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KU8+ Consortium, a boost to Nigeria's education system – Minister Omole praises Unilorin's efforts in connecting with industries



By Tajudeen Babamale

The Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN, has commended the formation of the KU8+ Consortium by universities in Kwara State, describing it as a significant advancement for the Nigerian education system.

Prof. Mamman gave the commendation in a goodwill message he delivered at the 2nd KU8+ Consortium International Conference at Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, last Thursday (August 8, 2024).

■ The representative of the Minister, Dr Maiyaki, last Thursday

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Egbewole canvasses informed citizenship to unlock Nigeria's potential

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called on Nigerians to be good followers, know their rights, and stop leaving everything for politicians to determine their future, saying that it is only then that the country would attain its full potential.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (August 5, 2024) while receiving a team of veterans led by renowned social crusader, Major General Ishola Williams,

who visited him ahead of their participation in a workshop at the Faculty of Social Sciences.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that the citizens are very significant that no leader could afford to take them for granted, explaining that politicians often campaign at the grassroots level because they recognise the power vested in these communities.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

Adopt 'Aloha Continua', Egbewole tells new students' union leaders



■ The Vice Chancellor congratulating the new Student Union President

By Mustafá Abubakar, Tajudeen Babamale, Taiyelolu Olaniyan, and Monsur Lawal

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has admonished the newly inaugurated Student Union Executives of the institution to embrace the philosophy of "Aloha Continua" instead of the traditional "Aluta Continua".

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (July 6, 2024) at the inauguration of the 37th Student Union Executive Committee, Senate, and Faculty Senators held at the University Auditorium.

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Egbewole applauds CIE ...as Centre holds workshop for 63 int'l varsities' desk officers

By *Mustafa Abubakar, Sodiq Alabere
and Mujebat Olyiwola*

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has applauded the Centre for International Education (CIE) of the University, for its excellent performance in enhancing the University's education collaboration with other countries of the world.

Prof. Egbewole made the commendation last Tuesday (August 6, 2024) at a workshop for the University's Desk Officers of Foreign Universities, organised by the Centre.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also a former Desk Officer for international universities, shared his experience and ideas on how desk officers should discharge their international duties through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with other universities in the international arena.

He commended the Director of the CIE, Prof. Ibrahim Onireti, desk officers and other principal officers for sharing the Vision 1:10:500 of the University under his leadership.

Prof. Egbewole said, "The Vision 1:10:500 is aimed at putting the University first in university ranking in Nigeria, in the top ten in Africa and among the best 500 universities in the global ranking", adding that "your contributions and support for this vision resonate with the topic of this workshop and show the passion of the Centre towards international collaboration and our vision. International collaboration is an instrument to tackle brain drain and keep our institution among international players."

The Vice Chancellor solicited the desk officers' hard work and the Centre's support to achieve the vision and to take the University to greater heights.

He advised the Director of the Centre to substitute any Desk Officer who has lower energy compared to that of the initiative requirement and replace them with active and like-minded individuals.

Speaking at the workshop, the Guest Lecturer, Prof. Simeon B. Fayomi, described "collaboration as the art of

working together with others to achieve common goals", adding that this "involves sharing ideas, resources, and efforts to achieve something that may seem difficult to achieve individually."

Prof. Fayomi, who is a visiting Professor from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, emphasised the types, importance and benefits of international collaboration through MoU that can allow students and staff to connect internationally, win international grants and scholarships, as well as get certified in international courses and skills, which will eventually serve as added value to their portfolios.

In his welcome address, the Director of CIE, Prof. Ibrahim Onireti, applauded the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, for the support and contributions to put the University on its peak of academics, research and international development.

Prof. Onireti commended the 63 desk officers representing the University in various international universities for their focus and hard work, pleading with them to continue with their good job towards achieving the University's Vision 1:10:500.

In their remarks, some of the desk officers of the 63 international universities present at the workshop, including Dr Maimunah Orire Abdulraheem, Harden University, U.K.; Dr Abiola R. Adimula, Albany University College of Health Science, New York U.S.A; Prof. Kehinde Okoro, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa, described the workshop as effective learning opportunity, which had redefined their duties to enhance collaboration between international universities and the University to improve exchange of students, staff and ideas/skills.

Also present at the workshop were Principal Officers of the University and the Deputy Director of the Centre, Dr Oluwabunmi L. Niyi-Gafar.

Other Desk Officers present were, those of The University of Gambia, Dr O. Tolani; Texas A&M University, USA, Dr Habibat A. Yusuf; George Washington University, Prof. Nazmat Surajudeen-Bakinde; AWAU, Dr Bolanle K Saliu; C&IR-Institute of Minerals Material Technology, Bhubaneswar, India, Prof. A.A. Baba; and the University of Kelaniya, Sri-

Lanka, Dr Folashade H. Olaiifa.

Others are the Desk Officers for Birmingham City University, Dr K. O. Laro; University of Kansas, Florida, Dr S. Abubakar; The University of Georgia, Athens, United States, Prof. R. W. Omotoye; The University of Florida, Prof. A. A. Popoola; Reinhardt University Waleska Georgia, Prof. M. O. Ibrahim; and Indian Institute of Tech and Madras, Chennai, India, Dr P. Udende; Aalto University School of Electrical Engineering, Finland, Prof. H. A. Ajimotokan; Kyungpook National University, South Korea, Prof. L. A. Olatunji; Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya, Dr A. Zubair; University of Abomey Calavi, (Benin), Dr Bayo Isa; University of Ghana Legon, Prof. Azizat O. Amoloye-Adebayo; Swansea University, UK, Rahmat F. Zakariyah; Alabama A&M University, Prof. A. G. Salaudeen; and the University of Torino, Italy, Prof. Azuibuke C. Onuora-Oguno;

Also among the Desk Officer are those of the University of Salford UK, Dr Ugowe Anthonia; University of Glasgow Scotland, Dr Abdullahi Ola Rajee; Uka Tarsadia University, Gujarat, India, Dr S. B. Adeyemi; Albany University, USA, Dr Ruth A. Adimula; University of Regina, Canada, Dr Afusat Sanni-Suleiman; Chavan Law College, Pune, India, Prof. Olufunke E. Olohundare; International Islamic University, Malaysia (IIUM), Dr A. Fahm; Ex-culture, Mr W. O. Ibrahim; Arden University, UK, Dr Maimunah O. Abdulraheem; Catholique University, Cameroon, Dr N. S. Njinga; University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, Dr David Animashaun; and University of Cape Coast, UCC Ghana, Dr I. A. Odetokun.

There are also those of Sasakawa, Dr L. L. Adefalu; Ain Shams, Dr A. B. Abdulsalam; Dr A. Zubair; Robert Gordon University (RGU), Aberdeen, Scotland Dr O. D. Fagbamila; Temple University, USA, Dr Azuibuke C. Onuora-Oguno; Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania, Europe, Dr Oluwabunmi L. Niyi-Gafar; Virginal University, Dr A. J. Aboyeji; Islamic University of Madinah (IUM), Dr Muritala Akeyede Imam; and The Scaling School, Adeniran Temitayo Caroline.

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KU8+ Consortium, a boost to Nigeria's education system – Minister

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Represented by the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Dr. Chris Maiyaki, the Minister described the KU8+ Consortium as a beacon of hope for the future of education in Nigeria. He said that the collaboration among universities under the KU8+ banner is a commendable achievement that should serve as a model for other institutions across the nation. "This initiative is a clear demonstration that we are on the right path towards enhancing the quality of education in Nigeria", he said.

The Minister also reaffirmed the commitment of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration to ensuring quality education for all Nigerians.

While highlighting the importance of a strong educational system for the success of other sectors of the economy, the Minister noted that "President Tinubu's administration remains resolute in its determination to deliver quality education to Nigerians. We recognize that the success of other sectors hinges on the strength of our educational system. And one of the most strategic ways to achieve this is by encouraging institutions to collaborate, share ideas, and develop solutions to the challenges facing the society. The KU8+ Consortium is a shining example of this approach."

Prof. Mamman also shared his satisfaction with the theme of the Conference, noting that it reflects the consortium's commitment to forging stronger connections with industries and contributing meaningfully to national development. He said, "I am delighted with the theme of this conference, which clearly indicates KU8+'s commitment to engaging with industries and addressing real-world problems".

He further emphasised the government's dedication to creating an environment that is conducive to the growth and success of educational institutions, noting that high-quality education is crucial to building a society that meets the needs and aspirations of future generations.

"The government is doing all it can to ensure our educational institutions are well-positioned to produce graduates who can thrive in the global economy. One of the most effective ways to achieve this is for educational institutions to pool both human and material resources together. It is now a global practice for institutions to come together and pursue a common goal. The KU8+ consortium is clearly moving in that direction, and as you prioritize connecting with industries, we can all learn from one another."

Meanwhile, speaking in his capacity as the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Dr Maiyaki, stressed the urgent need to expand access to university education in Nigeria, as the country's total number of



■ **Vice chancellors of the KU8+ member-universities at the conference last Thursday**

universities has reached 274.

Dr. Maiyaki provided an overview of the current university landscape in Nigeria, revealing that the nation now has 62 federal universities, 64 state universities, and 148 private universities. Despite this number, he opined that the current capacity is insufficient to meet the demands of Nigeria's growing population.

He said, "With a population of over 200 million people, more than 2 million candidates seek university admission every year in Nigeria. This shows that the number of university institutions is still far fewer than what is needed for our teeming population."

Drawing comparisons with other countries, Dr. Maiyaki noted that the United States, with a population of 300 million, had 500 universities, Brazil, with 200 million people, had over 1,200 universities, Indonesia, with 260 million people, has 2,000 universities, Russia, with a population of 144 million, had 381 universities, and China had 1,239 universities as of 2022.

The NUC boss, however, expressed his excitement about the proactive steps being taken by institutions like the University of Ilorin and other universities in Kwara State, as he acknowledged their forward-thinking approach to addressing the challenges facing the education sector. He said, "This conference comes at a time when the need to reposition our universities is more critical than ever. I am excited to see the University of Ilorin and other universities in the state thinking about the future and taking steps to meet the demands of our society."

In his Keynote Address, a former Vice Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Prof. Bamitale Omole, who spoke on "Collaboration and Partnership: Universities/Industries Engagement for Growth and Development", stressed the necessity for Nigerian universities to collaborate with industry experts to co-create, design, and continually update curricula that reflect current market demands and technological advancements.

Prof. Omole highlighted the ongoing partnership between the University of Ilorin and several key players in the industry, including the Nigerian National

Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), and Shell Petroleum Company.

The former Vice Chancellor praised Unilorin's efforts, noting that despite not being located in an oil-producing region, the University has made significant strides in engaging with major industry stakeholders. "This shows that the University is doing it right," he stated.

Prof. Omole further noted that many Nigerian universities have successfully collaborated with government parastatals, companies, and industries, and their relationships have yielded impressive results that often go unnoticed by the public. He pointed out that Unilorin is one such institution that has reaped the benefits of strategic partnerships, which have greatly enhanced its research and development capabilities.

He called on universities to develop initiatives and strategic actions to bolster synergy with industries for national development, saying, "When universities sustain synergy with their communities and interested stakeholders, both parties mutually benefit, and the society at large reaps the rewards."

Moreover, the former Vice Chancellor urged universities to introduce short-term or medium-term courses tailored to the needs of industry professionals, moving beyond the conventional four or five-year programmes. He also stressed the importance of collaborative research projects between universities and industries, as well as the creation of structured internship and cooperative education programmes to provide students with practical experience.

Prof. Omole also advised Vice-Chancellors who aim to leave a lasting impact to "think outside the box" and embrace what he called "destructive innovation." He explained the need for networking and finding ways to incentivise university staff, as these measures would encourage them to commit to the success of their administrations.



■ *The new Students' Union Executives with Principal Officers and top University officials after the swearing-in-ceremony*

Adopt 'Aloha Continua', Egbewole tells new students' union leaders

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In his address, titled "Let's Build Together," the Vice Chancellor explained that while "Aluta Continua" signifies the continuation of struggle, "Aloha" embodies affection, peace, compassion, and mercy.

He was hopeful that the students would adopt "Aloha Continua" to foster a culture of love, peace, and kindness, saying, "As the world evolves, I wish we can continue to be compassionate to one another and embrace peace. I suggest we adopt Aloha Continua—love continue, peace continue, kindness continue, moving together continue".

The Vice Chancellor also took the opportunity to commend the immediate past President, Adesukanmi Joseph Ologundudu, and his Executive Committee for their cooperation and teamwork with the University Administration despite various challenges. He praised their efforts and called them "excellent Unilorites," which he said was propelled by the mantra of the 36th Executives of the Students' Union.

Prof. Egbewole also shared his admiration for the students' initiative to undertake capital projects as he acknowledged the positive feedback he has received. "When I heard about your idea of capital projects, I was thrilled. I understand that you are gradually getting it right as a people," he remarked.

While encouraging the newly inaugurated Student Union leaders to prioritise purposeful and deliberate

partnerships with critical stakeholders in building the University, the Senior Advocate of Nigeria mentioned his Administration's drive to create a safe and supportive community, aspiring to achieve a "smart university." He noted that building such a university requires dedication, time, consciousness, willingness and working together with stakeholders as a team player.

He reminded the newly inaugurated student leaders that their roles are transient and encouraged them to make the most of the opportunity to contribute to the development of the University. "Your relationship with the University of Ilorin is a lifelong relationship because after your graduation, you will migrate to the alumni association. That is why you must cherish this relationship," he advised.

Prof. Egbewole charged the new leaders to have a clear roadmap, a great sense of purpose, and realistic goals, urging them to question their achievements and continuously strive for more.

The Vice Chancellor said, "You contested and won. Congratulations! What next? Is this the end? Is this all you can become? How will you be described at the end of your tenure? On a daily basis, let these questions be your guide."

Also in his remarks, the Acting Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, expressed his joy for witnessing the swearing-in ceremony, which marks his first formal assignment since his appointment.

While appreciating the Principal

Officers and members of the University Governing Council, past and present Executives of the Students' Union, Dr Akanmu commended the student body for their maturity and partnership in progress towards the development of the Union.

Dr Akanmu wished the new Executives Committee a successful tenure.

In his farewell message, the immediate past Student Union President, Joseph Ologundudu, thanked the Principal Officers of the University and the Student Affairs Unit, for their support and guidance throughout his tenure.

Ologundudu noted that his tenure had changed the narratives of students' unionism in the University, as they have embarked on the Student Union Hostel, among other positive developments, which will ease the accommodation challenge facing the students.

He further thanked the former Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. T. Yakub his Executive, Executives and the Senate Council while congratulating the new Executives. He encouraged everyone to continue to work for the progress of the University and the realisation of the Administration's Vision of 1:10:500.

In his acceptance speech, the new Students' Union President, Victor Oghenetega Ageze, unveiled his vision for sustainability, unity, and projection of the University to the world. He thanked the students of UNILORIN and appreciated the past Executives for their support and belief in him.

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VC canvasses informed citizenship to unlock Nigeria's potential

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Prof. Egbewole, however, expressed disappointment that many people do not realise their worth, noting that Nigerian followers have significant power to create a Nigeria of their choice.

While highlighting the current gap between leadership and followership as a primary cause of the nation's problems, the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law noted the importance of leadership in shaping the mindset of followers. "Leaders are supposed to lead from the front," he stated.

Prof. Egbewole, however, expressed his belief that the workshop would foster synergy between leadership and followership, and it would lead to a framework that would be used to sensitise Nigerian followers to the fact that the responsibility ultimately lies with them, as they elect their leaders. "The bulk actually stops on their tables because it is the people that they elect that will lead them," he said.

Earlier in his address, the leader of the team, who is also the facilitator of the workshop, General Williams, stated that Nigerians can no longer attribute the nation's difficulties to Western countries and must instead focus on resolving their

issues through their own methods.

General Williams, who cited a statement credited to a former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, who said that Africa must develop itself, as no foreign nation will develop the continent for them, noted that Nigeria's problems are not merely a result of bad leadership but also of bad followership.

The retired military top brass noted that if a leader emerges from a group that is undisciplined, selfish, and greedy, effective leadership cannot be expected from such a group, adding that this is a critical issue Nigeria faces.

General Williams noted that politicians deceive the populace because the people have not taken up their responsibilities, adding that while Western countries cannot be blamed due to their enlightened citizens, Africans must start addressing their own problems.

The retired General also criticised the lack of fundamental introspection, pointing out that while universities globally are establishing centres for leadership studies, none have considered centres for followership, despite the fact that leaders emerge from the fold of followers.

He called on academics to explore the concept of enlightened followership and emphasised that the workshop at the University of Ilorin aimed to enhance the

understanding of Nigerian followership and its role in improving the country.

He commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, on his courage and initiative in taking up the challenge of making Nigeria a better place for all. He applauded the University's commitment to addressing these crucial issues and contributing to the nation's development through such workshops and academic endeavors.

Also on the team's entourage were a retired Brigadier-General of the Nigerian Army, Godwin Alabi Isama, and a retired career diplomat, Ambassador Ahmed Basharu Erubu. The team was led to the Vice Chancellor's office by the Dean of the Faculty of Social Science, Prof. Adedoyin Jolade Omede.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to receive the team were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; and the Ag. Bursar, Mr. Oba Abdulbarki.

Egbewole applauds CIE

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Also on the list are those of Blue Economy, Prof. U. A. Raheem; University of Jefferson, Prof. Dupe Ademola-Popoola; West African Research and Innovation Management Association-WARIMA, Prof. Mubarak Ameen Oloduwo; WARA, Dr A. Zubair; De Monfort University, Leicester, United Kingdom, Dr M. Sunmonu; U6+ Consortium and KU8+, Dr Bilkis A. Lawal; KU8+Arden; University of Johannesburg (UJ), Dr Anthonia Ugowe; Adamas University, Kolkata,

India, Dr O. O. Oludairo; and University of Venda, South Africa, Dr Olawepo, Gabriel Kehinde.

Besides, there are those of the Beijing University of Chemical Technology, Beijing, China, Dr Jamiu Adetayo Adeniran; Borno State University, Maiduguri, Borno State, Nigeria, Prof. J. O. Olaoeye; Al Akhawyn University in Ifrane, Morocco, Dr Habibat A. Yusuf; Kentucky State University (KSU), USA, Prof. Jimoh; The School of Applied Sciences, University of The West of England, Bristol, United Kingdom,

Prof. Olufunmlola L. Dominic; King Saud University Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Dr Muritala Akeyede Imam; The Federal University of Lavras (UFLA) Minas. Gerais, Brazil, Dr Bilkis A. Lawal; Varna University of Management, Bulgaria, Dr Abdullahi Ola Rajee; and Africalics, Dr Kemi Omotesho.

Highlights of the workshop included discussions of achievements and contributions to the objectives of the University's CIE by various international university desk officers.

Management bans use of heavy electrical appliances in private hostels

By Temitope Folorunsho

The management of the University of Ilorin has banned the use of some high energy-consuming appliances in private hostels of the institution as a result of high electricity tariff.

The University Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa, in a memo

dated August 5, 2024, directed all private hostel investors to inform all students occupying their hostels that the use of the said appliances has been banned henceforth, to reduce excessive electricity consumption.

The appliances include toasting machine, refrigerator, freezer, electric oven, boiling ring and electric pressing iron with rating greater than 300 watts.

The private hostel students have therefore been advised to take these items along with them as they proceed on the end-of-session vacation.

Mr Alfa reiterated that the use of these items constitutes an offence, adding that "any erring student will be taken through the process of law while the item will be confiscated".

Egbewole greets Abdul Samad Rabi'u on 64th birthday

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated prominent businessman, Alhaji Abdul Samad Rabi'u, on the occasion of his 64th birthday.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement issued by the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, described the Kano-born entrepreneur as an outstanding philanthropist who deserves to be celebrated, saying that his philanthropic interventions would continue to be felt across Nigeria and beyond.

The Vice Chancellor specifically thanked Alhaji Rabi'u for spearheading the construction of a gigantic amphitheatre at the University of Ilorin among other forms of support extended to the institution.

He also thanked Alhaji Rabi'u for his numerous industrial and commercial investments across Nigeria that are providing job opportunities for thousands of Nigerians, many of whom are graduates of the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Egbewole prayed Allah to grant the renowned business magnate long life and sound health to enable him contribute more to the development of the nation and humanity in general.



Alhaji Rabi'u

CILS receives material support from Ilorin Royal Family

By Abubakar Imam

The Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin, has taken delivery of three important archival materials donated to it by the Daudu Amule Omo-Oba Aladugbo Ologede segment of the Shitta-Oroganloye Royal Family of Ilorin.

The materials, which consist of portraits made from pictures sourced by the family from the Museum for Archaeology and Anthropology, Cambridge, United Kingdom, were presented to the Director of the Centre, Prof. Issa Olarongbe Sanusi, by the Head of the Family, Alhaji Shehu Solih Mahmud Alasela, at a brief ceremony held at the CILS recently.

Presenting the materials, Alhaji Alasela said that the family was propelled by the need to support the Centre in its efforts to collect and preserve essential and relevant information about the past of the Ilorin Emirate.

Alhaji Alasela thanked the authorities of the University for establishing the Centre, which he said would assist the institution's host community and its neighbours to preserve their histories.

He encouraged other individuals, organisations, and families across and beyond the Ilorin Emirate to forward



One of the donated portraits

similar materials to the Centre to enable it achieve its objectives.

Receiving the materials, the Director of the Centre, Prof. Sanusi, thanked the Amule Omo-Oba Royal family for the gesture, which he said would complement the efforts of the Centre towards stocking its gallery with relevant materials.

Prof. Sanusi noted that "the historical artefacts will no doubt be of immense benefit to our gallery in tracing the history of the rulership within the Ilorin Emirate".

Prof. Sanusi, who said that the

gesture would boost the town and gown relationship, appreciated the enormous financial resources, energy, time and efforts deployed to acquire those valuable historical materials from the United Kingdom.

He, therefore, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, thanked the Amule Omo-Oba family of Ilorin for the support extended to the University as he assured them that the materials would be used as envisaged.

Aghalino delivers 263rd Inaugural Lecture



Prof. Aghalino

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-third (263rd) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Samuel Ovuete Aghalino
B.A. (Ed.) (Ekpoma), M.A. (Ilorin), Ph.D. (Ilorin), Cert. (Coventry), FHSN; MAAH; MNARC
Department of History and International

Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin
Topic: "Crude but Sweet Anatomy of the Devil's Excreta"
Date: Thursday, 15th August, 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

UNILORIN is doing well -- Ambali

...urges greater dedication among staff members

By Abubakar Imam

As the University of Ilorin prepares to mark its golden jubilee, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, has said that the University is doing very well as it is also poised for more greatness.

Prof. Ambali stated this last Tuesday (August 6, 2024) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, who expressed delight with the prevailing peace in the University, said that from all parameters of evaluation, the institution remains a leading citadel of learning in Nigeria. He assured stakeholders that the University would continue to spare no effort at ensuring that its characteristic lack of attraction for any form of distraction is sustained.

Prof. Ambali expressed satisfaction with the service delivery of most of the staff members, which, he said, accounted for the successful completion of the 2022/2023 academic session as scheduled, pointing out that efforts are also in top gear to ensure that students of the University always complete their studies in record time.



■ Prof. Ambali

The Professor of Environmental Toxicology said that the recent award conferred on the University by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) was an incontrovertible confirmation of the alluring place of the University among its peers.

He explained that the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and members of the institution's management team are working round the clock to ensure that the University retains its position as the first in Nigeria, one of the ten best in Africa and among the leading 500

universities across the world.

While acknowledging the role of every staff member in the attainment of the lofty feat, Prof. Ambali urged them to key into the vision of the Vice Chancellor, who he said, is determined to leave the University far better than it was when he assumed office about two years ago.

Prof. Ambali opined that the contributions of each of the University stakeholders are needed to achieve the target.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor said that for the University to record greater achievements, staff members must continue to exhibit the virtues of hard work, discipline and general integrity.

To ensure this, Prof. Ambali urged each Unit Head to draw a Monthly Performance Rating (MPR) for their subordinates based on their respective duties for their contributions to be objectively measured.

While saying that adequate supervision and monitoring are necessary on the part of the superior officers to stimulate productivity, the Deputy Vice Chancellor explained that individual staff members can also evaluate themselves based on the timely and adequate attainment of the responsibilities assigned to them.

AI capable of solving human challenges -- Egbewole

By Abdulquadri Abubakar, Bashir Dawodu and Taiyelolu Olaniyana

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the proper deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is capable of solving some human challenges.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (August 6, 2024) while speaking at the 7th EAI International Conference on Emerging Technology for Developing Countries, organised by the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences at the University Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor explained that AI is drastically changing things and the way human activities are conducted, stressing that the conference should come up with how AI can be further used towards the development of our society.

Earlier in his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez, pointed out that AI is now the trend in today's world, adding that "we cannot do without it because it has become inevitable in human life.

Prof. Azeez explained that the conference was significant because it would illuminate participants on how AI can be properly deployed.

Also speaking, the Director of



■ Cross section of participants at the Conference

COMSIT, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, noted that it has become important to deploy AI in a way that would advance humanity in every realm.

The Convener of the conference, who is also the Head of the Department of Computer Science, Dr Awotunde Joseph Bamidele, thanked the Vice Chancellor for his financial support, which ensured the success of the conference.

In her presentation at the conference, titled "Perception of South Africa Residence on Alternative Energy Sourcing in Mitigating Low Shedding", Prof. Omowumi Mary Longe, called on stakeholders to embrace AI because of its capacity to ensure that human challenges are

reduced to the barest minimum.

Prof. Longe, who lectures at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, said that the wide adoption of AI would enable the country to move forward and minimise some of the challenges confronting the nation.

The Keynote Speaker, Prof. Syed AbdulRahman, described sustainability as meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of the future generations to meet their own needs.

He enjoined participants to ensure that AI is adopted, saying that it would continue to be of tremendous benefit to humanity.



Bello hands over to new Dean, Environmental Sciences

By Sodiq Alabere, Taiyelolu Olaniyan and deho Enoch

The immediate past Ag. Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr N. Bello has handed over the affairs of the Faculty to his successor, Prof. Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf.

At a send-forth and 7th stewardship handing-over meeting held penultimate Wednesday (July 31, 2024) at the Faculty Board Room, new Heads of Departments also assumed duties.

In his opening speech, Dr Bello encouraged the newly appointed Heads of Departments to be diligent in their roles, support the new Dean, and strive for the progress of their Departments and

the Faculty at large.

He praised the immediate past Heads of Departments for their diligent support and contributions to the Faculty and the University at large.

While providing update on the Faculty's achievements, which include infrastructure improvements, enhanced undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, and contributions to academic knowledge both within Nigeria and internationally, Dr Bello advised the new leaders to work as a team to take the Faculty to greater heights.

Also speaking on the occasion, the immediate past Head of the Department of Architecture, Dr Aishat T. Abubakar-Kamar, expressed her gratitude for the

cooperation of her colleagues and the guidance of Dr Bello, which she credited for her successful tenure.

In their separate remarks while handing over to their successors, Drs Maimunah O. Abdulraheem, Adeogun Adekunle Sunday, Ayo Babalola, and Sule Adeniyi Olaniyan, the former HODs of Urban and Regional Planning, Estate Management, Surveying and Geomatics, and Architecture, respectively, appreciated all members of staff for their all-round supports.

In his remarks, the new Dean, Prof. Amuda-Yusuf, promised to ensure the continuous growth of the Faculty and sustain the unity among the Faculty staff.

Ex-SU presidents hail Akanmu's appointment as Dean, Student Affairs

By Temitope Omoniyi

The Forum of UNILORIN Former Students' Union Presidents (FUFSUP) has congratulated one of its members, Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, on his appointment as the Acting Dean of Student Affairs by the University management.

In a statement signed by its Secretary, Abdullateef Dasola Hussein, FUFSUP commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the University management for selecting a highly

qualified and dedicated member of their forum for the position.

The Forum praised Dr Akanmu's exceptional leadership skills, citing his past experience as President of the Students' Union in the 2001/2002 academic session and his current role as Chairperson of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), UNILORIN Chapter.

FUFSUP urged the Vice-Chancellor to continue his outstanding work, stating that the University is on the right track under his leadership.



Dr Akanmu

Adopt 'Aloha Continua', Egbewole tells new students' union leaders

(Contd. from page 4)

Having served as an Executive member before, Ageze said, "I am very well aware of the challenges that are inherent in the University system and I seek the assistance of my team members to help me in this work that is about to begin for the next one year. I aim to adopt practices that will help the present and also secure the future and build a digital community."

The new President said that they will ensure that each student's potential is harnessed through a culture of inclusivity and innovation, transparency and efficiency, declaring that student welfare will be prioritised.

The swearing-in also witnessed the election of the new Student Union Senate Assembly Executives, which included Samson Adeyanju Gbadamosi, Senate

President, Usman Ruqayyah, Deputy Senate President, Olowu Ademola, Senate Clerk and Bejide Oluwanifemi Chiamaka.

Highlights of the event included the presentation of awards to the Vice Chancellor, Sub-Deans, Central Executive Council members and the incoming Student Union President, UNILORIN Independent Electoral Commission and the Senate Council members by the immediate past Executives of the Union.

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AI AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF BROADCASTING

TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST 2024 (MAIN EVENT)

UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN AUDITORIUM

10AM

CELEBRATING
UNILORIN 89.3FM



Saturday August 10th 2024

Fitness with the Vice-Chancellor
University Sports Complex
8AM

Monday August 12th 2024

Free Medical Check/Consultation
University Park
10AM

ROYAL FATHER OF THE DAY
HRM Oba AbdulRaheem Oladele Adeoti,
Akolade, Agboluaje, Olomu Efon II
Olomu of Omu-Aran

Prof. Jeelel Oluosunkanmi Ojuade,
VC, Oja University | UNILORIN FM Board Chairman

Host: Mr Kunle Akogun, mnipr

RSVP - CHAIRMAN 08036567529, SEC. 09069243658

UNILORIN FM marks 15th anniversary

By Abubakar Imam

... as IEDPU hails Better-by- far radio station

All is set for the 15th anniversary of the establishment of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin, coming up this Tuesday (August 14, 2024) at the University Auditorium.

A statement issued by the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the event, Mr Tunde Agboola, said that the highlight of the programme would be a special lecture titled "The Future of Radio: Artificial Intelligence and the Transformation of Broadcasting" to be delivered by the Vice Chancellor of Thomas Adewunmi University, Oko, Prof. Francisca Onaolapo Oladipo, with an Ilorin-based prominent legal practitioner, Prof. Yusuf Oluolu Ali, SAN, as the Chairman of the occasion. He added that the Olomu of Omu-Aran, Oba AbdulRaheem Oladele Adeoti, will be the Royal Father at the event.

Other dignitaries being expected at the event include the First Lady of Kwara State, Ambassador Olufolake AbdulRazaq and the Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, as well as the Director General of the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), Mr. Charles Ebuebu among others, from far and near.

According to Mr Agboola, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Oluolapo Egbewole, SAN, will be the Chief Host while the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, will be the Host.

Meanwhile, the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), the umbrella socio-cultural organisation of



Mr Alooma

the people of Ilorin Emirate, has joined the league of well-wishers in felicitating the management and staff of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** on the anniversary.

In a statement issued by its National Publicity Secretary, Mallam Nurudeen Ibrahim, the Union's National President, Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, said that "**UNILORIN 89.3 FM** deserves to be celebrated in view of the numerous contributions and achievements recorded since its establishment".

The statement recalled that "the station is not only the pioneer campus radio station in Kwara State but also the first that transmitted 24-hours non-stop".

The Union thanked the station for the services it has been rendering, which, it noted, have been aiding and deepening community development as well as advancing peace and harmony.

Alhaji Abdulmalik specifically paid glowing tributes to the station for its consistent and profound exultations targeted at the students of the University and the youthful segment of the nation's population, which, he said, have been impacting their



Alhaji Abdulmalik

attitudes positively.

He added that "the stimulating quality of the students of the institution and the enduring peace enjoyed by the University cannot be divorced from the quality programmes often paraded by the station".

The Union similarly acknowledged the support the host community has often enjoyed from the station over the years, saying that the media outfit is one of the very few that always cover the Union's programmes and activities with a view to promoting town and gown relationship.

Alhaji Abdulmalik commended the Head of the Station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma) and his colleagues for working tirelessly towards sustaining its reputation as it also hailed the authorities of the University under the leadership of its Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Oluolapo Egbewole, SAN, for establishing and supporting the station.

The Union wished the station and its staff members many more years of quality services to humanity.

Alafara bags two international honours

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdullahi Baba Alafara, has been honoured by The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (TMS), United States of America, in recognition of his “dedicated volunteer service” to the Society.

The two honours were contained in two separate letters signed by the Executive Director of the Society, Prof. James T. Robinson and the President, Dr Brad Boyce. The letters were presented to the Dean at the Society's 2024 Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Orlando, Florida, United States

While the first one conferred on Prof. Alafara the position of Representative of the Extraction and Processing Division on the TMS's



Prof. Alafara

Education Committee, the second recognised the don as a member of the Education Committee Representative of the Extraction and Processing Division.

Reacting to the development, the

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, congratulated Prof. Alafara on the two simultaneous achievements from an international organisation.

In a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that the University is honoured by the achievements of the Dean, saying that the honours meant more international recognition for the University, as they have also confirmed the institution's impact on the global community.

While commending Prof. Alafara for making the University proud, Prof. Egbewole urged him to continue to work tirelessly for himself and the University as he enjoined other staff members and students of the University to emulate the industry of the renowned Professor of Industrial Chemistry.

Malaysian Varsity honours two UNILORIN dons

By Abubakar Imam

Two academic staff of the University of Ilorin, Dr Halimah Funmilayo Babamale of the Department of Industrial Chemistry, and Dr Muhammad Kabir Abdulkadir of the Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, have been inducted into the “Hall of Fame” (Sanggar Sajung) of the Universiti Sains, Malaysia (USM) in recognition of their respective research outputs.

The two scholars were honoured based on the fascinating quality of their published research works in the course of the pursuit of their respective doctorate degrees at the University.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the two scholars on their achievements.

This was contained in a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, while reacting to the induction of the two Unilorites.

The Vice Chancellor explained



Dr Babamale

that by the feat, both Dr Babamale and Dr Abdulkadir had not only brought honour on themselves but have also attracted more international recognition for the nation's most sought-after University.

Prof. Egbewole said that the performance of the duo has justified the investment of the University on staff development as he assured the University staff that the University



Dr Abdulkadir,

would continue to ensure that more of them benefit from relevant local and international trainings.

While urging other staff members to emulate the industry and resilience of Dr Babamale and Dr Abdulkadir, which earned them the recognition, the Vice Chancellor wished the two scholars more successes in their respective career paths.

Physics announces Olawepo's death

The death has been announced of Prof. Adeniji Olayinka Olawepo of the Department of Physics, University of Ilorin.

A statement signed by the Acting Head of the Department, Dr T. B. Ajibola, indicated that Prof.

Olawepo, who was the immediate past Head of the Department and former Sub Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, died on Sunday, August 4, 2024.

The statement described the late Prof. Olawepo as a dedicated

staff member.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, beseeched God to give the family of the late Prof. Olawepo the fortitude to bear the loss while also praying for the peaceful repose of his soul.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST
FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 1st AUGUST TO 8th AUGUST, 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	822861.25
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	3936675.00
Sundry Other Income	2741648.15
Convocation Souvenir	859140.00
Convocation PHE Charges	23650.00
Convocation Masters Charges	41150.00
Convocation Undergraduate Charges	116100.00
Income from Verification/Screening	240000.00
Boarded Property	10000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	11000.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	28000.00
Staff I.D. Cards	1000.00
CODL-Undergraduate Charges	60400.00
Utility Income	732600.00
Rent On University Property	392000.00
Capitation -NHIS	24000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	115977000.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	8127400.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	220400.00
Transcript Charges	105500.00
Late Registration Charges	6000.00
Postgraduate School Charges	3828450.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	3300.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	315500.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	5031320.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	329200.00
Institute of Education Application Form	228800.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	2099200.00
Institute of Education CHARGES	56919.30
Remedial Application Form	425600.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	302400.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	3497500.00
JUPEB Application Form	529200.00
JUPEB School Charges	5289626.40
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	513400.00
Total Receipt for the Period	156,926,940.10

Signed
Oba Abdulbarki, FCA
Ag Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Adebayo, Rasheedat Aderonke	Registry	Aug 11
2	Lawal, Suraj Shola	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Aug 11
3	Popoola, Mobolaji Olushola	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Aug 11
4	Sanusi, Nurudeen Adebowale	Bursary	Aug 11
5	Bamidele, Abdul-Latifu Akano	Security Division	Aug 12
6	Adebayo, Peter Folorunsho	History & International Studies	Aug 12
7	Okparakwu, Francis Ebi	Registry	Aug 12
8	Olawumi, Hannah Oluwayemisi	Haematology & Blood Transfusion	Aug 12
9	Oba, Aremu Abdulrasheed	Unilorin Staff School	Aug 12
10	Opakunle, Muritala Adenekan	Biomedical Engineering	Aug 12
11	Fatoba, Paul Ojo	Plant Biology	Aug 13
12	Aliyu, Usman	Security Division	Aug 13
13	Ogunlade, Oluwabunmi Racheal	Library & Information Science	Aug 13
14	Yahaya, Taiwo	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Aug 13
15	Adam, Mohammed	Veterinary Pathology	Aug 13
16	Olawuyi, Emmanuel Temitope	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Aug 13
17	Gambari-Ambali, Rabiat Olaronke	Microbiology	Aug 13
18	Aghalino, Samuel Ouvete	History & International Studies	Aug 14
19	Ajisafe, Comfort Modupe	Registry	Aug 14
20	Sabonkudi, Suleiman Sadiq	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Aug 14
21	Obafemi, Micheal Ojo	Registry	Aug 14
22	Abubakar, Musa Idi-Ogede	Aquaculture & Fisheries	Aug 14
23	Dauda, Abdulfatai	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Aug 14
24	Abubakar, Hussain Olanrewaju	Geophysics	Aug 14
25	Wuraola, Oluwabusayo Temitope	Private & Property Law	Aug 14
26	Mejabi, Hassan Taiwo	Library	Aug 14
27	Kudabo, Adewumi Joseph	Security Division	Aug 15
28	Olaniyan, Adenike Mubo	Registry	Aug 15
29	Waheed, Azeez	Security Division	Aug 15
30	Tomori, Raheed Adekola	Web Support Services	Aug 15
31	Babalola, Risikat Oladunni	Registry	Aug 15
32	Adam, Ibrahim Kayode	Business Law	Aug 15
33	Okoji, Olufemi Onweazu	Adult & Primary Education	Aug 15
34	Taiwo, Isaac Toyin	Chemistry	Aug 15
35	Shittu, Adijat Folashade	Physics	Aug 15
36	Nurudeen, Rukayat	Pharmacognosy & Drug Development	Aug 15
37	Jaiyeoba, Michael Olawale	Security Division	Aug 15
38	Mohamudu, Afusat Arike	Registry	Aug 15
39	Emmanuel, Sabastine	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Aug 15
40	Atata, Jamila Abdulhamid	Veterinary Pathology	Aug 15
41	Agboola, Olayinka Michael	Registry	Aug 15
42	Moses, Makanju	Central Admin: Port.Lodge	Aug 16
43	Agbede, Joseph Uaikhugba	Registry	Aug 16
44	Adisa, Mohammed	Security Division	Aug 16
45	Salawu, Oseni	Works: Mechanical	Aug 16
46	Kolawole, Fausat Lola	Home Economics & Food Science	Aug 16
47	Ajayi, Felicia Arinola	Registry	Aug 16
48	Omopupa, Kamal Tunde	Library & Information Science	Aug 16
49	Popoola, Alice Bukola	Registry	Aug 16
50	Salman, Toyin Mohammed	Physiology	Aug 16
51	Mallum, Hamidu	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Aug 16
52	Muftau, Taofiq Tayo	Registry	Aug 16
53	Suleiman, Fatima Bolaji	Registry	Aug 16
54	Ajala, Mary Adejoke	Chemical Engineering	Aug 16
55	Amali, Kabiru Inalegwu Onche	Registry	Aug 16
56	Daodu, Segun Samuel	Registry	Aug 16
57	Quadir, Simbiat Omonike	Registry	Aug 16
58	Ghali-Mohammed, Ibraheem	Veterinary Public Health & Preventive Medicine	Aug 17
59	Bamidele, Deborah Olufunke	Registry	Aug 17
60	Bayero, Muhammed	Unilorin Staff School	Aug 17
61	Oyeyemi, Gafar Matanmi	Statistics	Aug 17
62	Faseluka, Babalola James	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Aug 17
63	Jimoh, Omotayo Ayinla	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Aug 17
64	Lewu, Isaac Adekunle	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Aug 17

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

Staff Development Award

RECIPIENT	PROGRAMME	DEPARTMENT	INSTITUTION WHERE TENABLE
Janet O. Adewara	Ph.D	University Library	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin

- The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has called on sons and daughters of Igbomina land to uphold the values encapsulated in the Igbomina National Anthem in their daily lives.
("Uphold Igbomina Ideals, Akogun charges Igbomina students union", <https://sobifm.com>,"UPHOLD ADMONITIONS CONTAINED IN IGBOMINA ANTHEM",<https://rectitudenewsng.wordpress.com>,"Ako gun urges Igbomina students to uphold Admonitions contained in Igbomina Anthem", <https://choicereporters.com>)
- The University of Ilorin has been listed among other institutions whose students have benefited from the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND).
("NELFUND list UI, UNILORIN,UNIBEN ,3 others as institutions that have received student loan", *Saturday Tribune*, August 4, 2024, P.7;"Food inflation: Students groan on campuses", *Vanguard*, Monday, August 5, 2024, P.9;"NELFUND disburses July stipends to 20,371 students", *The Nation*, Tuesday, August 6, 2024, P.5; ."NELFUND disburses monthly N20,000 for students

- upkeep", *Blueprint*, Wednesday, August 7, 2024, P.13)
- The immediate past University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulwahab Olanrewaju Issa, has warned members of the academic community against the hazard of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
("Don warns on hazards of AI, others", *The Nation*, Thursday, August 8, 2024, P.5;"Don raises alarm over AI threat to students academic performance", *DailyTrust* , Friday, August 9, 2024, P.10, See also,:"Beware of AI hazards of AI , Professor A.O.Issa alerts researchers", <https://daily source.ng>)).
- The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has disclosed that the institution's 2024/2025 pre-admission screening would run between August 5 and 18, 2024.
("Unilorin begins 2024/2025 Pre-admission screening", *The Nation*, Thursday, August 8, 2024, P.16; "UNILORIN sets date for pre-admission screening, releases guidelines", nigeriannewsdirect.com; "UNILORIN announces 2 0 2 4 / 2 0 2 5 Post - U T M E , releases guidelines",www.legit.ng)

Tolorunleke's son weds



The son of Mr Samuel Tolorunleke of Works Department, University of Ilorin, Timothy Tolorunleke, recently tied the nuptial knots with his heartthrob, Faith Evivie in Effurum, Warri, Delta State. Picture shows the new couple (middle) flanked by their respective parents, Mr and Mrs Tolorunleke (right), and Mr and Mrs Uruole Evivie (left)

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. K. A. Adeniji	Basic Clinical Sciences/Pathology	Head, Department of Pathology	1 st August, 2024
Dr. I. M. AbdulAzeez	Basic Clinical Sciences/Chemical Pathology	Head, Department of Chemical Pathology	1 st August, 2024

Open Ph.D. Theses Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1.	AYILARA, Gideon Opeyemi	Basic Medical Science/Physiology	Neuroprotective Mechanisms of Bromeclain in Social Isolation-induced Schizophrenia in Male and Female BALB/c Mice	Friday 9 th August, 2024/10:00am	Physiology Seminar Room (New College)
2.	SUBAIR, Bashirat Olanike	Education/Counsellor Education	Marital Adaptability, Sexual Intimacy and Communication Pattern as Correlate of Marital Satisfaction among Married Adults in Nigeria	Wednesday 21 st August, 2024/10:00am	Postgraduate Virtual Conference Room



Egbewole seeks stronger KU8+ partnership ... as Yusuf canvasses stronger varsity, industry ties

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has stressed the urgent need for members of the Consortium of Universities in Kwara State (KU8+) to strengthen their connections and adapt to global advancements in education to avoid crawling when the rest of the world is already in the space.

Prof. Egbewole stated this in his address, titled "The World Has Moved Again", delivered at the opening ceremony of the 2nd KU8+ Consortium International Conference held at All-Hikmah University, Ilorin last Thursday (August 8, 2024).

Pointing out that collaboration is essential to avoid being left behind in a rapidly evolving world, Prof. Egbewole who is the Chairman of the KU8+ Consortium and Chief Host of the 2nd International Conference of the Consortium, said, "For us at KU8+, connecting our universities is a goal, and realising the partnership that works for a sustainable future is a must. We cannot afford to be crawling when the rest of the world is already in space".

He explained the importance of building stronger bridges

through partnerships that leverage collective resources and expertise, noting that KU8+ is committed to identifying common goals and values, particularly in areas such as grantsmanship, Artificial Intelligence, and research group linkages.

Prof. Egbewole also addressed the need for adaptability in the face of changing global demands, citing a recent example from the University of Brighton, where 103 academic staff members, including 10 professors, faced redundancy due to their skills and expertise not aligning with the university's core mandates. He warned that Nigeria is heading towards a similar re-evaluation, where academic productivity will be critically assessed for future engagement.

He said, "We must prime ourselves as providers of high-quality, skills-based education that can compete globally", adding that "if anyone at this conference has not yet adapted to technological changes or lacks the necessary pedagogical content knowledge, they should be encouraged to up their game before circumstances catch up with them."

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law explained that investing in capacity building and learning is vital for the future of academics. He praised the KU8+ members for prioritising capacity building, as demonstrated by the various training programmes and the sponsorship of participants to the Association of West African Universities (AWAU) Conference held in February 2024 at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. He said, "No amount of investment is too much when it comes to the future of academia. Capacity building goes beyond training; it involves deliberate and conscious efforts to enhance skills and competencies".

Prof. Egbewole further advocated the diversification of networks and partnerships, stressing that strategic collaborations would be critical to KU8+'s success. According to him, "diversity in partnerships will help identify opportunities and increase our effectiveness. The days of narrow-focused or stereotyped research

outcomes are over. We must engage in multidisciplinary research and collaboration at institutional levels".

The Chairman of the Consortium, however, encouraged KU8+ members to export their ideas beyond Kwara and Nigeria through serious networking and strategic partnerships.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University and host of the 2nd KU8+ Consortium International Conference, Prof. Noah Yusuf, explained the critical need for stronger collaboration between universities and industries in today's rapidly changing world, noting that with the evolving roles of universities and industries, the traditional boundaries between the two are becoming increasingly blurred.

Prof. Yusuf said, "Universities are not just centers of learning and research; they are incubators of innovation, shaping the leaders and solutions of tomorrow", pointing out that "similarly, industries are not merely economic entities; they are vital partners in the application of knowledge and the driving force behind societal progress".

The Al-Hikmah University Vice Chancellor stressed that the synergy between universities and industries is essential for



■ Prof. Egbewole

addressing the multifaceted challenges that society faces today, including climate change, resource scarcity, technological disruption, and social inequality, saying that "by working together, we can harness our collective strengths to create sustainable solutions that benefit all."

Meanwhile, the Lead Paper presenter and the Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Prof. Adenike Temidayo Oladiji, called on the universities within the KU8+ Consortium to identify and exploit the natural resources in their environments, transforming them into products of international standard in collaboration with local industries.

Prof. Oladiji, who observed that universities have the challenge of

bureaucracy, while industries prioritise time and the sustainability of new ideas, encouraged the KU8+ member-universities to find a way to overcome the bureaucracy that could hinder their development, and called on industries to work closely with universities to achieve their set goals.

The FUTA Vice Chancellor urged the KU8+ universities to closely examine their environments and identify areas where they can contribute to regional advancement through innovative use of local resources. She said "KU8+ universities should look at their surroundings and identify opportunities to advance their communities. By doing so, we can create impactful and sustainable solutions that benefit both academia and industry".

Prof. Oladiji also encouraged universities to identify their institutional strengths and explore the use of their alumni networks to penetrate and establish stronger ties with industries.

She explained that both universities and industries must benefit from these relationships for them to be truly successful, saying, "With the current partnership, KU8+ can achieve the unthinkable. Both parties must benefit from the relationship. If universities interact effectively with industries, both will gain immensely from the collaboration."