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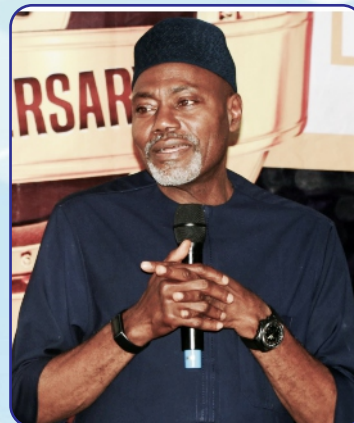
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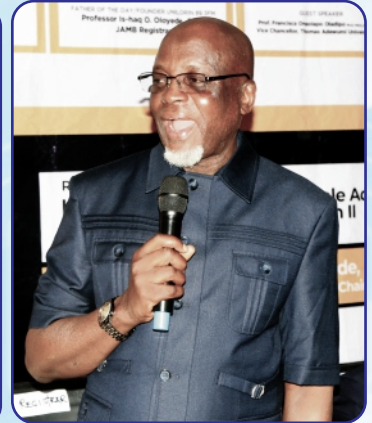
■ Prof. Oladipo



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UNILORIN FM's 15th Anniversary:

Oladipo charts way forward for Better-by-far radio

By Mubarak Oladosu, Mustafa Abubakar, Tajudeen Babamale, Isaac Lewu, Bashirat Omotosho and Bashir Dawodu

To sustain its status as the first among equals in the committee of campus radio stations in Nigeria, **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** has been told to respond to the needs of its primary audience by liberalising access to radio broadcast and 'take the classroom to the students', using the instrumentality of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance broadcasting.

This counsel was given last



Tuesday (August 13, 2024) by the Vice Chancellor of Thomas Adewumi University, Oko, Prof. Francisca Onaolapo Oladipo, while

presenting a paper at the 15th Anniversary celebration of the radio station of the University of Ilorin.

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Aghalino calls for redefinition of 'resource control'

By Abubakar Imam



■ Prof. Aghalino

Professor in the Department of History and International Studies, University of Ilorin, Samuel Ovuete Aghalino, has canvassed the redefinition of property rights and resource ownership in Nigeria, saying that the quest for resource control has been a recurring decimal in the oil-bearing region of the

country.

Prof. Aghalino, who made this call last Thursday (August 15, 2024) while delivering the 263rd Inaugural Lecture, entitled "Crude But Sweet Anatomy of the Devil's Excreta" at the University Auditorium, pointed out that people need to know more about the history, practice and essence of resource control.

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■ The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fawole (middle), presenting the Certificate of Registration to the Convener of NAWACS, Prof. Durosaro (3rd left), while other NAWACS officials watch

Egbewole reaffirms commitment to gender equity

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has restated his Administration's commitment to ensuring that the institution remains a conducive environment for scholars, regardless of gender.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Wednesday (August 14, 2024) while speaking at the relaunch of the National Association of Women in Academics (NAWACS), University of Ilorin Chapter.

The Vice Chancellor, who spoke through the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, explained the importance of diversity in the academia, noting that the University is greatly enriched by the varied thoughts, experiences, and perspectives that women bring to the academic community.

Prof. Egbewole also announced the impending introduction of a new gender policy at the University, which he assured his audience, would be of immense benefit to both men and women. "Very soon, the policy on gender will be unveiled by the University, and I am sure it will be of immense benefit to all of us, men and women alike," he said.

The Vice Chancellor affirmed the University's full support for its chapter of NAWACS, as he noted the institution's desire to stand with the Association in its efforts towards engendering gender equity and professional development. He said, "We want to be with you in your movement and your roles in gender equity and professional development so that our University will continue to lead in all areas of academia."

Reflecting on the history of the

Association, which was first launched in 2004, the Vice Chancellor commended the decision to reinvigorate the union, and urged the members to make it more vibrant and unified this time around.

He also highlighted the progress that women have made in the academic world, particularly in leadership roles, noting the significant increase in the number of female professors at the University. According to him, "It is in the old days that we say mentorship is hard for women because men were at the top. Now that we are here, I wonder who is now at the top. The number of women professors has surged, and even if they want to mentor the men, they have the capacity to do so".

While anticipating more contributions from the Association in research, innovation, technology, and the broader academic sphere, the Vice Chancellor envisioned a future where every woman in the institution can achieve greatness.

Earlier in her address, the Convener of NAWACS, University of Ilorin Chapter, Prof. Irene Durosaro, said the relaunch of NAWACS was not just about reviving an organisation as it represents the re-ignition of a movement dedicated to ensuring that women in the academia can aspire to and achieve their goals. She said that the Association will continue to advocate for gender equity and inclusiveness within academic institutions and serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration for the next generation of women scholars.

Prof. Durosaro said that the Association aims to empower women academics by providing a platform for advocacy, mentorship, and professional development.

While explaining the ongoing

challenges in the academia, including career advancement, balancing personal and professional life, and overcoming gender bias, the don mentioned the importance of collective action in tackling these issues, noting that women in the academia often face additional hurdles, including underrepresentation and limited access to mentorship and leadership opportunities.

As part of its renewed mission, the convener submitted that NAWACS would focus on enhancing the visibility of women scholars globally, through initiatives such as networking, joint publications across Faculties, and collaborative research grants. "Our aim is to come together, share experiences, learn from one another, and collaborate to tackle the unique challenges we face as women in the academia," Prof. Durosaro added.

She, expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor for his unwavering support and commitment to advancing the cause of women in the academia. She also thanked everyone who contributed to the successful relaunch of the Association.

Prof. Durosaro also expressed her optimism that the Association would remain united in its shared goals and aspirations, working collectively to empower and elevate women in the academic community.

Joining the Vice Chancellor at the NAWACS relaunch were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa; and the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; among others.



L-R: The Chief Press Secretary to the Kwara State Governor, Mallam Rafiu Ajakaiye; the Vice Chancellor of Ojaja University, Ilorin, Prof. Jeleel Ojuade; and the Olomu of Omu Aran, Oba AbdulRaheem Adeoti at the event



The Guest Speaker, Prof. Francisca Oladipo (left); and the representative of the Kwara State First Lady, Mrs Bola Olukoju (right), at the event

‘Way forward for UNILORIN FM’

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In her paper, entitled "Transforming Broadcasting in the Age of Artificial Intelligence", the Professor of Computer Science, who was the Guest Speaker on the occasion, noted that Artificial Intelligence is the technology of everything and it could make the job of media practitioners easier by generating more contents from a pool of previous episodes of specific programmes. She, however, assured the audience that AI would not take the job of broadcasters away, but rather make their job easier.

The distinguished scholar pointed out that it is time for UNILORIN FM to have its Apps on digital platforms such as Apple Store and Play Store, where its young audience seek audio contents, and also establish a robust online presence across social media platforms, which could also be used to generate revenue for the University and ensure that the radio station is on air round the clock.

Prof. Oladipo said rather than being scared of the negative impact of AI in broadcasting, the new technological device could help in generating ideas, in scripting and in editing.

The widely travelled scholar encouraged the University management to provide more resources for the station to make its content ubiquitous and to enhance its service delivery.

She said, "We are at a fascinating crossroads where tradition meets innovation. The potential of AI in broadcasting is immense. AI is not a future possibility in radio – it is already here, quietly revolutionising many aspects of the industry. AI is being deployed to enhance content creation, streamline operations, personalise listener experiences, and provide deep insights into audience behaviour".

In his remarks, a former Vice

Chancellor of the University, during whose tenure the radio station was established in 2009, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, urged the management to mobilise the University community by involving academic Departments in the activities of the radio station and reintroduce different intellectually-biased programmes like 'Mind Your Grammar' and other programmes for Yoruba, Arabic, and French speaking listeners.

The Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence, who is the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), noted that the fact that UNILORIN FM remains on air after 15 years is a remarkable feat because not all similar laudable projects embarked upon by the government survive for so long.

Prof. Oloyede described the survival of UNILORIN FM till date as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and passion of the entire Directorate of Corporate Affairs team, past and present. He added that the said efforts have made the radio station a vital part of the identity of the University as a beacon of knowledge, culture, and community.

The Chairman of the event, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, reiterated his commitment to the University of Ilorin and noted that the UNILORIN FM can maximise its traditional radio services by extending its services to the University's host community through the featuring of programmes like reports on transport and security situations.

In his address, the University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, pledged a comprehensive revamp of the radio station to enhance its broadcasting capabilities.

He disclosed that he had been an ardent listener of UNILORIN FM even before he became Vice Chancellor, saying that he was attracted to the station because of the quality of programmes it paraded.

Reflecting on the station's milestone, Prof. Egbewole expressed his pride in the progress made so far, adding that 15 years of quality broadcasting is no small achievement.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, described the former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Oloyede, as the visionary behind the establishment of the radio station, noting that he deserves all accolades heaped on him on that account.

Mr. Akogun also appreciated the current Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, for his relentless efforts at ensuring the survival of the radio station.

Mr Akogun similarly appreciated all the Principal Officers who have supported the Directorate and its units, including UNILORIN FM. He also appreciated the Chairman of the Radio Board, Prof. Jeleel Ojuade, and the 15th Anniversary Committee, headed by Mr Tunde Agboola.

The event attracted several dignitaries from far and wide, including the Principal Officers of the University, the Olomu of Omu Aran, Oba AbdulRaheem Oladele Adeoti; the Director General of the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), who was represented by the Kwara State Officer of the Commission, Mr. O. Adewale; the First Lady of Kwara State, Ambassador Olufolake AbdulRazaq, who was represented by the Kwara State Commissioner for Communication, Mrs Bola Olukoju; the Chief Press Secretary to the Kwara State Governor, Mr Rafiu Ajakaiye; a former Editor of The Punch newspaper in the late 1980's, Alhaji Najem Jimoh; as well as Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, and several staff and students of the University.

Aghalino calls for redefinition of resource control

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The renowned historian also explained that the impunity and unsustainable environmental practices of the oil multinationals and local oil firms must be checked, adding that regulatory authorities must insist on adherence to the best in oil field practices.

Prof. Aghalino, who is a former President of the Historical Society of Nigeria (HSN), also stressed the need to strengthen regulatory agencies such as the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) and the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) to make them proactive in the enforcement of standards and regulations needed to protect the delicate environment of the Niger Delta.

The Inaugural Lecturer said that it was high time the government stopped criminalising the activities of the operators of indigenous refineries and steadily work towards liberalising their operations so that the operators can be quarantined, regulated and their nascent technology harnessed for national interest.

He equally called for reconsideration of the mode of payment of compensation by the oil companies and other concerned stakeholders so as to ensure that such is in line with global best practices.

Prof. Aghalino, who has taught at

the University for three decades and produced no fewer than 13 doctorate degree holders, suggested that the various intervention agencies in the region should be harmonised in order to have a coordinated approach to the development of the region and to reduce the pilfering of the little resources available.

In order to ensure efficient economic growth

and stability, Prof. Aghalino said that Nigeria must begin to look beyond oil as a major source of revenue.

He added that it has become important that the nation's economy should be diversified while a balance should be struck between developing the oil industry and domestic industries as practised in Norway and Saudi Arabia.

The renowned scholar, who is a specialist in Economic History, said that there is a compelling need for the introduction of Resource Extraction and



■ Prof. Aghalino (left) presenting the lecture notes to the Vice Chancellor last Thursday

Environmental History into the school curriculum. He explained that the suggestion is imperative so that students would be conversant with the implications of environmental despoliation.

The lecture, which was the third to be delivered from the Department of History and International Studies, was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

It was also attended by colleagues, relations, friends and students of Prof. Aghalino from far and near.

Olu Obafemi leads encomiums as Alabi bows out

By Mubarak Oladosu

A renowned scholar of English and Drama Studies and national merit award winner, Prof. Olu Obafemi, last Thursday (August 15, 2024) led an assemblage of academics and leaders from different spectra of the society in paying tribute to a former Chairman of the Editorial Board of *UNILORIN Bulletin* and Professor of Stylistics and Semiotics, in the Department of English, Victoria Adunola Alabi, as she bowed out of the services of the University of Ilorin upon attaining the age of 70.

Speaking at the presentation of a Festschrift, titled "Stylo-Semiosis of English Studies in Nigeria and Beyond", published in honour of Prof. Alabi of the Department of English, Prof. Obafemi noted that for a woman of words such as the honouree, a book like that is a precious gift.

Prof. Obafemi, who also retired from the Department of English, in 2020, noted that Prof. Alabi supervised more



■ Prof. Alabi (middle), with dignitaries, cutting the birthday cake at the event

Ph.D. theses than many of her contemporaries as a positive response to the challenges she faced while working on her own Ph.D.

He posited that Prof. Alabi deserves such honour having nurtured students who have grown to become Vice Chancellors and great achievers in different spheres of life.

The award-winning scholar, who also served as the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, urged the authorities of the University of Ilorin to create a legacy hall as obtainable in Universities of Leeds and Ibadan, where retired Professors would feel at home whenever they visit. *(Contd. on page 8)*

VC urges student leaders to invest in enduring projects

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called on Student Union leaders in the University to prioritise sustainable and long-lasting projects that would benefit the student body.

Prof. Egbewole, who made the call last Monday (August 12, 2024) during the unveiling of a new sit-out at the Faculty of Education, urged the student leaders to wisely invest the funds contributed by their fellow students into initiatives that would leave lasting impact.

The sit-out, a legacy project of the immediate past Executive Committee of the Nigerian Universities Education Students' Association (NUESA), was spearheaded by its President, Mr Shittu Ibrahim Olanrewaju, popularly known as "Alabere".

The Vice Chancellor praised the Faculty of Education for its commitment to nurturing responsible and proactive leaders. He also congratulated the NUESA Executives for their foresight and dedication in initiating a project that would serve as a lasting legacy for future students.

Prof. Egbewole further encouraged members of the former Executive Committee to maintain a connection with their alma mater, expressing the hope that they would continue to contribute to the University even after their graduation.



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (middle), cutting the tape to commission the sit-out while other University top officials and the student leaders watch

Earlier in his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, said that the project aligned with the University Administration's goal of ensuring that students are well taken care of.

The Dean, who expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor and his management team for their dedication to the Faculty's progress, said that the ongoing physical development projects within the Faculty, including improvements in furniture and equipment, were part of a broader effort to create a conducive learning environment.

Prof. Yahaya also noted the significance of the project considering the Faculty's unique position in the University, saying, "Our Faculty is the largest in the University with the highest number of students, teaching, and non-teaching staff". He added that "in terms of promoting the University, we stand out among other Faculties".

Pointing out that the number of

students and staff in the Faculty made the sit-out area an essential addition, the Dean noted that while last year's funds were allocated differently, the immediate past NUESA Executives shared the Vice Chancellor's vision to prioritise the well-being of their colleagues, which resulted in the much-needed project.

Also speaking, the President of NUESA, appreciated the Vice Chancellor and his team for taking the time to honour the students by attending the unveiling of the new sit-out at the Faculty of Education.

The NUESA President mentioned the significance of the project, which, he said, demonstrated his Administration's dedication to improving the welfare of both students and staff. He added that the initiative reflects a collective commitment to creating a better environment for all members of the Faculty.

UNILORIN don, alumni become Kwara High Court Judges

By Abubakar Imam

The National Judicial Council (NJC) has approved the appointment of an Associate Professor at the Department of Private and Property Law, University of Ilorin, Dr Fatimah Funsho AbdulRazaq, and two alumni of the Faculty as Judges of the Kwara State High Court.

The appointment of Dr AbdulRazaq, who previously served as Head of the Department, was made along with those of five others, including two alumni of the University, Mr Yusuf Adebayo Dikko and Mrs Temitope Osuolale-Ajayi, following their recommendations to the NJC by Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has welcomed



■ Dr AbdulRazaq

the appointments of the three Unilorites as High Court Judges.

In a statement issued on his behalf by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that the appointment of Dr AbdulRazaq, who he

described as a hardworking and diligent scholar, is not only an honour to the new Judge but also to the University. He also described the other two new Judges as outstanding products of the University.

He added that the University is delighted that the appointment came a few weeks after the elevation of an alumna and ex-staff member of the University, Justice Asma'u Tanwa Akanbi-Yusuf as a Justice of the Court of Appeal.

Prof. Egbewole urged Dr AbdulRazaq, who also served as Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Law, and her colleagues to see their appointments as opportunities to prove their mettle as scholars and jurists and further project the image of the University as a bastion of excellence and probity.

The Vice Chancellor wished the trio a very successful and rewarding career on the bench.



■ Faculty staff members after the meeting

Dean commends Arts Faculty staff's dedication, unveils new research grants

By Isaac Lewu

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lèrè Adeyemi, has commended the relentless efforts and dedication of the Faculty staff in contributing to the overall success of the University.

Prof. Adeyemi, who gave the commendation last Wednesday (August 14, 2024) at the Faculty Board Room during a special meeting, acknowledged the unwavering support from the Vice-Chancellor, which, he said, had enabled the Faculty to excel in various domains.

The Dean also unveiled two new research grants of N5 million each at the meeting. He encouraged staff members from all Departments to take advantage of this opportunity to further their research and contribute to the University's growing body of knowledge.

He highlighted the numerous research grants secured by Faculty members and their participation in international conferences, attributing these successes to the collaborative efforts of the entire team.

The Dean noted that much of the funding for seminars and other academic activities did not rely on external sources, but they were made possible through the personal contributions of the Faculty members.

This, he said, was a testament to

the collective dedication of staff to uphold excellence at the University of Ilorin.

To recognise outstanding contributions, the Faculty rewarded four professors for their exceptional work during the 2020/2021 academic session. Prof. Adeyemi said that the honourees, Prof. Alamu Akiti of the Department of Religions, Prof. S. O. Oyewo of the Department of the Performing and Film Arts, Dr Y. O. Tijani of the Department of French, and Dr S. O. Afolabi of the Department of History and International Studies, demonstrated exemplary commitment to research and academic development in the Faculty.

The Dean also acknowledged the invaluable contributions of level advisers, Faculty Officers, accounts staff, and all non-teaching staff members. He praised their continued efforts in ensuring that the University's vision and mission are realised.

In his remarks, a former Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Abdulrasheed Abiodun Adeoye, stressed the importance of innovation and adaptability in the ever-evolving landscape of arts and humanities education.

Prof. Adeoye noted that the Faculty's reputation as a leader in the field is not only built on past achievements but also on its ability to embrace new ideas and methodologies. He urged both seasoned and junior Faculty members to continue explore cutting-edge research avenues and to engage in interdisciplinary

collaborations that can enhance the Faculty's academic standing.

Highlighting the critical role that mentorship plays in sustaining the legacy of the Faculty, Prof. Adeoye encouraged senior academics to take an active role in guiding the younger generation of scholars to ensure that the culture of excellence is passed down and that emerging academics are well-prepared to contribute meaningfully to the goals of the Faculty.

He emphasised that by fostering a supportive and intellectually stimulating environment, the Faculty could maintain its leadership position in Nigeria and beyond.

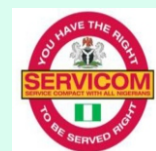
Prof. Adeoye reaffirmed his commitment to supporting the Dean's vision for the Faculty. He expressed confidence that with continued dedication from all staff members, the Faculty would not only sustain its current achievements but also set new benchmarks in arts and humanities education.

He called on all Faculty members to remain united in their pursuit of academic excellence, as this collective effort is essential to achieving the long-term goals of the University.

Also speaking at the meeting, a former Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Ahmed Abdulsalam lauded the Faculty's achievements and encouraged continued dedication to academic excellence.

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Akanmu, new DSA, assures students of better service delivery

By Abubakar Imam

The Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Dr Alex Akanmu, has said that the Student Affairs Unit was determined to ensure efficient, friendly and 21st century-compliant services for the students to enjoy abundant life.

Dr Akanmu, who gave this assurance last Monday (August 12, 2024) in a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin** in his office, also promised that his Directorate would stop at nothing to ensure that students adhere strictly to "the culture of reasonable and acceptable dress code on the campus".

The don, who is also the Chairman of the UNILORIN Branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), said that his tenure would witness total care for the welfare of students.

He pledged to mobilise available resources to ensure that students of the University enjoy peace on the campus and quality facilities to enable them concentrate maximally on their studies.

Dr Akanmu, who is also a former President of the University Student Union, said that he would prioritise all matters concerning the interest of the students, who, he described as the most important segment of the University community.

The Dean said, "We are already



■ Dr Akanmu,

going on full automation of the process of registering associations/clubs and organisations in order to ease reporting of issues either on the campus or off-campus".

Dr Akanmu also disclosed that efforts are being made to automate the clearance process for graduating students to ensure their seamless mobilisation into the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC).

He averred that the interest of the students, who live off-campus would also be given more consideration, saying that all the students of the University would be protected and taken care of wherever they live.

He added that his office would work with campus transporters to ensure that students enjoy better and safer services from them both within and outside the

campus, adding that efforts would also be made to woo more transporters to put more commercial vehicles on the University routes to ensure that students are easily and quickly conveyed to and from the campus.

He also said that periodic enlightenment programmes would be organised to ensure that commercial vehicle operators drive more carefully in order to ensure safety of life and property.

Dr Akanmu, who previously served as Sub-Dean of the Student Affairs Unit, explained that his office would also pay greater attention to the quality of services rendered by various private hostel operators, explaining that it would also ensure that services paid for are provided and that extortion in any form is not tolerated.

He added that the Unit would ensure that private hostel operators and those in charge of the day-to-day affairs in university-owned ones raise the bar of their services.

Dr Akanmu said that right now his office is preparing to welcome both the new and returning students of the University, adding that greater attention would be paid to the new students for them to quickly adjust to the demands of University life.

The Dean thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for the confidence reposed in him as well as for his concern for the welfare of students.

Unilorin ANUPA Exco visits KWASU Registrar



L-R: The Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University (KWASU), Maleta, Prof. Shaiykh Lukman Jimoh; the Registrar of KWASU, Dr Kikelomo W. Sallee; the Chairman, ANUPA, Unilorin Branch, Mr Sidiq Ahmed Rufai; the Secretary, ANUPA Unilorin Branch, Mr Saliu Lah; the PRO, Unilorin ANUPA, Mr Iyanda Abbakar Elewure; and the Financial Secretary, Unilorin ANUPA, Mr Michael Oyeniyi, during a courtesy visit to the KWASU Registrar recently.

Alafara charges colleagues to prioritise research endeavours

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdullahi Baba Alafara, has enjoined his colleagues and students of the University, particularly those in his Faculty, to pursue immortality through engagement in relevant researches that would lead to the amelioration of contemporary challenges facing the nation and humanity.

Prof. Alafara, who gave this advice penultimate Monday (August 5, 2024) in a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin** in his office, said that one of the principal reasons behind the establishment of every University is for such an institution to be a centre where solutions would be found to human challenges.

The Dean explained that it is important for staff and students of the University to prioritise research in order to contribute their quotas to the expansion of the frontiers of knowledge and secure a place for themselves in history.

He added that engaging in relevant research would also enable staff and students of the University to help in lifting the institution higher, saying that we all have a role to play in sustaining and uplifting the rating of the University as a unique centre of excellence.

Prof. Alafara, who is also the National President of Materials Science and Technology Society of Nigeria, explained that research constitutes a critical segment of the responsibilities of



■ Prof. Alafara

the university teachers as he explained that the more a lecturer engages in research the better for him or her and the society at large.

He added that while the conduct of research would naturally and basically deepen the researcher's knowledge, it would also equip him with more capacities to impart knowledge in his students and the larger society.

Prof. Alafara, who is a former Head of the Department of Industrial Chemistry, also explained that engagement in research would also propel the career of lecturers as the number and quality of a lecturer's published researches would determine his career progression.

The don noted that conducting research and getting the outcomes of such

efforts published in respected intellectual outlets would also earn the researcher a place in history, especially when such research is groundbreaking.

He explained that most of the people who are often celebrated in the history of every nation and community are those who did what was previously unthinkable and which contributed to the advancement of humanity in one way or the other.

Prof. Alafara commended the University management for creating a conducive environment for teaching, learning and research, and for sustaining the annual award for the researcher of the year among the University staff members.

The Dean also enjoined private individuals and organisations to support research endeavours with funds, materials and enabling environment for the betterment of the society.

He similarly encouraged senior academic staff members of the University and those of similar institutions to provide adequate mentorship for the younger ones, explaining that young lecturers and researchers need to be encouraged through partnership and other means for them to be properly positioned for quality research pursuit.

Prof. Alafara said that such young academics should also make themselves available to their senior colleagues for mentorship, explaining that doing so would not only be to their advantage but also the greatness of the University and the academic community at large.

Olu Obafemi leads encomiums as Alabi bows out

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In his own remarks, the Chairman of the event, Prof. Jeleel Ojuade, who is the Vice Chancellor of Ojaja University, Eyenkorin, Ilorin, recalled that he first met Prof. Alabi, who was one of the three young brilliant lecturers that included Prof. Oyin Medubi and Prof. Bunmi Ajibade, at the Kwara State College of Technology in the '80s. He added that Prof. Alabi's teachings in her literary class made a lasting impression on his young mind.

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented at the event by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Léré Adéyemí, paid glowing tributes to Prof. Alabi as he commended her for her fascinating contributions to the peace and progress of the University.

Speaking in his personal capacity, the Dean recalled how Prof. Alabi rescued him from the unnecessary delay of his Ph.D. programme.

In his address, the Head of the Department of English, Prof. K.A. Abdullahi, described her as one of the

outstandingly brilliant Professors in the University. He also described her as an epitome of peace and righteousness.

In his review of the book, a former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. AbdulRasheed Abiodun Adeoye, noted that "the essays in the book can be summarised as a search for meaning in a world without meaning."

While paying tributes to the retiring don, the Vice Chancellor of African School of Economics, otherwise known as Pan African University of Excellence, Prof. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji, recalled that his first encounter with Prof. Alabi was in an Advanced English Composition course she taught and credited her that his compositions have taken him far. The pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Pategi University also recalled his experience when she was his Long Essay supervisor, noting that she encouraged him by saying his essay surpassed her expectation.

In her response, Prof. Alabi expressed her profound gratitude to God for keeping her alive to witness the moment of her retirement from the services of the University. She added that she was delighted that she was in a position to pack her

belongings by herself.

Prof. Alabi recalled that she was interviewed along with her colleagues while in the final year at the University of Ibadan and that they found their job postings in the newspapers.

Dignitaries at the well-attended event included the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez; and a former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. A.S. Abubakar. Others are the immediate past Director of the Linguistic Immersion Centre Prof. S.T Babatunde, Prof. Taofiq Alabi, of the Department of English as well as Profs. Segun Oyewo and Solomon Ikibe of the Department of Performing Arts.

The list also included a former Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Prof. Ronke Olademo; a former Dean of Arts, Prof. Ahmad Abdussalam; the Director of the Linguistic Immersion Centre, Prof. Badmas O. Yusuf; the Director, Centre for Ilorin Studies, Prof. Issa Olarongbe Sanusi and the Director, Centre for Cultural Studies and Creative Arts, Prof. Raymond Ogunade, among others.



UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN FACULTY OF EDUCATION

19th - 22nd
August,
2024

(MAIN CAMPUS)

FACULTY OF EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

HYBRID THE CONFERENCE WILL BE BOTH PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL

Theme:

EDUPRENEURSHIP FOR 21ST CENTURY TEACHER EDUCATION

Aim of the Conference:

The conference is organised to provide an opportunity for attendees to learn about Edupreneurship in relation to their various fields of specialisation. It also aims at providing an enabling environment for network among professionals and engagement in discussions and debate about current trends and issues in Edupreneurship



Conference Venue: **University Auditorium,
University of Ilorin, Nigeria**

TIME: **10:00 am – 4:00 pm Daily**

DATE: **19th - 22nd August, 2024**



IMPORTANT DATES:

Submission of extended abstracts opens 1st April, 2024
Abstract submission deadline: 31 May 2024
Conference registration deadline: 31 July 2024
Arrival: 18th August, 2024

Registration & Opening Ceremony: 19th August, 2024
Notification of paper acceptance: 15 July 2024
Deadline for submission of final paper: 5th August 2024
Closing Ceremony: 22nd August, 2024

Submission of Abstracts:

Abstracts should be submitted online @
<https://bit.ly/EduprenConf2024>



Discipline based
Workshops will be
available within the
period of the
conference

"Email submissions will NOT be acknowledged"

Registration:

| | Nigeria | Foreign |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Regular Registration | 30, 000 | \$50 |
| Students Registration | 20, 000 | \$40 |
| Online Participants | 15, 000 | \$25 |

Early Bird (01/04/2024-31/07/2024): N2,000 Rebate

TO REGISTER, PAY INTO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT:

Account Name:
Unilorin MFB Operations
Account 2
BANK: Zenith Bank
ACCOUNT NUMBER:
1012950712
PURPOSE:
Edupreneurship Conference
FOR USD payments:
Contact the LOC Secretary
(+2348060226110)

ACCOMMODATION: For affordable accommodation contact:
Dr M. R. Abdulrahman (+2347034771982)

OTHER INFORMATION

Conference Packages: Tea Break, Lunch and Conference Materials.

Publications: Well-researched and presented papers will be peer-reviewed and published in the Faculty of Education Journal titled: Ilorin Journal of Education (IJE), both online and in hard copy.

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New Appointments

| NAME | FACULTY /DEPARTMENT | APPOINTMENT | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|--------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|
| Dr. Kemi F. Omotesho | Agriculture/Agricultural Extension and Rural Development | Acting Head, Department of Agric Extension and Rural Development | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. Oyeronke M. Aiyelero | Pharmaceutical Science/Pharmacology & Toxicology | Acting Head, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. Karimat Hussain | Veterinary Medicine/Veterinary Parasitology & Entomology | Coordinator, Department Of Veterinary Parasitology And Entomology | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. K. M. Salawu | Pharmaceutical Sciences/Pharmacognosy & Drug Development | Acting Head, Department of Pharmacognosy and Drug Development | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. A. O. Shittu | Pharmaceutical Sciences/Pharmaceutics & Industrial Pharmacy | Acting Head, Department of Pharmaceutics & Industrial Pharmacy | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. K. O. Afolabi | Education/ Science Education | Acting Head, Department of Science Education | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. M. A. Yusuf | Physical Sciences /Geology and Mineral Sciences | Acting Head, Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. L. S. Ojulari | Basic Medical Sciences / Physiology | Acting Head, Department of Physiology | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. M. I. Ghali | Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Public Health & Prev. Medicine | Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Public Health & Prev. Medicine | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. Halima B. Giwa | Pharmaceutical Sciences / Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice | Acting Head, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice | 1 st August, 2024 |

Renewal of Appointments

| NAME | FACULTY/DEPARTMENT | APPOINTMENT | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|---------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|
| Dr. Jamila A. Atata | Veterinary Medicine/Veterinary Pathology | Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Pathology | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. Y. A. Baba | Veterinary Medicine/ Veterinary Medicine | Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Medicine | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. K.T. Onwuama | Veterinary Medicine/ Veterinary Anatomy | Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Anatomy | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. O. B. Daodu | Veterinary Medicine/ Veterinary Microbiology | Coordinator, Department of Veterinary Microbiology | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Professor A. Olawepo | Basic Medical Sciences/ Anatomy | Head, Department of Anatomy | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. Helen F. Olaiifa | Veterinary Medicine/ Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry | Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. Halimat A. Abdulraham | Basic Medical Sciences / Medical Biochemistry | Acting Head, Department of Medical Biochemistry | 1 st August, 2024 |
| Dr. A. Aliyu | Pharmaceutical Sciences/ Pharmaceutical Microbiology & Biotechnology | Coordinator, Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology & Biotechnology | 1 st August, 2024 |

Open Ph.D. Theses Defence

| S/N | NAME | FACULTY/DEPARTMENT | TITLE | DATE&TIME | VENUE |
|-----|-----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| 1. | SULEIMAN, Olusegun | Management Sciences/ Business Administration | Digital Health Management and Quality Service Delivery of Selected Private Hospitals in Lagos State, Nigeria. | Thursday 15 th August, 2024/9.00am | Faculty of Management Sciences Board Room |
| 2. | KABIR, Ibrahim | Management Sciences/ Business Administration | Decent Work Environment and Work-life Balance in Nigeria Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) | Thursday 15 th August, 2024/12.00noon | Faculty of Management Sciences Board Room |
| 3. | IORKY, A. A. Roseline | Management Sciences/ Business Administration | Corporate Social Responsibility and Firms' Image of Selected Manufacturing Companies in South-West Nigeria | Friday 16 th August, 2024/10.00a.m | Faculty of Management Sciences Board Room |
| 4. | SHAIBU, Agnes Joe | Communication and Information Sciences/ Mass Communication | Assessment of How Channels Television's Eyewitness Report Affects Audiences' Trust in News | Thursday 22 nd August, 2024/10.00a.m | FCIS Board Room |



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST
FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 12TH AUGUST TO 16TH AUGUST, 2024

| RECEIPTS: | AMOUNT |
|---|---------------------|
| Academic Transcript | 957857.06 |
| Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges | 3659314.00 |
| Sundry Other Income | 1716592.75 |
| Convocation Souvenir | 1088900.00 |
| Convocation PHD Charges | 23650.00 |
| Income from Verification/Screening | 305000.00 |
| Income from Dental Clinic | 289738.75 |
| Income from Diagnostic Centre | 97038.75 |
| Convocation Other Post-Graduate | 123450.00 |
| Boarded Property | 500.00 |
| Clinic Registration (Staff) | 7000.00 |
| Contractors' Registration Fees | 22000.00 |
| Staff I.D. Cards | 4000.00 |
| Student I.D. Cards | 27000.00 |
| Utility Income | 542000.00 |
| Disciplinary Fines | 4000.00 |
| Rent on University Property | 225863.75 |
| Capitation -NHIS | 2983200.00 |
| Undergraduate School Charges | 331180.00 |
| CCSCA-Clearance charges | 20000.00 |
| Undergraduate Post UTME Registration | 15365800 |
| Undergraduate Convocation Charges | 38500.00 |
| Undergraduate Clearance Charges | 65405400.00 |
| Postgraduate School Charges | 3949950.00 |
| Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment | 2300.00 |
| Postgraduate School Transcript Payment | 320000.00 |
| Postgraduate School General Payment | 12639280.00 |
| Treatment Of Non University Patients | 1200.00 |
| Institute of Education Application Form | 223200.00 |
| Institute of Education Acceptance Payment | 447200.00 |
| Institute of Education School Charges | 56919.30 |
| Remedial Application Form | 243200.00 |
| Transcript Charge | 32000.00 |
| Ilorin Business School Application Form | 150600.00 |
| Ilorin Business School Charges | 777000.00 |
| JUPEB Application Form | 932400.00 |
| JUPEB School Charges | 661203.30 |
| JUPEB Hostel Accommodation | 60600.00 |
| Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation | 110200.00 |
| Total Receipt for the Period | 113845237.70 |

Signed

Oba Abdulbarki, FCA

Ag Bursar



| S/N | Name | Department | Birthday |
|-----|------------------------------------|--|----------|
| 1 | Ahmed, Omowunmi Bola | Registry | Aug 18 |
| 2 | Ernest, Kolade Samuel | Paediatrics & Child Health | Aug 18 |
| 3 | Jekayinfa, Oyeyemi Jumoke | Arts Education | Aug 18 |
| 4 | Saidu, Abubakar | Arts Education | Aug 18 |
| 5 | Adimula, Vicent Olubaderin | Industrial Chemistry | Aug 18 |
| 6 | Oluwole, Toyin Christian | Registry | Aug 18 |
| 7 | Bamidele, Omowumi Omoyeni | Registry | Aug 18 |
| 8 | Ibrahim, Mohammed Olanrewaju | Mathematics | Aug 19 |
| 9 | Alaya, Kadirat Ayo | Educational Technology | Aug 19 |
| 10 | Mohammed, Adikat Adenike | Procurement & Maintenance Suport | Aug 19 |
| 11 | Mustapha, Mashood Keke | Zoology | Aug 19 |
| 12 | Muniru, Idris Oladele | Biomedical Engineering | Aug 19 |
| 13 | Ishaq, Lateefat Bola | Unilorin Staff School (Upper Basic School) | Aug 19 |
| 14 | Abioje, Pius Oyeniran | Religions | Aug 20 |
| 15 | Ajibola, Kayode Michael | Security Division | Aug 20 |
| 16 | Anafi, Fatai | Security Division | Aug 20 |
| 17 | Idowu, Ibrahim | Pharmacognosy & Drug Development | Aug 20 |
| 18 | Kola-Mustapha, Adeola Tawakalitu | Pharmaceutics & Industrial Pharmacy | Aug 20 |
| 19 | Oladunjoye, Emily Omoladun | Registry | Aug 20 |
| 20 | Ayodele, Segun Gideon | Physics | Aug 20 |
| 21 | Ajayi, Femiolu | Library | Aug 20 |
| 22 | Yusuf, Aishat | Architecture | Aug 20 |
| 23 | Ajidagba, Yusuph Olatunji | Chemical Engineering | Aug 20 |
| 24 | Oyenibi, Festus Olusegun | Bursary | Aug 21 |
| 25 | Daniel, Mary Taiye | Religions | Aug 21 |
| 26 | Olatunde, Olusegun Akintunde | Veterinary Theriogenology & Production | Aug 21 |
| 27 | Fatoyinbo, Rufus Dayo | Library | Aug 21 |
| 28 | Akanbi, Mohammed Jimoh | Bursary | Aug 21 |
| 29 | Sonde, Olalekan Hakeem | Bursary | Aug 21 |
| 30 | Isiaka, Afusat | Security Division | Aug 21 |
| 31 | Akorede, Mudathir Funsho | Electrical & Electronics Engineering | Aug 21 |
| 32 | Jimoh, Rasheed Gbenga | Computer Science | Aug 21 |
| 33 | Ahmed, Ajarat Abiola | Chemistry | Aug 21 |
| 34 | Joel, Kerimu Ikazuwagbe | Human Kinetics & Health Education | Aug 21 |
| 35 | Ogunsakin, Joy Bolanle | Mass Communication | Aug 21 |
| 36 | Jaji-Sulaimon, Rukayat | Anatomy | Aug 21 |
| 37 | Olagunju, Olufunmilayo Peju | Health Services | Aug 21 |
| 38 | Adeyanju, Grace Olayinka | Home Economics & Food Science | Aug 22 |
| 39 | Awotunde, Taiye Adewale | Political Science | Aug 22 |
| 40 | Musa, Abdulrasak Kannike | Crop Protection | Aug 22 |
| 41 | Usman, Abdulkadir Bolaji | Geography & Environmental Management | Aug 22 |
| 42 | Akanni, Jimoh | Electrical & Electronics Engineering | Aug 22 |
| 43 | Olawole-Bello, Ebunoluwa Funmilola | Physiology | Aug 22 |
| 44 | Ibrahim, Muritala Mohammed | Bursary | Aug 22 |
| 45 | Abdulganiyu, Abdullahi Shola | Works: Works/Maintenance Office | Aug 22 |
| 46 | Yusuf, Abdulkadir Olalekan | Library | Aug 22 |
| 47 | Usman, Abdulfatai Abolaji | Registry | Aug 22 |
| 48 | Ajibola, Moses Ayaniyi | Works: Mechanical | Aug 23 |
| 49 | Nnaji, Charles Ikechukwu | Linguistics & Nigerian Languages | Aug 23 |
| 50 | Afolabi, Alaba Olasunkanmi | Security Division | Aug 23 |
| 51 | Arinde-Simeon, Titilayo Olamide | Social Work | Aug 23 |
| 52 | Olawale, Yinusa Alabi | Business Administration | Aug 23 |
| 53 | Thomas, Shola Titilayo | Health Services | Aug 23 |
| 54 | Martins, Racheal Omotayo | Registry | Aug 23 |
| 55 | Jegede, Iyabo Moinsola | Registry | Aug 23 |
| 56 | Kolade, Esther Iyabo | Registry | Aug 23 |
| 57 | Balarabe, Sadiq Bashir | Registry | Aug 23 |
| 58 | Omolabi, Olugbenga Akindele | Zoology | Aug 23 |
| 59 | Ayoade, Oluwadamilola Olajumoke | Microbiology | Aug 23 |
| 60 | Ogunlela, Ayodele Olanrewaju | Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering | Aug 24 |
| 61 | Adesina, Olabisi Fadeke | Library | Aug 24 |
| 62 | Nasir, Abdulrasheed Adegoke | Surgery | Aug 24 |
| 63 | Muktair, Mubo Bolaji | Security Division | Aug 24 |
| 64 | Muhammed, Sulaiman | Registry | Aug 24 |
| 65 | Tajudeen, Ahmed | Registry | Aug 24 |
| 66 | Lawal, Tunji Abubakar | Works: Works/Maintenance Office | Aug 24 |
| 67 | Sa'ad, Bashirat Abdulkareem | Veterinary Microbiology | Aug 24 |

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



- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has directed the UNILORIN Sports Council to organise regular sport outings for both staff members and students of the institution.
("Unilorin FM's 15th Anniversary VC Advocates Regular Sports Outings for Staff, Students, as he Celebrates 15th Anniversary of Unilorin FM", <https://theidealnewsworld.blogspot.com>,"Unilorin FM's 15th Anniversary: VC Advocates Regular Sports Outings for Staff, Students as he Celebrates 15th Anniversary of Unilorin FM", <https://theidealnewsworld.blogspot.com>)
- The Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU) has felicitated the management and staff of UNILORIN 89.3 FM, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin, on its recently concluded 15th anniversary celebration.
("IEDPU rejoices with UNILORIN FM on 15th anniversary", <https://high-profile.com.ng>)
- The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), who is also a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, has submitted that the unbundling of Mass Communication in Nigerian universities is untimely.
("Unbundling of Mass Communication in Nigeria is untimely-JAMB Registrar", <https://sobifm.com>,
:"Unbundling Mass Communication untimely for Nigeria-JAMB Registrar", <https://pmnewsnigeria.com>,"Unbundling Mass Communication in tertiary institutions untimely -JAMB Registrar", <https://dailynigeria.com>,
:"JAMB Registrar says , Unbundling Mass Communication in tertiary institutions is untimely", <https://worldstagenews.com>,"Unbundling of Mass Communication in Nigeria is untimely-JAMB Registrar", <https://www.dailytopic.com.ng>,"Unbundling Mass Communication in tertiary institutions untimely, JAMB Registrar", <https://freedomonline.com.ng>,"JAMB Registrar: Unbundling of Mass Communication in Nigerian Varsities untimely", <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php>,"Unbundling Mass Communication in tertiary institutions untimely-JAMB Registrar"
<https://www.nationalaccordnewspaper.com>,"Nigeria

- not ripe for mass communication unbundling, says JAMB Registrar", <https://blueprint.ng>,"Unbundling of Mass Communication Untimely-JAMB Registrar", <https://theeagleonline.com.ng>,"Unbundling Mass Communication untimely-JAMB boss", <https://21stcenturychronicle.com>,"JAMB:Why we can't unbundle Mass Communication in tertiary institutions", <https://www.thestar.ng>,"Specialisation limiting employment opportunities for graduates-JAMB Registrar", <https://dailytrust.com>,"Unbundling Mass Communication in Nigeria untimely-JAMB Registrar", <https://leadership.ng>, See also,"JAMB Registrar: Unbundling of Mass Communication in Nigeria Varsities Untimely", *Thisday*, Wednesday, August 14,2024, P.38,"Unbundling Mass Communication untimely, says JAMB Registrar", *The Nation*, Thursday, August 15, 2024, P.16; ,:"JAMB Registrar faults unbundling of Mass Communication in Nigeria", <https://www.legit.ng> ,:"Unbundling Mass Communications untimely, says JAMB Registrar", <https://thenationinlineng.net>,"Unbundling Mass Communications untimely,-JAMB Registrar Says", <https://dateline.ng>,"Unbundling Mass Communication in Nigeria Hasty -JAMB Registrar", <https://nigeria.shafaqna.com/EN/AL/740378>,"JAMB REGISTRAR: Unbundling Mass Communication in tertiary institutions untimely", <https://rapidospace.com>,"Mass Communication Unbundling Not Necessary, JAMB Registrar", <https://www.fronpositivefm1025.com>,"Unbundling Mass Communication in tertiary institutions untimely,-JAMB Registrar", <https://newsexpressngr.com>,"JAMB Registrar Oloyede Calls Mass Communication Unbundling Untimely for Nigeria", <https://thenigeria.lawyer.com>,"JAMB Registrar Says Unbundling Mass Communication in tertiary institutions untimely", <https://businesstodayng.com>)
- The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), who is also a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, has described radio as a form of mass media and sound communication, which contributes significantly towards societal development.
("Radio Vital For Social Development-JAMB Registrar", <https://von.gov.ng>)

SECURITY DIVISION

Personal Security Tips for All Students

Personal Security measures as listed below aim to delay, warn or deter possible crime. These are additional measures meant to protect you from any form of harm.

Adhere strictly to the following security advice:

- Wearing Students Identification Card (I.D. Card) always is important for easy identification.
- Take time to know an Association before you join it.If in doubt, check with Student Affairs Unit.
- Report every subject of security threats to the Security Division through the following security numbers provided below:

other valuables in the open.

- Never loan your student ID Cards to anyone. If you misplaced it, report to the **Division of Student Affairs** and the **Security Division** immediately.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you can be expected or return.
- Always walk or jog in a familiar area and use well-lit path. Avoid dark areas.
- Know your surroundings. If you suspect you are being followed, run in a different direction; go to the other side of the road or run to an area with illumination.



■ Prof. Egbewole (3rd right), Mrs Adewunmi (3rd left), other Principal Officers, and RMRDC staff during the visit last Monday

Egbewole seeks partnership with RMRDC on research output commercialisation

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC) to collaborate with the University towards identifying and commercialising research outputs that could become signature products for both institutions.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (August 12, 2024) when he received a team from the Kwara State office of the Raw Materials Research and Development Council led by its State Coordinator, Mrs Lydia Olufunke Adewunmi, in his office

The Vice Chancellor affirmed the University's commitment to research and its outcomes, noting that, "for us as a University, we place a high premium on research and research output. That is why we will continue to strengthen our relationship with institutions like the Raw Materials Research and Development Council for the benefit of our students and the exposure of our staff members".

He expressed optimism that the partnership between UNILORIN and the RMRDC would lead to the development of products that would benefit the society at large, saying, "Your visit is a confirmation of the strong relationship between the University and the Raw Materials Council and the collaboration should be symbiotic and aimed at ensuring that Nigerians receive the best services from both institutions".

While highlighting the ongoing research efforts of the University, the Vice Chancellor urged both institutions to

focus on the commercialisation of these research findings. He said, "We have all these researches in various stages, but what are we doing to commercialise them? That is an area that I want our collaboration to focus on."

Prof. Egbewole suggested the formation of technical teams from both institutions to evaluate the Council's activities and identify areas where UNILORIN could contribute. This, he said, would help in creating products that could be effectively commercialised for the benefit of the community and the nation at large.

Earlier in her remarks, the State Coordinator of RMRDC, Mrs Adewunmi, said that the Council's mission is to promote the development and optimum utilisation of Nigeria's raw materials for sustainable industrial growth.

Mrs Adewunmi highlighted the Council's four-year strategic role, which focuses on the development and sustainability of critical raw materials in Nigeria. "If raw materials are available, production will be easier, and it will significantly boost the economy," she stated.

She explained that the visit to the University was aimed at strengthening the existing partnership between the RMRDC and UNILORIN, noting, "We have always partnered with the University, particularly in taking care of the GSE courses. Through this course, we have trained students of the University, many of whom are now excelling in their entrepreneurial ventures."

Mrs Adewunmi expressed confidence that the collaboration with the University would further advance the Council's mission, and it would ultimately contribute to the sustainable development of Nigeria's industrial sector.