Ilorin at internationalisation.

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■ *Cross section of the participant at the workshop*

Transformative AI Workshop Empowers University Staff and Students

By Isaac Lewu and Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole(SAN), has said that the true power of Artificial Intelligence lies in augmenting human potential rather than replacing it.

Prof. Egbewole said this last Wednesday, (July 3, 2024) at a two day adolescent intelligence workshop aimed at integrating cutting-edge technology into educational practices. It was held at the University Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, said the workshop aimed to equip participants, including esteemed lecturers and enthusiastic students from diverse backgrounds, with essential skills to thrive in an AI-driven world as he called for responsible use of AI to ensure that its benefits are maximised across all facets of life.

Prof. Egbewole reiterated that AI is poised to revolutionise various sectors, from healthcare to education, and presents unprecedented opportunities for innovation and advancement.

The Vice Chancellor declared that "This training programme signifies our commitment to embracing the transformative power of technology, particularly Artificial Intelligence. It's not merely about adopting new tools but about reshaping our educational and professional landscapes to meet the challenges of the future."

Reflecting on the collaborative effort behind the workshop, Prof. Egbewole expressed gratitude to the organisers and participants for their dedication. He particularly acknowledged the contributions of School Try and Tech Mindset Unilorin, whose support and expertise were instrumental to bringing the programme to fruition.

The Legal Luminary urged participants to approach AI with curiosity, determination, and a spirit of collaboration. He added that knowledge and skills gained would not only enhance productivity but also pave the way for meaningful contributions to the society.

In the welcome address, the Director of Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT),



■ *Prof. Ambali (right) presenting Souvenir to Prof. Aderounmu, at the event*

University of Ilorin, who is also the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Muhammadu Kamaldeen University, Ilorin, Prof. Rasheed G. Jimoh, underscored the critical importance of setting clear goals and objectives for achieving success in the era of Artificial Intelligence.

Prof. Jimoh said that without a defined path and vision, harnessing AI's transformative potential becomes significantly challenging. He, therefore, stressed the need for individuals and institutions alike to articulate specific goals that align with their mission and strategic objectives.

The Computer Scientist noted that while setting goals is essential, the realisation hinges on proactive planning and diligent execution. He therefore encouraged participants to develop actionable strategies that integrate AI technologies effectively into their academic and professional pursuits to foster innovation and efficiency.

Prof. Jimoh underscored the value of seeking support and guidance from mentors and coaches to sustain motivation and track progress effectively and also leverage expertise and insights from experienced professionals to navigate complexities and maximise the benefits of AI.

Also speaking at the event, the first Guest Lecturer from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Prof. G. A Aderounmu, stated that AI has an enduring impact on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and beyond. Prof. Aderounmu pointed out AI's ability to emulate human behavior, enhance learning experiences, and facilitate innovative research endeavours

He underscored AI's potential to revolutionise traditional teaching methods and cited interactive learning experiences and language translation as key examples that benefit both students and teachers and urged universities to foster creativity among students to prepare them to contribute meaningfully to the society.

In his own presentation, a 2006 alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Ismail Eleburuike, who is the CEO of Try Edtech, Sweden, highlighted the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in university education.

Mr. Eleburuike, whose experience traverses IBM and Erikson, underscored how AI technologies are revolutionising traditional teaching methods, making learning more personalised and accessible than ever before.

When she took her turn, the CEO of Tech Mindset Africa, which is headquartered in Kenya, Miss Joan Mbesya, captivated participants at the event with a presentation on deep learning in Artificial Intelligence (AI) as she analysed the intricacies of deep learning algorithms and elucidated how advanced AI techniques enable machines to learn and make decisions independently, mimicking the human brain's neural networks.

Mbesya emphasised the transformative impact of deep learning on various industries, including education and highlighted its role in enhancing data analysis, pattern recognition, and predictive modeling, paving the way for innovative solutions to complex challenges.

The Ag. Head of the Department of Telecommunication and Information Sciences, Dr M. O. Oloyede, who spoke with Unilorin Bulletin at the end of the two-day workshop said that the programme was an initiative of the University management and the two foreign private companies. He also appreciated the University management for reposing confidence in him to be a major driver of the event.

He disclosed that students from various departments participated actively and made impressive presentations on various applications of AI.

Oloyede promised that "there will be more of this workshop and at the end, it will lead to great innovations within the University because it is obvious the University Management appreciates the Technology of AI, and what it has to offer".

Egbewole seeks NASS support for adequate funding of varsties

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Prof. Egbewole made this appeal last Monday (July 1, 2024) while declaring open a public lecture titled, "Constitutional Amendment and the Political Dynamics of State Policing in Nigeria", organised by the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Institute for Legislative Studies, University of Ilorin.

The Public Lecture, which held at the University Auditorium, was attended by the leadership of the Senate, including the Senate Leader, Senator Michael Opeyemi Bamidele, CON, who was the Guest Lecturer.

The Vice Chancellor, who lamented the unsustainable nature of current challenges faced by federal universities, particularly concerning the recent hike in electricity charges and other services, noted that only the National Assembly could rescue universities from this predicament.

Addressing the topic of the public lecture, Prof. Egbewole praised the idea of constitutional amendment, noting its positive impact since the advent of the Fourth Republic. However, he pointed out that the implementation process has faced significant challenges, as he called for strong synergy among government organs to ensure that amendments, especially those concerning state policing, benefit the people effectively.



■ Prof. Egbewole (left) presenting award of excellence to the Senate Leader, Senator Bamidele

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law and Senior Advocate of Nigeria also expressed support for the principle of state policing because, according to him, it would enhance community safety. He however, stressed the importance of appropriate legislative provisions to prevent abuses similar to those seen with state electoral commissions. "We must ensure they are not created for political witch hunts. This can be achieved if the legislature provides watertight provisions that are not easily abused, making the idea a successful one", he noted.

Prof. Egbewole also applauded the



■ Prof. Egbewole (left) presenting award of excellence to Senator Ashiru

leadership of the 10th Assembly for finding time to be at the Most Outstanding University in Nigeria. He said, "Taking time to be here by the leadership of the National Assembly is an endorsement of our university's focus on improving the legislative arm and repositioning it for effective performance."

The Vice Chancellor appealed to the Senate Leader to support the Institute of Legislative Studies at the University of Ilorin through training and other forms of assistance.

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The royal father emphasised the oneness of the entire humanity, while also noting specifically that none of the foreign students could have been identified as a non-Nigerian until they disclosed their various national identities. According to him, "We all look alike as brothers and sisters". He then urged them to stay rest assured that they are still at home in Ilorin.

Earlier in his remarks, the Director of the Linguistics Immersion Centre, Prof. Yusuf, explained that the visit is a sort of excursion, which is one of the requirements for the award of the language proficiency certificates of the Centre,

Prof. Yusuf, a former Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, praised the good leadership provided by the Emir, saying that this attribute is a significant impetus of the peace and tranquillity, without which free movements in the domain would have been elusive.

The students, who are nationals of Republics of Benin, Cote D'Ivoire, Niger Republic, Togo, Cameroon, and



Burkina Faso, were thereafter given the opportunity to introduce themselves one after the other.

On the Director's entourage were the Assistant Director of the Centre, Dr Segun Oyelabi, and one of the longest-serving facilitators at the Centre, Dr Sola Olatunji.

The Chief of Staff to the Emir also

introduced the key Palace staff members to the visitors and explained their respective duties in the palace. He also explained the significance of some of the classic items in the palace to the students.

Afterwards, the Official Palace Curator was delegated to conduct the visitors round all the significant sites within the expansive palace.

Senate Leader, Opeyemi, backs creation of state police

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The Senate Leader opined that only a decentralised police force, as practiced in most developed countries, can rescue Nigeria from its current security challenges. He added that the adoption of state police would allow the central police to focus on recruiting and training highly professional officers who could be deployed as needed.

He, however, advocated for a constitutional amendment to accommodate a state policing system with stringent checks and balances. He believes this will alleviate concerns about potential abuse of power by state governors, who might use state police forces to suppress political opposition or violate human rights.

Senator Bamidele argued that the centralised police system in which operational control is vested in the IGP, who in turn is answerable to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, does not only contradict the practice of federalism, but also greatly undermines the authority of State Governors to effectively handle their security affairs, and therefore should be decentralised.

The lawyer and human rights activist said that one of the primary concerns is the potential for abuse by governors, but he believes that robust mechanisms for oversight and accountability should be put in place to ensure that the State Police Force operates within the bounds of the law and respects citizens' rights. He noted that federal oversight, independent review, and clear legislative frameworks are essential to prevent the misuse of power. He also called for the establishment of an independent police service commission to guarantee police autonomy in appointments, discipline, promotion, and accountability, so that there would be no interference by political office holders in the country.

The Senate Leader noted that states must be involved financially in state policing by allocating adequate resources for training, equipment, and remuneration of their police personnel. He added that the federal government can also assist them in these areas, so that no state is left behind due to financial constraints.

On his part, the Chairman of the occasion, Deputy Senate President of the National Assembly, Senator Barau Jibrin, CON, praised the University of Ilorin for producing outstanding graduates.

The Deputy Senate President, who spoke through Senator Lola Ashiru, representing the Kwara South Senatorial



■ L-R: Senator Ashiru; Prof. Egbewole; Senate Leader, Senator Bamidele; Senator Mustapha and a guest at the public lecture, last Monday

District in the National Assembly, commended the University for its exceptional engineering graduates.

While stating that the University of Ilorin, renowned for being the most sought-after university, excels in instilling both learning and character in its students, he expressed hope that the newly commissioned Institute for Legislative Studies at the institution would uphold high standards, ensuring that its graduates are prepared to compete in the contemporary world.

Senator Jibrin also encouraged greater collaboration between Nigerian universities and the National Assembly, noting that university education would be rendered ineffective without such collaboration, as it is essential for ensuring the security of citizens.

In his goodwill message, Senator Sadiq Umar, who represents Kwara North, congratulated the Department of Political Science for successfully bringing the National Assembly to the University for knowledge acquisition. He noted that security challenges are local issues that should be addressed locally through the creation of state police.

While acknowledging that state policing has both advantages and disadvantages, he believed the benefits outweigh the drawbacks and urged citizens to vote wisely to prevent abuse of power.

On his part, the Senator who represents Kwara Central and Turaki of Ilorin, Mallam Saliu Mustapha, stated that forums like the public lecture organised by the Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the Institute for Legislative Studies, are crucial to help Nigerians make informed decisions.

Earlier, the Head of the Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin, Dr. Adebola Bakare, said bringing the National Assembly to the University is significant in bridging the

gap between policymakers and academia in order to address the fragile issue of state policing in Nigeria.

He advised attendees to learn from the programme, which aimed to provide insight into the pros and cons of state policing. He said that while some advocate for the establishment of state police to adequately cover the country's nooks and crannies, others fear that state police might be misused by tyrannical leaders and governors.

Dignitaries present include the Senator who represents Oyo Central Senatorial District, Sen. Yunus Akintunde; Representative of the Speaker of the Kwara State House of Assembly, Hon Seun Oguniyi; Speaker of Ekiti State House of Assembly, Hon. Aribasoye Stephen Adeoye; and Members of the Ekiti State House of Assembly: Hon. Ogunsakin Oladele Olaoye of Ekiti East I Constituency, Hon. Longe Ademola Temitope of OYE I Constituency, Hon Adaramodu Kehinde Anthony of Ekiti South-West I Constituency and Hon. Omotayo Babatunde who represents Ise/Orun Constituency.

Others are the Director General, National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS), Prof. Abubakar Olarenwaju Suleiman; the Lawmaker representing Ilorin East/South Federal Constituency, Dr. Ahmed Yinka Aluko; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olunmi Abayomi Omotesho; Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, FCIML; and the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; and the Acting Bursar, Mr Oba Abdulbarki.

Egbewole urges unity in fight against Malaria

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called on Nigerians to unite in the fight against malaria, saying the disease imposes a heavy economic burden on the people, leading to increased illness and death, healthcare costs, and reduced performance among able people.

Prof. Egbewole made this statement last Tuesday (July 2, 2024) while receiving a team from the National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP), a pet project of the Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja, who paid him a courtesy call ahead of their routine surveillance on mosquito behavior in Kwara State.

The Vice Chancellor, who spoke through the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, said that malaria is a tropical disease, pointing out that if its prevalence were to be in the developed world, they would have developed a vaccine to tackle it before now.

He, however, said it is encouraging to see the Nigerian government show serious commitment to combating malaria.

While pledging the University of Ilorin's support to the national effort, the Vice Chancellor said, "As a university, we will provide all the support needed to achieve a successful study. One of the things we have not been able to do as a country is to get value for money. We hope the team will do everything possible to ensure that the outcome will be worth every kobo spent on the study."



■ NMEP team and principal officers of the University during the visit, last Tuesday

Speaking earlier, an Assistant Director of Vector Control at the Federal Ministry of Health, Mr Omo-Eboh Mamudu, explained the significance of ongoing efforts to combat malaria in Kwara State and across Nigeria.

Mr Mamudu noted that their focus this time is on understanding mosquito behaviour in order to determine effective strategies to combat the disease.

The Assistant Director explained that this routine surveillance is part of the New Net Project, which was established in 2020, and the essence is to make the country free of malaria.

"The minister has given us a marching order to seek alternatives to mosquito nets", adding, however, that "before we can deploy anything, it is essential for us to understand mosquito behaviour, which will be instrumental in deciding our next action."

He stated that the Federal Ministry of Health has established partnerships with various institutions, including the University of Ilorin, to advance this initiative. He added that the support of the University of Ilorin and other partner institutions is crucial for the success of this initiative.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to receive the team was the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali.

The team was led to the Vice Chancellor's Committee Room by Prof. A. T. Ande of the Department of Zoology. Other members of the team were Dr Abiodun Obembe from Kwara State University, Mrs Silas Adenike Abigail, Kwara State Ministry of Health; Mrs Olateju Mituat Temitope, Kwara State Ministry of Health; and an Entomologist, Dr Olukayode Adelaja.

Abdul Raheem delivers 262nd Inaugural Lecture

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Two hundred and sixty-second (262nd) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Adenike Modinah O. Abdul Raheem

B.Sc., M Sc., PGDE (Ibadan), Ph. D. (Ilorin), FCSN, FICCON, MRSC, MACS, MSAN, MOWSD

Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin

Topic: "The Sojourn of a Physical Environmental Chemist Exploring Environmental Impact in the Life of Man"

Date: Thursday, 11th July, 2024

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

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

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar



■ Prof. Abdul Raheem

GWR confirms Unilorite, Owoyemi, as Guinness World Records title holder

By Temitope Omoniye

The Guinness World Records (GWR) has confirmed Qudus Owoyemi, a 400-level student of the Department of Statistics, University of Ilorin, as the new Guinness World Records title holder for the fastest time to complete five skin fade haircuts.

The remarkable achievement, accomplished in just 14 minutes, 56 seconds, and 83 milliseconds, surpassed the previous record of 18 minutes and 57 seconds.

In an email sent to Owoyemi last Tuesday (July 2, 2024), the Guinness World Records announced that "your application for fastest time to complete five skin fade haircuts has been successful and you are now the Guinness World Records Title Holder!"

It added, "You are now eligible for one complimentary Guinness World Records certificate",

The groundbreaking event unfolded on January 25, 2024, at the Students' Union Building, University of Ilorin.

Qudus, who is also a University Scholar with an impressive CGPA, performed the feat to the cheers of a captivated audience.

After the record-setting

accomplishment, Qudus addressed the enthusiastic crowd, expressing gratitude for their support and encouraging everyone to maintain the momentum while awaiting official confirmation from Guinness World Records.

In January, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, lauded Qudus' remarkable achievement, emphasizing the University's immense pride in his feat.

In a congratulatory message to the University community, Prof. Egbewole encouraged others to pursue their passions, expressing commitment to supporting innovation and lofty ideals that elevate the University's reputation.

He added, "We will continue to support lofty ideals that can move the world beyond the frontiers and shuttle to the space. While congratulating Qudus, we hope others are inspired to also break all ceilings and continue to put our name in gold. Congratulations to us all".

The Vice Chancellor noted that the achievement further solidifies the University of Ilorin's commitment to



■ Mr. Owoyemi

excellence and innovation, making waves on the global stage.

"As a University, we are immensely proud of the feat of Qudus and will continue to encourage others to find their passion and pursue it. Before he commenced the competition, I called him and encouraged him to go and beat the world. Thank God, we made it", he stated.

Owoyele urges up skilling to remain relevant in an AI-driven world

By Latifat Raji

The Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Bamidele Victor Owoyele, has challenged individuals to upskill themselves in response to the increasing presence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in various industries, including healthcare, hospitality, and finance.

He stated further that AI is now capable of performing tasks traditionally done by humans, potentially reducing the need for human workers.

Prof. Owoyele, recognised for his outstanding contributions in the field of Physiology, spoke to UNILORIN BULLETIN during Babcock University student week recently. He discussed the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and physiological sciences, using smartphone examples that demonstrate AI's capabilities in health monitoring and prediction.

Prof. Owoyele mentioned that China is experimenting with an AI-run



■ Prof. Owoyele

hospital, devoid of human staff, which he believes will be beneficial to the people. However, he also highlighted the ethical concerns on AI, noting that the lack of

human involvement raises questions about accountability.

While acknowledging the benefits of AI, he emphasised the need for upskilling to remain relevant in an AI-driven workforce, where AI doctors and nurses may replace human professionals. He nevertheless stressed that AI will still require human interaction and oversight, "so it is essential to adapt and reposition ourselves accordingly".

Prof. Owoyele encouraged everyone to continually improve themselves through lifelong learning, conferences, workshops, and networking. He stressed that complacency can lead to stagnation, and that the brain's neuroplasticity allows it to adapt and change.

Drawing inspiration from former President Olusegun Obasanjo's pursuit of education after leaving office, Prof. Owoyele challenged members of the society to stay driven and create a supportive learning environment for themselves.



Afolayan honoured for pioneering MLS Dept

By Bashir Dawodu

The Department of Medical Laboratory Science, University of Ilorin has honoured a former Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Enoch Afolayan, for his meritorious contributions to the development of the Department and the University, during his tenure, at a reception.

The celebration, which took place penultimate Thursday (June 27, 2024) was organised in collaboration with the Nigerian Medical Laboratory Science Students Association (NIMELSSA), UNILORIN Chapter.

Speaking at the event held at Lecture Hall B of the new College of Health Sciences, the Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Ali Akanbi II, appreciated the former Dean for leaving a good legacy and called on other staff members to build upon it. He expressed his happiness towards Prof. Afolayan for having initiated the Medical Laboratory Science Department during his tenure.

While commending the idea behind the Inter-Schools Medical Laboratory Science Students Quiz Competition, as part of the event, the Dean advised the next NIMELSSA executives to continue with the quiz competition, stating that "we learn from the cradle to the grave" and "change is the only constant thing in

life." He added that whatever individuals do today will be attested to in the nearest future.

In his address, the Acting Head of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science, Dr. Godwin Adunmo, commended the organisers for making the maiden edition a success. He appreciated the support of the leadership of the University led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for its support towards the development of the Medical Laboratory Science and the College of Health Sciences at large.

He assured that the Department is ready to produce graduates who can compete globally and make the University of Ilorin and the nation proud.

In his goodwill message, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Alabi, charged Prof. Afolayan to continue his good work, praying that the reward for serving humanity would soon come his way. He praised Prof. Afolayan's good work, noting that he was a transparent goal-getter in all his dealings. At the end of the quiz, the Provost declared Bowen University the winner of the competition, with the University of Ilorin coming second, and Ladoke Akintola University of Technology taking third place at the end of the contest.

Prof. Alabi further congratulated all the contestants of the Inter-Schools Medical Laboratory Science Students Quiz

Competition for displaying talents and potentials that would make their Universities proud.

In his response, the honouree Prof. Enoch Abiodun Afolayan thanked the staff and students of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science and NIMELSSA for deeming him fit to be honoured.

Represented by his wife, Mrs. Afolayan, the honoree expressed his profound gratitude to Almighty God for making it possible for Medical Laboratory Science to come into existence during his tenure as Dean of Basic Medical Sciences and for earning the National University Commission's (NUC) accreditation, for the programme.

He acknowledged the efforts of the present HOD, Dr. Adunmo, who worked tirelessly with him to ensure the program's accreditation. The don appreciated the Vice Chancellor, Provost, Dean, and entire staff of the Department for their teamwork, which procured the successful accreditation exercise. Prof. Afolayan encouraged the students to conduct themselves well and not disappoint themselves, their parents, lecturers, and their school. The occasion was graced by all members of the department.

Renewal of Appointments

NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. M. B. Adegboye	Clinical Sciences/Anaesthesia	Acting Head, Department of Anaesthesia	1 st August, 2024
Dr. M. F. Adeyemi	Clinical Sciences/Dentistry	Acting Head, Department of Dentistry	1 st March, 2024
Dr. Anthonia N. Alabi	Clinical Sciences/Family Medicine	Acting Head, Department of Family Medicine	1 st August, 2024
Dr. E.E. Anyebe	Clinical Sciences/Nursing Science	Acting Head, Department of Nursing	1 st August, 2024



■ Cross section of members of the contest committee with the winners

Egbewole urges students to embrace innovation for sustainable solutions

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), has called on students to take proactive roles in finding solutions that benefit both the University and the wider society. He further emphasised the importance of innovation in addressing contemporary challenges and encouraged students to harness their creativity and academic knowledge to develop sustainable solutions that contribute positively to their community and beyond.

Prof. Egbewole, who made these remarks penultimate Wednesday (June 26, 2024) at the Late Professor O. O. Akinkugbe Annual Award For Best Student Innovator Order of Exhibition Programme, emphasised the importance of constant innovation to achieve the institution's ambitious Vision 1:10:500.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented at the event by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, highlighted the significance of continuous improvement, urging the students not to settle for current achievements but rather to actively seek new ways to tackle existing challenges within and outside the University community. He further underscored the need for the students to engage in problem-solving initiatives that could reposition the University and contribute positively to the society at large.

Prof. Egbewole also highlighted the escalating cost of electricity bills from IBEDC, and expressed the University's commitment to exploring sustainable alternatives aimed at reducing the high operational costs associated with power consumption within the University environment.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged



■ Prof. Ugbomoiko (right) with the winner of the contest, Mustapha Ahmed

the students to cultivate a mindset of innovation and entrepreneurship. He pointed out that fostering a culture of innovation among students is essential for driving meaningful change and addressing pertinent issues faced in the country.

Prof. Egbewole said that the University of Ilorin remains dedicated to supporting initiatives that promote sustainable development and innovation, aiming to achieve tangible outcomes that benefit both the institution and the society as a whole.

In his welcome address, the Chairperson of the Organising Committee, Prof. Uade Sam Ugbomoiko, set the stage for this year's student presentation by ensuring fairness so that the student with the best innovation emerges.

Prof. Ugbomoiko emphasised the importance of presenting their best work. He assured all participants that their involvement in the event would be formally recognised, reinforcing the committee's commitment to inclusivity and recognition of student efforts.

The competition carries

substantial rewards for the winners, with cash prizes set to be awarded during the upcoming convocation ceremony. Alongside the cash prize, the first and second runners-up will also receive recognition for their outstanding performances.

A panel of six assessors were selected, comprising of Prof. Sunday Aderibigbe, Prof. A. Abdulrahman, Prof. Rasheedat Ayanniyi, Prof. T. K. Ajiboye, Dr. O. K. Yusuf, and Dr. Halimat Babamale.

At the end of the assessments, Mustapha Ahmed, a student from the Faculty of Engineering, clinched the top prize in the contest with his groundbreaking creation, "LAILAH: An Assistant for the Special Needs Community".

Afolabi Akindele, representing the Faculty of Education, secured the first runner-up position with his insightful presentation on the Internet of Things (IoT), showcasing its potential in modern education systems.

A collaborative effort by Ajibade Qawiyu, Olawuyi Oluwatimileyin, and Sanusi Taiwo from the Faculty of Engineering, who developed a virtual workshop tool, earned the second runner-up spot. Their project highlighted the importance of technology in facilitating interactive learning environments.

The competition, which featured 14 contestants from diverse academic backgrounds, underscored the university's commitment to fostering innovation and address societal challenges through student-led initiatives.

Also present at the event were the Deans of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Jamiu Kolawole Odusote; the Dean of Education, Prof. L. A. Yahaya and students and staff members of various Faculties.

Late Sheu Jimoh's family donates books to CILS

By *Mustafa Abubakar and Bashirat Omotosho*

The family of the late Professor of Educational Psychology, Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Sheu Ahmad Jimoh, has donated numerous books to the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin, to serve as an archive from the late Professor's intellectual legacy for the benefit of society at large.

Presenting the books last Monday (July 1, 2024), the family's representative, Mrs Sherifat Shehu Jibril, explained that donating the books to the Centre is a way of giving back to the society. She noted that the late Prof. Jimoh was a father figure to many and, as someone who valued cultural heritage, the family decided to transfer his written knowledge to the Centre to contribute to existing literature.

Mrs Shehu-Jubril explained further that "As an Ilorin man, the books are on things that are related to the Ilorin Emirates's education and would therefore be of importance to the Centre and contribute to the knowledge of the people as a whole".



■ *Cross section of staff of the CILS with the representative of late Jimoh's family, Mrs Shehu Jubril during the presentation*

The list of the books donated include, The Political Dilemma of Popular Education; The Philosophy of Education: An Introduction, Educational Psychology; The Psychology of Education: An Introduction, Principles and Practice of Education for West Africa; The Social Purposes of Education; and The

Counsellor in the Classroom.

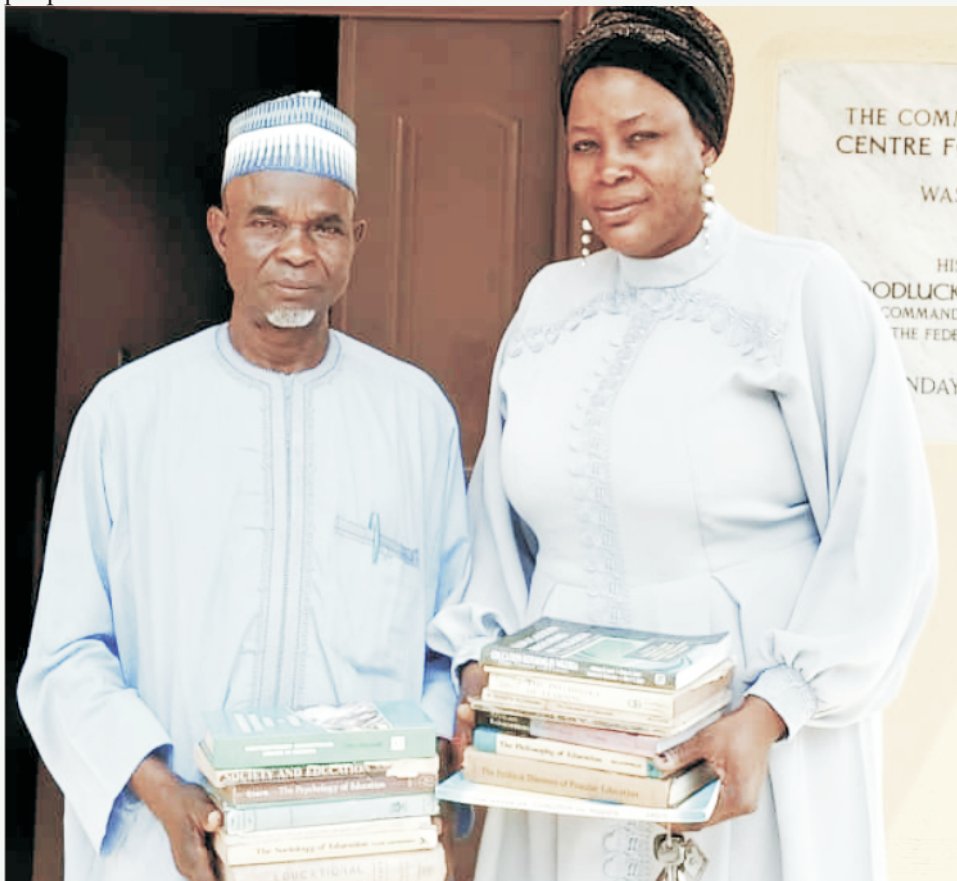
Others are African Education In the EFA Decade; Contemporary Educational issues in Nigeria; The Psychology of Education, Society and Education Reading; The Psychology of Learning; Focus on Secondary Education in Kwara State; The Literature of Education (A critical Bibliography (1945-1970); Education Reforms in Nigeria (Past, Present and Future); The Psychological Development of the Child; and The State of Education in Nigeria, among others.

In his response, the Director, Centre for Ilorin Studies, Prof. I. O. Sanusi, acknowledged the receipt of the books and praised the late Prof. Shehu Ahmad Jimoh's contributions to the field of Psychology and Education.

"I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the books donated to the Centre for Ilorin Studies, University of Ilorin, by the family of late Prof. Shehu Ahmad Jimoh, a former Dean, Director, and an erudite Professor of psychology of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin. May the Almighty Allah in His infinite mercies, grant Prof. S. A. Jimoh Al-Janah Firdaus and take good care of the entire family he left behind.", he added.

He further expressed gratitude to the family for their kind gesture and prayed that the books remain valuable for generations to come.

The event was attended by other staff members of the Centre, who equally appreciated the late Prof. Jimoh's family for their generosity.



■ *Mrs Shehu Jubril (right) and Prof. Sanusi displaying some of the donated books, last Monday*

Unilorin Muslim Community Honours elevated members

By Muizudeen Adewole

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged the recipients of the Unilorin Muslim Community's awards to sustain their excellence in their diverse fields of expertise.

He gave this encouragement penultimate Sunday (June 30, 2024) at an event hosted by the Unilorin Muslim Community to celebrate its newly promoted members from various Faculties and Directorates.

Prof. Egbewole expressed gratitude to the event's organisers for recognising the accomplishments of the community's outstanding members, who have excelled in their fields. He acknowledged Allah's benevolence towards the honourees and prayed for His continued blessings, using their achievements as a springboard for even greater success.

In his address, the Chairman of UNILORIN Muslim Community, Prof. Mudathir O. Yusuf, acknowledged that while many of the honourees may have already been celebrated by their families, friends, and individual communities, the Unilorin Muslim Community is

uniquely honouring them as an inclusive and diverse Ummah, showcasing its unity and solidarity.

The Guest Lecturer, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, who presented a paper titled "To Whom Much is Given, Much More is Expected", reflected on the wonders of Allah's favor on individuals from conception to birth and to the moment of their achievements.

Prof. Akanji, a former Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology Minna, urged the honourees to reciprocate Allah's gestures by extending kindness and love to other creatures.

He emphasised that kindness goes beyond financial support, but also encompass words of comfort and encouragement to those in distress, as stated in Quran chapter two, verse 245.

The Chief Imam of the University, Prof. Nasir Abdulsalam, who graced the occasion, implored Allah to protect and guide the honourees, the University leadership, the guests, and the entire University community. The event, held in the University's Multipurpose Hall, drew a large and distinguished audience, including Prof. L. F. Oladimeji, representing the AL-Hikmah

University Muslim Community, Ilorin, and Dr. Adam Shittu, Chairman of the Muslim Community at Kwara State University, Malete.

Others include members of the Governing Council of the University, Prof. Abdurashed Adeoye, Prof. Usman Raheem, Dean of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Lukman Abdur-Rahman, Dean of Education, Prof. Lasiele Yahaya, amongst others.

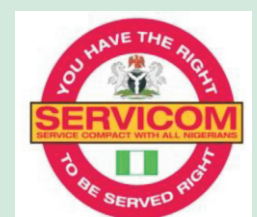
The event concluded with the recognition of the honourees, including Mr Ramoni Amoo (Director of Works); Mr Jimoh Toyin (Director of Physical Planning); Prof. Mubarak Tijani Adekilekun; Prof. Khalil Mohammad Usman Gbodofu; Prof. Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo; Prof. Marili Funmilayo Zubair; Mr Ibrahim Akintola Idris (Deputy Director, Directorate of Corporate Affairs); Mr Abubakar Kolapo Abdulsalam (Deputy Director, Audit Unit); Mr Dauda Abdurashed Gidado (Deputy Director, Academic Planning Unit); Dr Adelodun Ajao (Deputy Registrar); Mrs Taiwo Afolayan (Deputy Registrar); Mr Arowolo Mohammed Olatunji and Mr Sikiru Adetona Lawal (Principal Chief Technologists), amongst others.

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. A. B. Makanjuola	Clinical Sciences/Behavioural Science	As Head, Department of Behavioural Science	1 st August, 2024
Prof. O. A. Afolabi	Clinical Sciences/Otorhinolaryngology	As Head, Department of Otorhinolaryngology	1 st August, 2024
Prof. O. A. Olarinoye	Clinical Sciences/Obstertrics and Gynaecology	As Head, Department of Obstertrics and Gynaecology	1 st August, 2024
Prof. S. A. Olatoke	Clinical Sciences/Surgery	As Head, Department of Surgery	1 st August, 2024

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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST
FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 27TH JUNE TO 4TH JULY, 2024

Table with columns for Receipts, Amount, Payments to Contractors/Suppliers, and Other Payments. Includes sub-totals for 'Total Receipt for the Period' and 'Total payment for the period'.

Signed
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S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Balogun, Olayinka Rabiun	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Jul 07
2	Oladeji, Alamu Olukayode	Registry	Jul 07
3	Olaoye, Femi Collin'S	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jul 07
4	Baleen, Salamat Uyo	Bursary	Jul 07
5	Aina, Emmanuel Olorunjoba	Architecture	Jul 07
6	Omorinoye, Omolayo Ajoke	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Jul 07
7	Ogunkunle, Caleb Oladokun	Religions	Jul 08
8	Ahmed, Mulkah Adebisi	Science Education	Jul 08
9	Aderibigbe, Fatai Alade	Chemical Engineering	Jul 08
10	Alasan, Ndaceko Joel	Educational Technology	Jul 08
11	Shuaib, Abdulkadir Bola	Registry	Jul 08
12	Taiwo, Afolabi Jacob	Quantity Surveying	Jul 08
13	Adebayo, Abdulganiyu	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jul 08
14	Olajide, Olayemi Joseph	Anatomy	Jul 08
15	Alimi, Olawale Alimi	Veterinary Surgery & Radiology	Jul 08
16	Mojeed, Hammed Adeleye	Computer Science	Jul 08
17	Bolaji, Benjamin Olusomi	Anaesthesia	Jul 09
18	Olayinka, Kehinde Jacob	Haematology & Blood Transfusion	Jul 09
19	Abdulkareem, Mulikat Yetunde	Library & Information Science	Jul 09
20	Olutayo, Abiodun Olusina	Pharmacognosy & Drug Development	Jul 09
21	Adeshina, Lukman	History & International Studies	Jul 09
22	Aboyeji, Oyeniyi Solomon	History & International Studies	Jul 09
23	Olokooba, Issa Nasiru	Social Science Education	Jul 09
24	Jimoh, Ramat Shina	Pharmaceutics & Industrial Pharmacy	Jul 09
25	Alabi, Bolaji Lateef	Registry	Jul 09
26	Fajonyomi, Oluwafemi Joseph	Library	Jul 09
27	Salman, Abdulkadir	Health Services	Jul 09
28	Ambali, Taiwo Toyin	Adult & Primary Education	Jul 10
29	Yusuf, Haruna	Security Division	Jul 10
30	Aremu, Adeniyi Saheed	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	Jul 10
31	Ameen, Ahmed Oloduowo	Computer Science	Jul 10
32	Folorunso, Ismail Oluwaseye	Geophysics	Jul 10
33	Yusuf, Aminat	Security Division	Jul 10
34	Awe, Olanrewaju Adewale	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jul 10
35	Ibrahim, Abdulrasaq Olarewaju	Security Division	Jul 10
36	Abdulhameed, Muritala	Bursary	Jul 10
37	Bakare, Lukman Olawale	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jul 10
38	Akanji, Kehinde Azzizat	Registry	Jul 10
39	Shittu, Abdulrahman	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Jul 10
40	Alabi, Mutakilu Funsho	Central Admin: Office	Jul 11
41	Bilewu, Solomon Olakunle	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	Jul 11
42	Adekeye, Toyin Rosemary	Bursary	Jul 11
43	Orinya, Grace	Registry	Jul 11
44	Sulaimon, Fatimo Ajoke	Anatomy	Jul 11
45	Aremu, Adama Bolajoko	Registry	Jul 12
46	Ajiboye, Peter Omoniyi	Behavioural Science	Jul 12
47	Abdulraheem, Modinah Adenke Oladayo	Chemistry	Jul 12
48	Abdullahi, Bolanle Wasilat	Registry	Jul 12
49	Ajjolokewu, Kamoldeen Abiodun	Microbiology	Jul 12
50	Oniye, Abdulhammed Adebayo	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jul 12
51	Aliu, Shuaib Ejalonibu	Bursary	Jul 13
52	Olarinoye, Adebunmi Oyeladun	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Jul 13
53	Balogun, Idayat Nike	Social Science Education	Jul 13
54	Balogun, Tunde	Central Admin: Office	Jul 13
55	Ahmed, Ismaila Idowu	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Jul 13
56	Ogunkunle, Clement Oluseye	Plant Biology	Jul 13
57	Moshood, Abdullahi Olayinka	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jul 13
58	Jimoh, Kamaldeen Babatunde	Procurement & Maintenance Suport	Jul 13
59	Omoniyi, Peter Olorunleke	Mechanical Engineering	Jul 13

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INAUGURAL LECTURES 2022/2023 SESSION

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TITLE:
"The Sojourn of a Physical Environmental Chemist Exploring Environmental Impact in the Life of Man"

LECTURER:
PROFESSOR
ADENIKE MODINAH O. ABDUL RAHEEM
B.Sc., M.Sc., PGDE (Ibadan), Ph. D. (Ilorin), FCSN, FICCON, M.B.Sc., M.A.C.S.
(UK), M.A.S.S.S.
Department of Chemistry,
Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin

DATE: THURSDAY, 11TH JULY, 2024
TIME: 5.00 p.m.
VENUE: UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM,
Main Campus,
University of Ilorin
N.B: Guests are to be seated by 4.45 p.m.

Chairman
PROFESSOR W. O. EGBEWOLE, SAN
LL.B (Hons) (Ife); B.L (Lagos); LL.M (Ife); Ph.D (Ilorin); FICONS; FICONG
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin.

MANSUR ADELEKE ALFANLA
B.A (Ilorin); B.Sc (Ilorin); LL.B (Ilorin); LL.M (Ilorin)
The Registrar, University of Ilorin.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

At Prof. Kayode's daughter, Faith, wedding

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (2nd left) flanked by the bride's parents, Prof. Roland Kayode (1st left), and Dcns. Rebecca Kayode (2nd right), and Mr Faith Kayode, a brother of bride (right).



The new couple, Mr and Mrs Ebenezer and Faith Oladipo (middle), flanked by the bride's parents, Prof. and Dcns. Kayode (4th right and 3rd left respectively) and Principal Officers: Prof. Adegboyega Fawole (right); Prof. Olubunmi Omotesho (2nd right); Dr Omotesho (3rd right); Prof. Suleiman Ambali (2nd left); and Prof. Yemisi Fawole (1st left)



Prevent Conflict at all cost, WFP chief urges Nigeria **As Vet Medicine holds Annual Faculty Lecture*



■ *Participants at the first Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Annual Lecture*

By Mubarak Oladosu and Latifat Raji

The Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) at the African Union Office, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Dr. Hameed Nuru, has urged Nigerian and African leaders to prevent conflict with their utmost capacity, noting that conflict is the single most important cause of starvation and malnutrition and Nigeria is part of the global hotspots in food crisis.

Dr Nuru made this call while delivering his paper entitled “Navigating the Nexus of Food, Security, Safety, and Disease: A Holistic Sustainable Future and Economic Prosperity” last Wednesday (July 3, 2024) at the maiden Annual Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Lecture, University of Ilorin, which was dedicated to the doyen of Veterinary Medicine in Nigeria, who is also the first Professor from the city of Ilorin, Prof Saka Nuru.

Dr Nuru noted that world leaders need to rethink their priorities as he lamented a situation where 15 trillion dollars was spent on prosecuting wars across the world in 2023 while much less would be needed to feed people facing food shortage crises across the world.

He pointed out that there can never be national security without food security, noting that oil deposits and mineral resources will never take the place of farming at an industrial scale to feed Nigeria.

The Guest Lecturer lamented the disappearance of groundnut pyramids, cocoa farms, and rubber plantations from the country and encouraged the youths to be innovative in creating opportunities for themselves in the food production chain.

While making a case for the consumption of indigenous food, Dr Nuru posited that “there will be no prosperity, no future and no sustainability without food security”, stressing that “food security is the bottom line of moving forward of any country as food is required in every day of one's life”.

Apart from conflict, Dr Nuru identified economic shocks like inflation and climate crises that manifest as flood and drought at the same time and within the same country, as the other factors that hinder food security.



■ *Dr. Hameed Nuru*

The technocrat urged government to allocate land to the youth in each state for commercial farming and also enable value addition such that harvested crops, such as groundnut, could be processed into peanut butter and cocoa could be made into chocolate and also encouraged them to embrace and develop applications that are useful to food production.

In his address at the event, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, described the honouree as a detribalised Nigerian who is a pioneer and pacesetter who has shaped lives positively

across the nation.

In her speech, the Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Prof. Oyebisi M. Azeez, said that the lecture celebrates the legacy of the honouree, reflecting on the impact of his work at the Faculty, when it was created, as well as celebrating his impact on the profession and on the lives of numerous animals and humans he has touched.

The Special Guest of Honour, and former Director of Academic Planning at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Kuranga, described the honoree as a monumental achiever, who deserved the honour.

Prof. Kuranga appreciated members of the Ilorin Community, including the octogenarian Alhaji LAK Jimoh, who was also present at the event.

While speaking on behalf of the honoree, the Federal Commissioner who represents Kwara and Kogi States at the Federal Civil Service Commission and daughter of Prof. Nuru, Dr Rukiyat Aduke Odekunle, appreciated the University and announced donations to both the University and the student body of the institution.

Distinguished personalities at the event included former Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof AbdulGaniyu Ambali; the Kwara State Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Toyosi Adebayo Thomas, and a former Managing Director of First City Monument Bank, Mr Adam Nuru, among others.