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## 14<sup>th</sup> UNILORIN Governing Council holds inaugural meeting

### \*Chairman lauds, renames Egbewole's Vision 1: 10: 500

By Tajudeen Babamale

The newly reconstituted Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, led by Surveyor Abiodun Jacob Aluko, held its inaugural meeting at the University Council Chamber last Monday (August 26, 2024).

Inaugurated on July 1, 2024, alongside other Councils of other Federal Universities by the Ag. Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Chief Chris Maiyaki, the new UNILORIN Governing Council is composed of Surv. Aluko, Pro-Chancellor and Council Chairman; Elder Ayobami Oladele Afolabi, Alhaja Abosele Juwon Olayiwola, Pharm. Racheal Tinuke Alabi, and Hon. Akeem Idowu Babatunde.

Also on the Council are the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the Registrar, who is also the Secretary of Council, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola; Prof. AbdulRasheed Abiodun Adeoye, Prof. Folu Emmanuel Ologe, Prof. Raji AbdulGafar Bello, Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem, Dr. Rasheed Adekeye Odunola, and Mr AbdulRasheed Dauda Gidado.

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The Council members after their inaugural meeting last Monday



Surv. Aluko

## Unilorites welcome new Council, present 'Charter of Demands'

By Tajudeen Babamale

Members of the University community have expressed delight over the reconstitution of the University Governing Council after a period of lull following the dissolution of the 13<sup>th</sup> Council by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on June 19, 2023.

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## Onuora-Oguno canvasses enforcement of citizens' right to education



Prof. Onuora-Oguno

By Abubakar Imam

Professor in the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, University of Ilorin, Azubike Chinwuba Onuora-Oguno, has called for the strengthening of key institutions in Nigeria in a way that would ensure the full realisation of citizens' right to education, as he called for the amendment of the nation's

constitution to ensure that education is made compulsory.

Prof. Onuora-Oguno stated this last Thursday (August 29, 2024) while delivering the 264th Inaugural Lecture of the University, entitled "Disorder in the Order of the Economic and Social Rights Jurisprudence in Nigeria", at the University Auditorium.

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# Unilorin Senate approves 2022/2023 Graduating List

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Senate of the University of Ilorin has approved the graduating list for the 2022/2023 academic session.

At its 301<sup>st</sup> sitting last Wednesday (August 28, 2024), the Senate approved the results of 8,494 students, being the first set of those who have met the necessary conditions to graduate and participate in the next Convocation ceremony of the University coming up in October.

Making the announcement at the end of the Senate session, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who presided over the sitting, disclosed that a special Senate meeting will soon be held to consider the good standing of students with pending results, to allow additional prospective graduands to graduate alongside their peers.

He appealed to the concerned Departments and Faculties to ensure that their graduating candidates' results are processed promptly and seamlessly.



■ The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, *Surv. Abiodun Aluko*, receiving the *Legendary Public Service Award of Excellence*, and induction as a *Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management and Leadership (CIML), Commonwealth of Kentucky, USA*, from a *BoT Member, Com. Mohammed Haruna Ibrahim*, while the *Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali, fciml*, looks on.

# New students to resume 2024/2025 session in October -- Omotesho

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, has confirmed that new students of the University will resume for the 2024/2025 academic session in October, saying that the new students will be drawn from a merger of those earlier admitted for the 2023/2024 session and those that participated in the just concluded 2024/2025 Post-UTME exercise.

Prof. Omotesho, who made this announcement in an interview with UNILORIN Bulletin last Thursday (August 29, 2024), stated that the proposed October resumption date will first be reviewed by the Committee of Provosts and Deans, following the standard procedure, and then submitted to the Senate for approval. Once the Senate approves, he said, the official resumption date will be announced.

While speaking on the reason for merging two sets of applicants to make an



■ Prof. Omotesho

academic session, Prof. Omotesho highlighted the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and the strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), both of which lasted for about a year, saying that the two occurrences caused the University to run one session behind

schedule.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor explained that “the Administration had initially proposed merging two academic sessions to address the backlog, but the 13th Council at the time suggested running the sessions concurrently. However, logistical challenges have made it clear that running two sessions simultaneously was not feasible”.

Following extensive consultations, Prof. Omotesho said that the University management has decided to cancel the 2023/24 session officially, noting that "given the logistics involved, the easiest option is to merge the two sessions. This will involve two sets of JAMB candidates, which is better addressed now because if we continue like this, we will keep carrying one set behind."

He added that the decision was aimed at streamlining the University academic calendar, to allow the new session to commence in October and restore the traditional academic cycle, where sessions begin in October and end in July.

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Others are the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotosho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; and the Ag. Bursar, Mr Oba Abdulbarki.

Addressing the Council members before they went into a technical session, Surv. Aluko outlined the plans of the 14<sup>th</sup> Council under his leadership in the next four years, laying out his unwavering commitment to making the institution better than he met it.

The Council Chairman applauded the Vision 1:10:500 of the Prof. Egbewole's Administration (which he rechristened Vision 1:10:100), saying that the Vision is achievable. He also said that members of the Council align themselves with the Vice Chancellor's Vision.

The Vision aims to position the University as the topmost institution in Nigeria, among the top ten in Africa, and within the top 100 globally.

Surv. Aluko, who has an extensive history of service on the Governing Councils of various universities in the country, including Bayero University, Kano (2009-2013), Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka (2017-2021), and the University of Uyo (2021-2023), observed that a thorough analysis of ranking criteria and leveraging the University's intellectual resources are key to achieving this goal. He noted that the institution has men and women who have been trained at some of the best universities in the world, to make this vision a realistic goal.

As the University approaches its 50th anniversary, which is scheduled for next year, Surv. Aluko explained the significance of this milestone, saying, "This is not just a celebration of our history, but also a declaration of our ongoing commitment to excellence".

He expressed optimism that the next four years under his leadership would be the most impactful in the history of the University.

While acknowledging the reputation of the University, the new Council Chairman said, "I have heard and read extensively about UNILORIN. I know it is the most sought-after University by admission seekers in Nigeria. It has been remarkably stable and crisis-free, producing distinguished scholars and honourable individuals. It is an honour to be part of this esteemed institution."

Surv. Aluko, who is a former Deputy Governor of Ekiti State, further affirmed that the Governing Council would collaborate with all stakeholders to put the University on the global map, saying, "In terms of human capital

development, physical and infrastructural development, research and training, and moulding and producing leaders for the world, we will ensure cooperation with all segments of the University, including the Management, the Senate, the Congregation, all unions (including ASUU, SSANU, NASU, and NAAT), as well as the Student Union, to ensure that this University continues to be better by far."

He said, "I want a situation where all of us see ourselves as members of the same family. Any issue that arises will be critically examined, and we will ensure that we arrive at a logical conclusion that improves the quality of the University".

Later at an interactive session with a cross section of the University Community, including the Provost, Deans, Directors, Union leaders, and Student Union executives, at the University Auditorium, the Council Chairman said he understands most of the challenges facing university administrations in Nigeria and the policies that have effectively diminished the autonomy of universities.

He pledged to work with the Conference of Pro-Chancellors of Federal Universities to find a lasting solution to the challenges militating against the advancement of university education in the country.

Surv. Aluko pointed out that having previously served on the Governing Councils of several federal universities in the country, he understands the challenges that Nigerian universities face.

He explained that when universities transitioned to the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS) in 2021, Vice Chancellors lost their powers, and the policy caused significant staff shortages in federal universities because Vice Chancellors cannot employ, adding that this contributed to the challenges within the Nigerian university system.

Surv. Aluko assured his audience that the external members of the Governing Council are committed to the realisation of the University's vision, explaining their intention to contribute their intellectual capacities, political connections, and relationships with industries and individuals to assist the University. He also acknowledged that funding is a major challenge but expressed confidence that it can be overcome.



■ Surv. Aluko (right) with the Emir of Ilorin (left) last Monday

While highlighting their commitment to providing necessary training and retraining to advance the University, the 14th Council Chairman stressed the importance of meeting and interacting with the staff before commencing their inaugural meeting and expressed his pleasure at working with stakeholders.

Surv. Aluko affirmed the University's reputation as the most stable and crisis-free institution in Nigeria, particularly in academics, and recognised that this success is due to the dedicated efforts and intellectual contributions of the staff members.

The Council Chairman pointed out that he and other members of his team are committed to making a difference by adding value to the University, stressing the need for the cooperation staff to succeed. He outlined his goal to improve the ranking of the university both nationally and globally before the end of his four-year term, aiming to achieve a ranking of 1:10:100, to place the University among the top 100 in the world.

He stressed the importance of students as vital stakeholders and urged them to maintain peace and seek resolution through dialogue. He also expressed his gratitude to the students for their cooperation with the management, noting that UNILORIN is a University that many Nigerian admission seekers and their parents aspire to join due to its trusted graduation date. He acknowledged the University's enviable reputation and the significant contributions of its scholars to international journals.

Surv. Aluko called for continued support of all stakeholders for the growth and progress of the institution, stressing the importance of dialogue and fair compromises whenever any issue arises.

He assured the stakeholders that no one would be denied the benefits or promotions they deserve. He expressed confidence in achieving peaceful coexistence among staff, management, and council members.

■ **Prof. Alabi**■ **Prof. Jawondo**■ **Dr Akanmu**■ **Comrade Falowo**

## **UNILORITES welcome new Council, present 'Charter of Demands'**

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At an interactive session with the new Governing Council at the University Auditorium last Monday (August 26, 2024) following its inaugural meeting, a cross section of the stakeholders in the University Community, including the Provost, Deans, Directors, Union leaders, and Student Union executives, also presented what looked like a 'Charter of Demands', which they would want the Council to address in its four-year tenure.

While speaking on behalf of the Committee of Provosts and Deans (COPD), the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, said that all Faculties in the University are facing manpower challenges.

While observing that many Departments have staff at the professorial level without junior staff to succeed them upon retirement, Prof. Alabi urged members of the new Governing Council to use their influence to lobby the Federal Government to lift the embargo on staff recruitment completely to allow University Chief Executive Officers to fill all existing vacant positions.

Also speaking, the Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), Prof. Ibrahim Jawondo, noted that the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, having previously served as a Dean and Director before becoming Vice-Chancellor, understands the challenges being faced by Deans and Directors.

He solicited the Council's understanding in granting the Vice Chancellor additional powers to strengthen the University.

On her part, the Director, Medical Educational Resources Unit (MERU), Prof. Feyi Grace Adepoju, acknowledged the efforts of the University management in securing the campuses but observed the need to enhance these measures given the current

national situation. She highlighted the importance of ensuring that students, staff, and other stakeholders can access the campus with confidence and without concerns.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin Chapter, Dr Alex Akanmu, stated that the Union's demands led to the recent constitution of the Governing Councils of federal universities across Nigeria.

He expressed ASUU's commitment to supporting the new Council for the next four years but underscored the overwhelming current workload and the urgent need for staff recruitment across Faculties.

Dr Akanmu said that some grey areas were identified in the staff's conditions of service, improved welfare packages, and others, but were previously hindered by the absence of functioning Councils. He, however, expressed hope that the new Council would take meaningful action to address these concerns.

On his part, the Chairman of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), University of Ilorin Chapter, Comrade Naheem Olushola Falowo, conveyed the Union's commitment to constructive engagement with the University management and expressed a desire for the same cooperation with the new Governing Council.

Comrade Falowo, who criticised the continued usurpation of Council functions by the Head of Service, which, he said, affected critical functions such as promotions and appointments, also called for the implementation of the Federal Executive Council's December 2023 directive to remove federal universities from the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS), as the system is still in use.

He urged Federal Government

agencies, particularly TETFund, to increase allocations for non-teaching staff training and development. He expressed confidence that the new Council leadership would bring significant infrastructural development to the University.

Similarly, the Chairman of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), Comrade Femi Awolola, noted that the views of the new Council align with NAAT's demands and expressed hope for their implementation to benefit University staff. He stressed the importance of a strong working relationship between the management and the Council for the success of the University.

The Chairman of NASU, Comrade Suberu Ibrahim, on his part, requested the assistance of the Council in facilitating full autonomy for the University, as issues such as employment and removal from IPPIS are closely tied to autonomy. He noted that while the staff have enjoyed certain welfare benefits in the past, improvements are anticipated with the involvement of the new Council.

The Student Union President, Agezeh Victor Oghenetega, while commending the Vice Chancellor and his team for their efforts in addressing student concerns, particularly in the area of transportation, appealed to the 14th Council of the University to assist the University management in overcoming the challenge.

The Student Union President also urged the new Council to intercede with the Federal Government for subsidised electricity costs for Nigerian universities and increased funding to support the needs of the universities.

On her part, the Director, Centre for Management and Leadership, Prof. Taibat Moji Bakare-Odunola, called on the new Governing Council to address the accommodation needs of the growing student population.

# Onuora-Oguno canvasses enforcement of citizens' right to education

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For his suggestion to be achieved, the don said that collaboration and synergy among institutions are an essential instrument that would ensure that every Nigerian is given his inalienable right to be educated to the extent of his capacities.

Prof. Onuora-Oguno also enjoined critical stakeholders and institutions such as the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT), the National Teachers Institute (NTI), the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN), and the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), among others, to ensure that concerted efforts are mobilised for the realisation of quality education in the country.

He added that an enhanced capacity would enable the institutions and other non-state actors, in the field of education rights advocacy, to realise the potentials they have in changing the narrative.

The Inaugural Lecturer also called for increased involvement of the judiciary in the matters of economic and social rights. He encouraged individual lawyers and the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), as well as other stakeholders to always show interest in challenging the poor delivery of education in their respective communities.

Prof. Onuora-Oguno stated further that education must be approached from what he called a "classical theory perspective", saying that it should be enshrined in the Chapter Four of the Nigerian Constitution. He, therefore, encouraged the National Assembly to amend the nation's Constitution accordingly.

The don also called for the review of the welfare of teachers and other stakeholders in the nation's education sector, explaining that when the welfare of

the teachers is improved upon, it would definitely impact positively on the quality of education obtainable in a given community.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law also said that the role of pupils, parents, teachers, and the community must also be adequately recognised for the right to education to be ensured.

He also suggested that policies and laws relating to education should be aligned from a right-based perspective to aid the advocacy of the right to education and adjudication of the same.

"In addition, we must all ensure that the relevant policies are sufficiently adaptive enough to avoid halting of access to education", Prof. Onuora-Oguno explained.

The Inaugural Lecturer also said that it is important to ensure that adequate and verifiable data is available especially as it relates to educational needs of persons with disabilities, saying that the information will ensure adequate budgetary and logistical plans towards quality and inclusive education.

Prof. Onuora-Oguno also appealed to the Federal government to support those he called "Non-State Actors" in carrying out their various roles in providing education. He added that everybody should be encouraged to play one role or the other in providing quality education for the citizens.



■ The Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Onuora-Oguno (left), presenting the Lecture notes to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, last Thursday

The renowned legal practitioner, who described himself as a beneficiary of ad-hoc educational support services in the course of his career, urged Faculties of Law in Nigerian universities to create a special fund that will support students' involvement in the Moot Court, pointing out that the support would encourage them to enjoy practical exposure right from school.

Prof. Onuora-Oguno further canvassed the need to ensure that emerging jurisprudence is adequately tested through clinical legal education activities, saying that the tradition is in danger of extinction for lack of desirable support.

The inaugural lecture, which was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was also attended by legal luminaries and judges of various courts. It was also attended by students, relations and colleagues of Prof. Onuora-Oguno from far and near.

# UNILORIN don seeks more cohesive family - school synergy

By Abubakar Imam

Former Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Medinat Folorunso Salman, has advocated a more effective synergy between the nation's educational system and the family values in order to cultivate exemplary citizens.

Prof. Salman gave this advice penultimate Wednesday (August 21, 2024) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in her office.

The former Dean, who underscored the pivotal role of schools and families as fundamental agents of development, whose effective partnership has historically led to societal improvements, remarked that all hands must be on deck to rebuild the nation.

Prof. Salman, who has taught at various levels of education before joining



■ Prof. Salman

the services of the University about three decades ago, stressed that while academic subjects are the focus of schools, families are responsible for imparting cultural and

attitudinal education in the younger ones.

She noted that the development of responsible citizenship is a shared duty, which extends beyond parents and teachers to all sectors of the society, and that only a united effort can propel the nation forward as demonstrated in the past.

Speaking on the establishment of new universities across Nigeria, Prof. Salman welcomed the development but with the advice that both the new and old ones should be properly funded to ensure effective service delivery and corresponding national development.

Prof. Salman said that considering the nation's population, Nigeria still needs to have more universities so that more qualified citizens can be given the opportunity of attending universities and getting equipped with relevant knowledge and appropriate skills needed to catalyse national development.

# Unilorites applaud Egbewole on clean, green environment

By *Bashirat Omotosho*

**A** cross-section of members of the University of Ilorin community has commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on the consistent green and clean nature of the institution's environment, particularly its vegetation control.

This was the position of several members of the University community who spoke to UNILORIN Bulletin last Wednesday, (August 23, 2024).

A former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Prof. Saudat Abdulbaqi, said that “the beauty of our University has been so pleasing and appealing to physical and mental health”.

She said that she felt elated that the greenish nature obtained in every corner of the University has been very exciting.

Prof. Abdulbaqi noted that cutting of grasses has improved the institution's aesthetics, adding that regularly controlled vegetation enhances the visual appeal of the campus as it also creates a clean and attractive environment for students, staff, and visitors.

She, therefore, commended the University management for taking up the initiative and appealed to them to make “available sprinklers particularly during the harmattan season to enable us maintain the beauty of the lawn”.

Also speaking, Dr Hambali Umar of the Department of Chemical Engineering, who also expressed satisfaction with the quality of the institution's vegetation control, noted that “a nicely kept environment gives a pleasing sight to the staff, students as well as visitors”.

He emphasised that the recent stride by the University management to reshape the paradigm of waste management is highly commendable as tapping the potentials of the huge waste generated for value-added materials and energy production remains an interesting approach.

Miss Lukman Balqees, a student of the Department of Mass



■ **Prof. Egbewole**

Communication, noted that consistent vegetation control would always ensure safety and security of the campus.

She explained that well-maintained lawns improve visibility across the campus and reduce potential hiding spots for intruders around the hostels.

On his part, Mr Folorunsho Muhammad Sanni, a Postgraduate student in the Faculty of Education, explained that vegetation control would always prevent indiscriminate bush burning within and around the campus.

Miss Tolulope Oladele, a student of the Department of Marketing, maintained that grass cutting promotes healthy grass growth. She explained that trimming grasses encourages healthier and thicker growth, which can lead to more resilient lawns that can better withstand drought and heavy use.

Miss Ganiyat Olajide, a student of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, explained that she was very happy with the consistent vegetation control exercise as it helps her appreciate the aesthetics of the campus. She added that she can now see different parts of the University from anywhere she is, unlike when the whole place was bushy.

Mr Lawrence Emmanuel, a vendor at the Motor Park, explained that the programme of vegetation control has been promoting environmental sustainability. He added that proper grass management would contribute to better soil health, reduce erosion, and promote a balanced ecosystem within the campus.

He also noted that the exercise would help in reducing rodents and reptiles around the park area.

Prof. Tajudeen Amusa of the Department of Forest Resources Management while speaking on the cutting down of trees around the premises of the University, explained that it can have a range of advantages and disadvantages depending on the context and reasons behind the exercise.

He said that when trees are old, diseased or structurally compromised, they pose safety risks, such as falling branches or uprooting by wind.

Prof. Amusa, therefore, commended the University on the vegetation control, saying that such an exercise would help prevent accidents and ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors.

Also speaking, Dr Adebisi Jeleel Adekunle of the Department of Material and Metallurgical Engineering expressed his appreciation for the excellent vegetation control the University environment has been experiencing.

He noted that vegetation control has resulted in the prevalence of a serene environment. He, nevertheless, proposed planting of new trees, particularly economic trees that would be useful to both students and staff members of the University.

Mr Lukman Onaeiza of the Faculty of Education also thinks that regular vegetation control has been encouraging outdoor activities. He emphasised that a well-kept lawn provides suitable spaces for students and staff to engage in outdoor activities, which would promote physical fitness and social interaction.

On his part, Dr Yusuph Gambari of the Department of Religions, said that “the University authority understands both the health and aesthetic importance of having a serene environment, especially in achieving the core mandates of teaching and research, hence it embarks on bush clearing in the surroundings”.

He explained that this will undoubtedly place the University above security threats while promoting academic excellence.

# Izuogu's daughter weds Sept. 7th

**T**he daughter of Prof. C.A.N. Izuogu of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Chioma Izuogu, will tie the nuptial knots with her heartthrob, Iwomabia Omogboanga this

Saturday (September 7, 2024).

A wedding notification made available to **UNILORIN Bulletin** explained that the wedding ceremony will take place at Mt. Olive Anglican Church, Pipeline

Road, Ilorin, by 10.00 a.m., while reception follows immediately at the same premises.

Members of the University community and the general public are cordially invited.

# UNILORIN - NAISSET synergy excites Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed his appreciation for the ongoing partnership between the University and the Nigerian Army Institute of Science and Technology (NAISSET), Sobi Cantonment, Ilorin.

Prof. Egbewole made this remark last Thursday (August 29, 2024) while receiving participants of a three-month Basic Course in Library Science from NAISSET, who were at the University of Ilorin Library for a two-week practical experience.

The Vice Chancellor commended the NAISSET team for not wearing their camouflage uniforms, which, he noted, could have caused fear among the university students and staff. He lauded the harmonious relationship fostered by the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University and NAISSET, which facilitated the practical training session for the military men.

Prof. Egbewole said he saw them as ambassadors, advocates, ears, and eyes of the University, noting the role the trainees could play in promoting the two institutions. He encouraged them to make the most of their learning experience at the University, urging them to apply the skills gained for personal and institutional development.



■ The NAISSET students with the Vice Chancellor and other Principal Officers after the visit

Speaking earlier, the team leader, Mr Niyi John, said that the two-week stay at the University of Ilorin has given the 30 students from the Nigerian Army Institute of Science and Technology valuable practical experience in Library Science as part of their three-month basic course.

Mr. John, who is a civilian staff member of NAISSET, said that the Course participants have immersed themselves in the hands-on aspects of Library Science and it complemented the theoretical knowledge they have acquired in their studies. He

added that the initiative is part of a partnership between NAISSET and the University of Ilorin, which was aimed at bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world application.

Also speaking, the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, said NAISSET requested the University of Ilorin to facilitate practical training for its students as part of a strategic initiative to broaden the educational horizons and provide hands-on experience for the Army personnel.

# SSANU, IESA, IEDPU greet Alfanla on 54th birthday

By Abubakar Imam

As the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, marked his 54th birthday last Wednesday (August 28, 2024), stakeholders within and outside the University have congratulated him.

Leading the pack of well-wishers is the Chairman of the University of Ilorin chapter of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Mr Naheem Olushola Falowo, described him as a visionary and inspirational leader.

Mr Falowo explained that Mr Alfanla, who is also a former Chairman of SSANU, has been a remarkable personality with unparalleled leadership qualities that have not only benefited the Association but also the University of Ilorin as well as the nation's university system in general.

The SSANU Chairman recalled the impacts of the Registrar in the building of the reputation of the University of Ilorin as an institution, which has no attraction for any form of distraction, saying that his role as a conscientious campus labour activist contributed most significantly to the emergence of the University as a very peaceful institution of higher learning.

Mr Falowo thanked Mr Alfanla, who is also a former National Treasurer of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian



■ Mr Alfanla

Universities (SSANU), for his support for SSANU before and since his appointment as the Registrar of the nation's most sought-after University.

Also speaking, the Chairman of Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, asserted that the Registrar has been a blessing to the University.

Prof. Ambali, who spoke through the Public Relations Officer of the Association, Mr Moshood Bolaji, recalled the series of contributions of the Registrar to the University in the last 25 years.

He urged Mr Alfanla to continue to work for the greater good of the University and humanity in general.

In his own congratulatory message, the National President of Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, said that the series of achievements of Mr Alfanla as a University administrator, labour activist and community leader are worthy of being celebrated.

In a statement signed by the Union's National Publicity Secretary, Mallam Nurudeen Ibrahim, the IEDPU President, who is a retired Assistant Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Immigration Service, recalled the series of contributions of Mr Alfanla towards the development of the University of Ilorin and its host community over the years.

He specifically thanked the seasoned administrator for his patriotic efforts at ensuring the growth and development of the nation's educational system, saying that the nation needs more of his likes to catalyse its progress.

The IEDPU President asserted that since his appointment as the 7th Registrar of the nation's most sought-after University, Mr Alfanla has been living up to expectations by making the University and his ancestral community very proud.



# INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The University of Ilorin, Ilorin was established in the year 1975 as a public University. The University intends to utilize fund approved for the Year 2024 Capital Appropriation for the construction of Administrative Building Annex (Bursary Department) and its Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Merit Award Grants for the Construction of a Block of Hostel.

1.2 Experienced and competent Contractors are invited to submit bids for the Construction of the projects in not more than one LOT.

## 2. SCOPE OF WORK

**LOT 1** Construction of Administrative Building Annex (Bursary Department)

**LOT 2** Construction of a Block of Hostel

## 2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Prospective bidders should submit the under-listed requirements to be eligible:

- a. Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including Forms CAC2 and CAC7 (or CAC 1.1).
- b. Evidence of Company's Income Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024; with minimum average annual turnover of N350 million;
- c. Evidence of Pension Clearance Certificate valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 15 and above);
- d. Evidence of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 5 and above or the bidder's annual turnover is N50m and above);
- e. Evidence of Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Clearance Certificate valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024;
- f. Evidence of Registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by submission of Interim Registration Report (IRR) expiring on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024; or valid Certificate issued by BPP.
- g. Sworn Affidavit:
  - disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committees of the University of Ilorin or the Bureau of Public Procurement is a former or present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder and to confirm that all information presented in its bid are true and correct in all particulars;
  - that no Director has been convicted in any country for any criminal offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety or criminal misrepresentation or falsification of facts relating to any matter;
  - that the company is not in receivership, the subject of any form of insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or the subject of any form of winding up petition or proceedings.
  - that the company does not have existing loan or financial liability with a bank, other financial institution or third party that is classified as doubtful, non-performance, bad or whose repayment portion has been outstanding for the last four (4) months;
- h. Company's Audited Accounts for the last three (3) years - 2021, 2022, 2023;
- i. Reference Letter from a reputable commercial bank in Nigeria, indicating willingness to provide credit facility for the execution of the project when needed;
- j. Verifiable documentary evidence of Awards, Valuation

Certificates, Job Completion Certificates and Photographs of the project evidence of at least three (3) similar jobs executed in the last five (5) years including Letters of Awards, Valuation Certificates, Job Completion Certificates and photographs of the projects

- k. Company's profile with curriculum vitae of key staff to be deployed for the project including copies of their Academic/professional qualifications such as COREN, QSRBN, ARCON, CORBON etc.;
- l. Works: List of Plants/Equipment with proof of Ownership/Lease Agreement;
- m. For Joint Venture/Partnership, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) indicating Lead Partner should be provided (CAC, Tax Clearance Certificate, Pension Clearance Certificate, ITF Compliance Certificate, NSITF Clearance Certificate, IRR & Sworn Affidavit are compulsory for each JV partner)

Note: All documents for submission must be transmitted with a Covering/Forwarding letter under the Company/Firm's Letter Head Paper bearing amongst others, the Registration Number (RC) as issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Contact Address, Telephone Number (preferably GSM No.), and e-mail address. The Letterhead Paper must bear the Names and Nationalities of the Directors of the Company at the bottom of the page, duly signed by the authorized officer of the firm.

## 3. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Prospective bidders are to submit pre-qualification documents for each of the Lot desired; two (2) hard copies each of the technical bids packaged in sealed envelopes and clearly marked as "Technical Bid"; and addressed to "The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin" and clearly marked with the name of the project and the Lot number. Furthermore, the reverse of each sealed envelope should have the name and address of the bidder and drop in the designated Tender Box in the office of the Head of Procurement not later than **12:00 noon Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.**

## 4. OPENING OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

The pre-qualification documents will be opened immediately after the deadline for submission **12:00 noon Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2024** in the presence of bidders or their representatives. Please, ensure that you sign the Bid Submission Register in the Procurement Office, University of Ilorin, as the University will not be held liable for misplaced or wrongly submitted bids.

## 7. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. Bids must be in English Language and signed by an official authorised by the bidder;
- b. Bids submitted after the deadline for submission would be returned un-opened;
- c. All costs will be borne by the bidders;
- d. The Technical Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders or their representatives, CSOs in the areas of Anti-Corruption and Transparency and Private Professional bodies; and will be covered by video recording; invitation link will be sent to bidder who chooses to join the bid opening online;
- e. Only pre-qualified bidders will be invited at a later date for collection of tender documents;
- f. The University of Ilorin is not bound to pre-qualify any bidder and reserves the right to annul the Procurement process at any time without incurring any liabilities in accordance with Section 28 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

**Signed:**

**M. A. Alfaola**

**Registrar and Secretary to Council**





## UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

### FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST TO 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2024

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Academic Transcript		768,900.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges		1,641,723.00
Sundry Other Income		877,700.00
Convocation Souvenir		588,900.00
Income from Verification/Screening		100,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)		7,000.00
Hire Of University Property		100,000.00
Student I.D. Cards		2,000.00
Staff I.D. Cards		1,000.00
Utility Income		269,500.00
Publication		86,300.00
Convocation Undergraduate Charges		38,700.00
Convocation Other Postgraduate		41,150.00
CCSCA-Application Fees		25,200.00
Capitation -NHIS		30,000.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges		12,904,200.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration		2,909,200.00
Transcript Charge		33,000.00
Postgraduate School Charges		1,215,300.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment		1,150.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment		200,000.00
Postgraduate School General Payment		2,789,850.00
Institute of Education Application Form		120,800.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment		202,800.00
Institute of Education CHARGES		582,608.40
Refund Of Unspent Staff personal advance		50,000.00
Remedial Application FORM		471,200.00
Refund (Salary)		2,460,553.38
Ilorin Business School Application Form		50,400.00
Ilorin Business School Charges		382,400.00
JUPEB Application Form		806,400.00
JUPEB School Charges		120,200.10
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>		<b>₦29,878,134.88</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :</b>		
DEEN ALEEM GENERAL NIG LTD,	CONSTRUCTION OF HOME ECONOMIC (TETFUND)	33,850,710.63
DAUDA ABDULRASHEED GIDADO AND 36 OTHERS,	LEARNED COFERENCE	11,820,620.00
INDEX ENGINEERING CONSULTS LTD,	RENOVATION OF INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES	27,060,709.75
EVER PHONIX GUEST HOUSE	HOTEL EXSPENSES	1,667,173.75
EVER PHONIX GUEST HOUSE	HOTEL EXSPENSES	171,855.75
VICTORIA IKUBANNI MULTIBIZ VENTURE	CONSTRUCTION OF BLOCKWORK FENCE	11,016,438.75
ROCKFIELD PETROLEUM PRODUCT LTD	SUPPLY OF FUEL	2,472,100.00
ZAKMAD TECHNICAL NIG LTD	SUPPLY OF UNIVERSITY SOUVENIRS	16,433,525.00
UNILORIN(MFB OPERATIONS)UNILORIN PETROL STATION	SUPPLY OF FUEL	3,772,506.00
JKK ONEWARE LTD	COMPUTER BASED TEST	23,155,200.00
IBADAN ELECTRICITY DISTR.COM	ELECTRICITY BILLS	100,000,000.00
IBADAN DISTR COMPANY	ELECTRICITY BILLS	4,091,777.77
ABUJA ELECTRICITY DIS CO	ELECTRICITY BILLS(AEDC)	743,566.14
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>		
Various	Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	21,567,107.55
Purchase Advance	Various	11,504,070.00
TSA Charges	Various	61,773.00
<b>Total payment for the period</b>		<b>₦269,389,134.09</b>

Signed  
Oba Abdulbarki, FCA  
Ag Bursar

## New Appointment

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. S. B. Adeyemi	Life Sciences/ Plant Biology	Sub-Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2024



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Ishola, Saliu	Security Division	Sep 01
2	Oladipo, Toyin Tawakalitu	Registry	Sep 01
3	Akor, Sunday Joseph	Sociology	Sep 01
4	Kadiri, Ismaila Bolarinwa	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	Sep 01
5	Abdullahi, Ali Arazeem	Sociology	Sep 01
6	Adeniyi, Oluwafemi Gbolabo	Health Services	Sep 01
7	Muhammed, Saheed	Unilorin Zoo	Sep 01
8	Bankole, Tawakalitu Bolanle	Library	Sep 01
9	Alabi, Modupe Evelyn	Central Admin: Office	Sep 02
10	Mathew, Tunde Shola	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Sep 02
11	Gbadeyan, Tanitoluwa Oluwatobi	Procurement & Maintenance Suport	Sep 02
12	Hammed, Sulyman	Works: Mechanical	Sep 03
13	Yahya, Abdufatai Adisa	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Sep 03
14	Adebayo, Adenike Victoria	Registry	Sep 03
15	Jimoh, Wasiu Adeyemi	Aquaculture & Fisheries	Sep 03
16	Ahmed, Rukayah Jumoke	Works: Estate	Sep 03
17	Abdulraheem, Maimuna Orire	Urban & Regional Planning	Sep 04
18	Omotoso, Oladele Ajiboro	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Sep 04
19	Ameen, Oloduowo Mubarak	Chemistry	Sep 04
20	Garba, Abdulrasheed	Physiology	Sep 04
21	Ajibola, Yetunde Aderonke	Registry	Sep 04
22	Alege, Eyiwumi	Registry	Sep 04
23	Mahmoud, Kafayat Oyinlade	Sociology	Sep 04
24	Ismail, Suliat Morenikeji	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Sep 04
25	Ajayi, Odeyemi S.	Works: Works/Maintenanace Office	Sep 05
26	Garuba, Raheem Olarewaju	Registry	Sep 05
27	Aremu, Issa Babatunde	Radiology	Sep 05
28	Alabi, Aderemi Babatunde	Physics	Sep 05
29	Oyelekan, Oloyede Solomon	Science Education	Sep 05
30	Bello, Fausat Folashade	Works: Estate	Sep 05
31	Adedeji, Akeem Adeshina	Bursary	Sep 05
32	Abubakar, Ibrahim Aminu	Security Division	Sep 05
33	Olatunji, Fatai Olasunkanmi	Ophthalmology	Sep 06
34	Lawal, Suleman Oba	Veterinary Medicine	Sep 06
35	Olayinka, Umar Bolaji	Plant Biology	Sep 06
36	Gambari, Titilayo Ajarat	Registry	Sep 06
37	Dauda, Abdulrasheed Gidado	Academic Planning Unit	Sep 07
38	Adekeye, Sunday Oluwaremilekun	Bursary	Sep 07
39	Folorunsho, Ahmad Hussein	Islamic Law	Sep 07
40	Abdulrahman, Yusuf Amuda	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Sep 07
41	Adeoye, Adenike Adekemi	Unilorin Staff School	Sep 07
42	Oloruntoba, Olumide	Physics	Sep 07
43	Muritala, Hamdalat Folake	Biochemistry	Sep 07
44	Bakare, Almonsoor Olasunkanmi	Library	Sep 07
45	Adeoye, Sikiru Adewale	Human Kinetics & Health Education	Sep 07
46	Oloruntele, Ibrahim Opeyemi	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Sep 07

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

- The new President of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, Prof. Abdulrazaq Olubusuyi Kilani, has been sworn in. ("Olubusuyi inaugurated as Unilorin Alumni President, Fagbemi Appointed as Legal Adviser", [https://radiokwara.com/news/general\\_news](https://radiokwara.com/news/general_news); "UNILORIN Alumni Association Elects New Executives", <https://leadership.ng>; "Channels TV's Seun Okin lost PRO position to Olorunsuwa, as University of Ilorin Alumni Association elects new executives", <https://justeventonline.com>)
- The new Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, Surveyor Abiodun Jacob Aluko, has outlined his plans for the University in the next four years, laying out his unwavering commitment to making the institution better than he met it. ("New UNILORIN Council Chairman Unveils Plans To Further Elevate Varsity", <https://Solaremnews.wordpress.com.ng>; "NEW UNILORIN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN PLEDGES GLOBAL RANKINGS", <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>; "Unilorin New Council Chairman Vows to boost University Global Ranking", <https://national.telescope.com>; "New UNILORIN Council Chairman Outlines

Vision for Elevating University Global Standing", <https://high-profile.com.ng>; "New Council Chairman Unveils Plans To Further Elevate Unilorin", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "New UNILORIN Council Chairman unveils Plans to make varsity better", <https://choicereporters.com>; "New Council Chairman unveils Plans to further elevate Unilorin", <https://nationalonline.com>; "NEW UNILORIN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN UNVEILS PLANS TO FURTHER ELEVATE VARSITY", <https://globalcrownnews.com.ng>; "New UNILORIN Council Chairman Unveils Plans To Further Elevate Varsity", <https://www.dailytopic.com>; "New UNILORIN Council Chairman Unveils Plans To Further Elevate Varsity", <https://www.factualnaija.com>; "New UNILORIN Council Chairman unveils Plans to further elevate Varsity", <https://rectitudeneesng.wordpress.com>; "New UNILORIN Council Chairman Unveils Plans To Further Elevate Varsity", <https://www.factualnaija.com>; "New UNILORIN Council Chairman outlines 4-years vision", Nigerian NewsDirect, Wednesday, August 28, 2024, P.8; "New UNILORIN Council Chairman unveils plans to further elevate varsity", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>)

# UNILORIN's building projects 'll endure -- Jimoh

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of the Physical Planning Unit (PPU), University of Ilorin, Mr AbdulRahman Toyin Jimoh, has assured the management, staff and students of the University, that all the projects under construction at the institution would be executed to specifications and in line with global best practices.

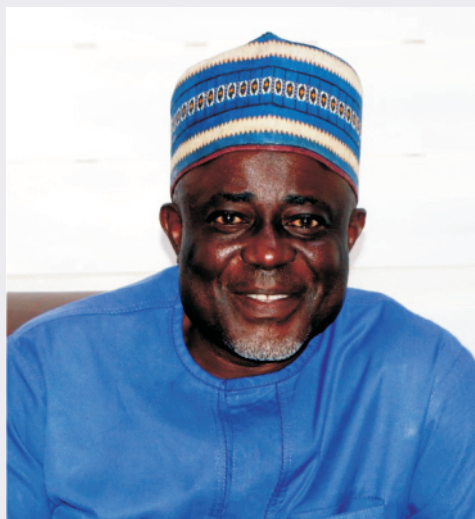
Mr Jimoh, who is a former Chairman of the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS), gave this assurance last Monday (August 26, 2024) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

The Director explained that his Office has been up and doing in the diligent monitoring and supervision of the execution of each of the projects to ensure that they are executed and delivered as planned.

He added that his Unit had also been ensuring that the right quality and quantity of materials are deployed to the projects for them to stand the test of time.

Mr Jimoh, who disclosed that about ten projects are currently being executed across the University, assured the institution's stakeholders that there would be no building collapse in the University because his Unit would not settle for anything substandard.

Mr Jimoh noted that each of the



■ Mr Jimoh

ongoing projects is well-conceived, meaningful and would be impactful on service delivery in the University upon their completion.

Mr Jimoh, who is also a Fellow of the NIQS, remarked that the geographical locations of the projects were scientifically determined as they are sited where members of the University community and most especially the intended Unit would be able to derive maximum benefits from them.

He added that the PPU under his leadership has a fair compliment of highly qualified, competent, experienced and self-motivated professionals, who are working round the clock to ensure that the University

gets the best from all the contractors executing one project or the other.

Mr Jimoh, who is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Project Management of Nigeria (CIPMN), explained that in order to ensure efficient service delivery, some of his staff members are specifically assigned to each of the projects for effective monitoring and supervision. He added that each of the "Supervisory Officers" periodically update his Office on the state of the projects for necessary actions.

On the official demarcation between the PPU and the Works Department, Mr Jimoh said that while his Unit is charged with the responsibility of conceiving and supervising construction projects, the Works Department maintains those projects upon their delivery and commissioning.

Mr Jimoh thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for always attracting high impact projects to the University since he took over the mantle of its leadership.

He explained that it is "highly stimulating and commendable" that in less than two years in the saddle, the Vice Chancellor has attracted no fewer than ten gigantic projects to the University from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), in addition to other exciting private initiatives scattered across the University.



## Post-UTME:

# UNILORIN screens 16, 097 candidates for admission

By Mubarak Oladosu and Taiyelolu Olaniyan

No fewer than 16, 097 admission seekers appeared for the 2024 Post-UTME screening of the University of Ilorin between last Thursday (August 29, 2024) and Saturday (August 31, 2024).

The Director of the Computer-Based Centre (CBT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamil Rauf expressed delight over the seamless conduct of the screening exercise, attributing it to the adequate preparation put in place by the University management.

Prof. Rauf who stated this last Thursday (August 29, 2024) in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office, noted that the success recorded in the exercise was as a result of the huge material and human resources support given to the CBT Centre by the University management under Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

A major highlight of the Post-UTME screening was the promptness with which the results of the screening exercise were released, a development that excited many of the candidates. Prof. Rauf attributed this to the high level of technological innovation put in place by the University management.

The Director further noted that the quality of the infrastructure at the CBT Centre impacted positively on internal examinations of the University such as departmental examinations, Institute of Education examinations, Centre for Open and Distance Learning Examination (CODL), remedial examinations and Post-UTME UTME screening.

Prof. Rauf disclosed that the University of Ilorin also conducts police promotion examinations, pension service promotion examinations as well as examinations for the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria, Nursing Council of Nigeria, and Agricultural Council of Nigeria, among others.

Also speaking, the Manager of JKK, Mr Gafar Yusuf, noted that the backup power made sure there was no hitch whatsoever in the examination.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the Deputy Director, Quality Assurance Unit, University of Ilorin, Mrs. Bilikisu I Giwa, noted that the biggest room in any organisation is the room for improvement, saying that her Unit has noted a number of ways by which the Post-UTME screening can be improved at the University.

A parent, who accompanied his ward all the way from Port Harcourt, Mr Bashir Alao, said that his choice of UNILORIN is due to the fantastic academic standard of the University and the need for his ward to have a feel of Ilorin city through the University.

A candidate, Ibrahim Kamaldeen, who applied for Physiology and Anatomy, said that he hoped to move to Medicine and Surgery if chanced in 200 level.

Another candidate, Daud AbdulRaheem Kehinde, who came for the screening from Lagos, said that having prepared for the exam, he didn't find it difficult as he studied daily in preparation for the Post-UTME screening. Kehinde, who applied to study Political Science, said that he has always dreamt of being a student of the University of Ilorin, adding that this is his third attempt at getting into the institution.

Mr Gbadejo Qayyum, a 300 level student of Microbiology, who accompanied his brother Aalim Gbadejo, said



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, and other top officials at one of the CBT halls during the Post-UTME screening last Thursday

that his brother chose UNILORIN because of many good things he has heard about the University through him and other sources.

On his part, Miss Hamza Fatima from Abeokuta, who applied to study Medicine, said that she chose the University of Ilorin because of the history of the University, the news she has heard about the University, adding that the environment she encountered upon entering the University inspired her even more.

A 2008 alumna of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, who accompanied her ward to the Post-UTME examination, Mrs. Nimat Abdul, said that her ward was writing the exams because of the general quality of the University.

The trio of Ayatullah Daud, Kabirat Olohunlelesan and Oluwatoyin Halima, who also spoke with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, said that they chose the University of Ilorin because of the discipline as manifested in the dressing and appearance of the students.

The Lagos-based Ayatullah Daud, who wants to study Computer Engineering, said he liked the morality and everything about UNILORIN.

On her part, Kabirat Olohunlelesan, who wants to study Nursing Science, said she was intimidated by the crowd that she saw waiting to write the examination. She noted that the mode of dressing in UNILORIN is unique because at JAMB centres, you tend to encounter indecent dressing. She said, "Some people will dress mannerlessly like they have no parents but UNILORIN does not condone nonsense, some people dressed decently because they were coming to the University". She added that she took interest in UNILORIN through her former teacher who was a Youth Corp member and an alumnus of University of Ilorin in Ifo Local Government Area of Ogun State.

Oluwatoyin Halima, who applied to study Optometry, said she loves the University of Ilorin because all her elder siblings dreamt of studying at the University but did not succeed. She also noted that her love for the institution stems from its 'Better By Far' slogan, saying that she also wanted to be better by far in life.

A 300 level student of Business Administration in the University of Ilorin, Barakat Opeyemi, said she made about N10, 000 naira on a very good market day selling pencils and keeping phones and bags for the Post-UTME candidates.