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1984 Medical graduates donate multimillion naira teaching aid to UNILORIN

By Tajudeen Babamale

..... Egbewole urges other alumni to emulate gesture

The 1984 set of Medical Graduates of the University of Ilorin has donated a multimillion naira Virtual Anatomy Dissection Table (ANATOMAGE) to the University's College of Health Sciences to enhance the teaching and learning of Anatomy.

The donation was announced last Monday (November 18, 2024) when members of the set visited the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in his office.

Speaking during the visit, the Class Captain and Coordinator of the set, Dr. Ebum Bangboye, expressed gratitude to the University for the impact it had on them during their student days, noting that UNILORIN graduates are excelling globally.

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The Vice Chancellor and other members of the management receiving the Dissection Table



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN (right), with the former Nigerian Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari (left), during a Special Lecture to mark the 80th Birthday of the former diplomat in Abuja on Sunday

Azeez tasks stakeholders on specific grazing route for cattle

By Abubakar Imam

Following the recent establishment of the Ministry of Livestock Development by the Federal Government, the Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Prof. Oyebisi Mistura Azeez, has implored stakeholders to support the call for the provision of a safer route for the grazing of livestock in the country.



■ Prof. Azeez

Prof. Azeez, who made this appeal last Thursday (November 21, 2024) while delivering the 269th Inaugural Lecture of the University at the University Auditorium, explained that this is especially important during the migration of the animals and the rearers at the peak of the dry season.

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Physical Sciences Faculty 'll remain on top, Alafara assures

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Baba Abdullahi Alafara, has encouraged the staff of the Faculty to continue to work hard and remain exemplary in order to ensure that the Faculty remains the best in the University, a vision, which, he said, is achievable.

Prof. Alafara, who gave this admonition last Tuesday (November 19, 2024) while speaking at a Special Board Meeting of the Faculty, pointed out that in addition to its emergence as the Faculty of the Year 2023, the Faculty also produced the Best Researcher of the Year through Dr Olubunmi Atolani of the Department of Chemistry as well as the Best Graduating Student of the University and the Initiator of the Year, which he (Prof. Alafara) won.

The renowned scholar said that the series of awards won by the Faculty at the last Convocation Ceremonies of the University were as a result of the hardwork, resilience and determination of the Faculty and the respective prize winners.

The Dean, who said that he was proud of the achievements of the Faculty, particularly since he took over its leadership, thanked members of staff for their individual and collective contributions, which culminated in the laurels.

Prof. Alafara explained that the only way the Faculty can continue to be the best is when its members are up and doing as he described all the staff of the Faculty as “very wonderful people”.



■ Prof. Alafara

The award-winning Dean equally urged the seven Departments in the Faculty to brace-up, saying that everybody must work hard for the Faculty to produce the winner of the maiden Department of the Year whenever the University decides to institute the prize.

Prof. Alafara commended the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for the support his administration has been extending to the Faculty.

He equally saluted the Vice Chancellor for granting immediate approval of the 50% of the funds required by each academic Department in the Faculty, saying that the gesture is a big relief to all.

Speaking on behalf of the Faculty members, the immediate past Dean of the Faculty, Prof. K. J. Oyewumi, congratulated the Dean and members of the Faculty for

what he called “wonderful achievements”.

Prof. Oyewumi explained that the series of awards won by the Faculty were as a result of the collective efforts of both the academic and non-teaching staff of the Faculty as he urged them to continue to support the Dean for the Faculty to achieve more.

The highlight of the programme was the presentation of certificates of merit to some deserving serving and former officials of the Faculty including Prof. Saminu Olatunji of the Department of Geophysics, who emerged as the Best Head of Department; Mr A. O. Ologe, the former Faculty Officer; Mrs Helen T. Olowoseye, the Principal Confidential Secretary; Dr. A. A. Hamid, who served as the Sub-Dean between 2021 and 2023; Dr M. M. Orosun, who was the Sub-Dean from 2023 to 2024. Others were Mr T. Ologunde, an Administrative Officer; Mrs Mariam A. Raheem, the Faculty Counselor; and a former Corps member who served at the Faculty, Miss Janet A. Adeogun.

The special Faculty Board Meeting was attended by many academic and non-teaching staff members of the Faculty, including two former Deans, Prof. F. A. Adekola and Prof. B. L. Adeleke, as well as other Professors in the Faculty, Heads of Departments and Sub-Dean, Dr. Omorinoye A. Omolayo.

Others were the Faculty Officer, Mrs Adekanmi Margaret Modupe; the Faculty Accountant, Mrs C. C. Emelogu, and Mrs Bamidele D. Olufunke, the Principal Confidential Secretary to the Dean, among several others.



■ Prof. Olatunji (right) receiving the certificate of merit from a former Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Adekola (left), at the Special Board Meeting last Tuesday

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Dr Bangboye, who is a Consultant Nephrologist and Clinical Director at St. Nicholas Hospital, Lagos, said, "We are proud to say that UNILORIN graduates excel globally. Whether it's the World Health Organisation, or countries like the United States of America, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, name the country, you will find UNILORIN graduates making their mark. This is a testament to the exceptional training we received as students of this University."

Commenting further on how UNILORIN graduates are faring, the Consultant Nephrologist said, "Based on the nature of my hospital's operations, we employ doctors, of whom UNILORIN medical graduates are in good number, and I can confidently say they are well-trained. Even our consultants attest to this. We want to commend the University Administration on the remarkable work being done to ensure that we feel proud of being alumni of the University of Ilorin. If you search online today, the University of Ilorin consistently ranks among the best."

On the significance of the Virtual Anatomy Dissection Table, which the set donated, Dr Bangboye said, "When we celebrated our 30th anniversary as a set, we made a landmark contribution to the Teaching Hospital. This time, we felt it was time to give back to the College of Health Sciences. The Anatomy Table is very expensive, but the group felt it was necessary to present something impactful that will benefit the upcoming medical students of the University. That is why we decided to donate this Virtual Anatomy Dissection Table. Many of us have retired, but we are delighted to have made this possible. We hope to return in ten years and find it still being used effectively."

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, thanked members of the 1984 set of medical graduates for their thoughtful donation. He said the dedication of the set to staying connected to the University 40 years after their graduation speaks volumes about their commitment and passion for the institution.

The Vice Chancellor assured them that the equipment, which is novel



■ Some members of the 1984 Medical graduands with the Vice Chancellor during the visit

and of immense value, would be safeguarded and its utility maximised for the benefit of the students and Faculty alike.

Prof. Egbewole also encouraged other alumni of the University worldwide to remember their alma mater, which contributed to their success, by emulating the exemplary gesture of the 1984 set of UNULORIN medical graduates. He said, "It is crucial to remember the institution that trained you and contributed to who you are today. I deeply appreciate the 1984 set of medical graduates for their consistent efforts to give back to this University".

Prof. Egbewole used the occasion to invite members of the 1984 medical graduands to the 50th anniversary celebration of the University, which comes up next year.

Other members of the 1984 set of medical graduates of the University of Ilorin who were present during the visit include the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Group Advisor and Managing Director and Chairman of Deux Project Limited, Dr Tunji Olowolafe; A Health Economist and Country Director, Population Council Nig, Dr Dele Abegunde; the Senior Consultant MKUH, Dr Olushola Andrews; the Chief Medical Director of the Parkview Family Medicine Royal Hospital, Jos, Dr Michael Obadofin; A Medical Microbiologist at the Federal Medical Centre, Bida, Niger State, Dr Esther Alaba Odedina; and the Proprietor/Medical Director, Good Name

Clinic, Dr Solomon Olaegun.

Others are retired Chief Consultant Ophthalmologist and Founder, CEO Ladmekem Eye Hospital, Dr. (Chief) Festus Odunayo Oshoba; An Ophthalmologist at Asokoro Hospital, Dr Solomon L. Zubair; the Head Family Medicine NW Province South Africa, Dr Kayode Omotayo Akingba; the Head of the Department of Urology, Far East Rand Hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa, Dr Efiang David Ekanem, as well as the duo of a Consultant Psychiatrist based at LifeCrest Medi Clinic, Dr Alabi Michael Olugbenga and Dr Matthew Adelekan, a Consultant General and Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon at Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, England, United Kingdom, who joined the meeting via zoom.

Meanwhile, the Head of the Department Anatomy, University of Ilorin College of Health Sciences, Prof. Ayokunle Olawepo, has said that the Virtual Anatomy Dissection Table donated to the Department by the 1984 Medical graduands of the University is the third of its kind in the entire country, describing it as a landmark achievement for the University.

Dr Olawepo spoke during the commissioning of the equipment, which was held at the College of Health Science last Monday (November 18, 2024).

He said that the gesture would significantly enhance the learning experience for the students and reinforce the reputation of the College of Health Sciences as a centre of excellence.

Abikoye to deliver 270th Inaugural Lecture, Nov. 28th

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Two hundred and seventieth (270th) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:
Lecturer: Professor Oluwakemi C. Abikoye
B.Sc. (Ilorin); M. Sc. (Ibadan); Ph.D. (Ilorin)
Department: Computer Science,
Faculty: Communication and Information Sciences,

Topic: "Invisible Bouncers in the World of Information Security"

Date: Thursday, 28th November, 2024

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

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

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaanla
Registrar



■ Prof. Abikoye

Egbewole tasks CODL's e-tutors on effective service delivery

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has encouraged newly employed e-tutors and e-facilitators of the institution's Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) to familiarise themselves with the University's Learning Management System (LMS).

This, he explained, is essential to ensure that students receive high quality education and support as they deserve.

Prof. Egbewole made the call penultimate Friday, (November 15, 2024) while declaring open an orientation programme organised for the newly engaged e-tutors and e-facilitators of the Centre.

Commending the leadership of the Centre for initiating the training, the Vice Chancellor explained its importance in equipping e-tutors and e-facilitators with innovative ideas in order to enhance the operations of the Centre.

Prof. Egbewole, however, shared optimism that the training would better position participants to fulfill the mandate of the Centre effectively.

Given the absence of physical interactions in virtual learning environments, the Vice Chancellor urged the e-tutors and e-facilitators to remain focused, disciplined, and be time-



■ Prof. Egbewole (middle) with other dignitaries at the orientation programme

conscious. He noted that timely delivery is crucial in virtual education, unlike traditional in-person settings where time may be more flexible.

He said, "From interaction with people, emphasis has been placed on the fact that providing instructional materials for virtual learning is a very technical issue. Whatever we know now, I want to plead with you to equip yourselves with more training, ideas, and knowledge on providing instructional materials for virtual classrooms".

Earlier in her remarks, the Director of CODL, Prof. Modinah Adenike Abdul

Raheem, said that the e-tutors and e-facilitators are integral to the unique mission of the CODL, which is to harness the potential of open and distance learning to bring quality education within the reach of all who seek it.

Prof. Abdul Raheem described the tutors as the connectors, facilitators, and the guides who will help the students navigate their educational journeys, adding that "this training has been meticulously designed to equip you with both the technical and pedagogical skills essential for delivering a world-class learning experience in a digital environment of Open and Distance Learning."

University life, a journey of discovery, Akogun tells CODL's fresh students

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has described University life as a transformative journey of discovery as he urged students to embrace the unique opportunities it offers for academic, personal, and professional growth.

Mr Akogun made this assertion while speaking at the orientation programme organised by the Centre for Distance and Open Learning (CODL), University of Ilorin, for its new students last Tuesday (November 19, 2024).

The veteran journalist emphasised that university experience goes beyond the pursuit of degrees, explaining that it is a platform for students to uncover their talents, explore diverse interests, and acquire critical skills that will prepare them for the challenges of the world.

According to Mr Akogun, "University life is not just about lectures and examinations; it is a holistic journey of



■ Mr Akogun

self-discovery and empowerment."

Pointing out that with their admission to the Open and Distant Learning of the University of Ilorin, the students "have the unique opportunity to enjoy the best of two worlds", the Director said they can continue to work, while at the same time studying".

Mr Akogun, therefore, encouraged the students to take full advantage of the flexible learning opportunities provided by the Centre, noting that the programme is

designed to meet the needs of modern learners who seek to balance education with other commitments.

He encouraged the students to "set goals, manage their time, balance academic and extra-curricular activities, prioritise tasks and avoid procrastination". He also advised the students to "take up leadership roles, build networks, develop leadership skills, and make life-long friends."

A former Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof Mudasiru Olalere Yusuf, tutored the students on communication and collaborative skills while the Sub-Dean of the Student Affairs Unit, Dr Garba, advised the students on how to properly and safely navigate through school life as the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Omopupa, encouraged them to make effective use of the library resources.

In her remarks, the Director of CODL, Prof Medinat Abdulraheem, expressed her delight at the enthusiasm shown by the new students. She assured them of the Centre's unwavering support throughout their academic journey.

Azeez tasks stakeholders on specific grazing route for cattle

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In the Inaugural Lecture, titled "The Matters of the Heart on the Survival of Animal and Man", the don, who is also the pioneer Head of the University's Department of Veterinary Physiology, said that giving the animals specific route across the country would ensure their safety and that of those who rear them.

She explained that continuous animal grazing along major highways should either be avoided or minimised as regular exposure to emissions from petroleum products such as diesel, petrol and kerosene has immeasurable adverse effects on human and animal health.

Prof. Azeez, who is also the first female Dean of the Faculty, said that the uncontrolled exposure of animals and man to emissions from petroleum products have been posing very serious cardiovascular challenges, which often result in sudden deaths.

She added that many sudden deaths are traceable to continuous exposure to petrol or diesel, saying that the consideration of the origin of some diseases show that they are environmentally induced.

The Dean, who has been a veterinary surgeon for four decades, equally appealed to the government and authorities of various institutions of higher learning to create hygienic

environment with zero tolerance for open-air emission of diesel engines and generators on their campuses so as to protect the lives of people working around the engines.

She also appealed to individuals to cultivate the habit of regular checks of blood pressure and other vital health parameters to avoid sudden death or debilitating health conditions.

Prof. Azeez, whose lecture was the second to be delivered from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, said that stakeholders should encourage the planting of Moringa and other medicinal plants in our environment for the benefit of human and animal health.

She noted that both the leaves and seeds of Moringa are useful and that the Nigerian government should encourage the wide cultivation of the plant for general benefits.



The Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Azeez (left), presenting the lecture notes to the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Omotesho

Prof. Azeez said studies on the protective effects of medicinal plants with antioxidant potentials against the harmful impacts of hydrocarbons on cardiovascular and respiratory health should be supported with adequate funding.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Abayomi Omotesho, was also attended by relations, friends, colleagues and students of Prof. Azeez from far and near.

Emulate Gambari's patriotism, Egbewole charges Nigerians

By Idris Alooma and Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged Nigerians, particularly younger compatriots, to emulate the sterling qualities of the former Chief of Staff to former President Muhammadu Buhari, Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, CFR.

Prof. Egbewole gave this admonition last Thursday (November 21, 2024) at the Kwara State Banquet Hall, Ilorin while speaking at the public presentation of a book on Prof. Gambari, titled "Reading in Dipmocracy, Democracy, Peace and Development". The event was organised by the Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows Alumni Association, Nigeria (COSFAN) in collaboration with the Kwara State Government and other partners.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olunmi Abayomi Omotesho, described Prof. Gambari as an exemplary patriot and statesman whose impacts would continue to be felt by the

present and incoming generations.

Prof. Egbewole, who congratulated the distinguished statesman on his attainment of the age of 80, said that he remains one of the most illustrious sons of Nigeria.

He added that the career of the former Minister of External Affairs has benefited so many individuals, groups and institutions including the University of Ilorin.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU) wished Prof. Gambari many more years of sound health and greater achievements.

The event was attended by two former Vice Chancellors of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR and Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali,



Prof. Gambari (2nd left) exchanging views with the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Omotesho and others

OON. Also in attendance were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; and the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal, who was represented by Mr AbdulRasheed Ahmed and a former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Prof. Saudat Salah-Abdulbaqi, among others.

Stay back to make a difference, Egbewole urges Pharmacy graduands

By Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, has charged newly inducted Pharmacists produced by the University to utilise their skills for the benefit of the country, rather than seeking opportunities abroad.

Speaking at the 9th Induction/Oath-Taking Ceremony of the new graduates of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences last Tuesday (November 19, 2024), Prof. Egbewole emphasised the need for the new Pharmacists to contribute their quotas to the development of the country.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the Faculty for producing 77 new Pharmacists as he urged the inductees to always exhibit professionalism.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Abayomi Omotesho, told the Pharmacy graduands that rather than traveling out, they should stay behind to make valuable contributions to the country's development.

The renowned legal luminary also charged the 77 Inductees not to forget their alma mater, reminded them of the need to remain good ambassadors of the University.

On his part, the Registrar, Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN), Mr Ibrahim Babashehu Ahmed, counselled the inductees to maintain high ethical standards, stressing that it is part of leadership qualities prescribed by the Council.

Mr Ahmed, who was represented by the North Central Zonal Coordinator of the Council, Mr Bayode Emmanuel, encouraged the graduands to utilise their internship period to acquire more knowledge and skills, which will prepare them for future opportunities.

The Registrar advised them not to underrate themselves, saying that there is



■ The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Omotesho (right), congratulating the Best Graduating students, Mr Ajumobi

no limitation to the level they can attain in life.

The Keynote Speaker, Mrs Abimbola O. Adebakin, who spoke on "Transforming Pharmacy Practice through Technological Innovation and Pharmapreneurship", enjoined the inductees to make effective use of Artificial Intelligence and also to always think outside the box.

Mrs Abimbola, who is also the Founder/CEO, Advantage Health Africa, Lagos, said that the inductees are professionals who are charged with a lot of responsibilities as she encouraged them not to feel inferior because they have been inducted into a noble profession.

She urged them to be innovative, creative and to take note of the opportunities around instead of running out of the country, and thereby leaving their opportunities for outsiders.

In his welcome address, the Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof. Abdulganiyu Giwa, urged the inductees to always remember the professional oath they

took and never act in any manner that would contradict the vows.

Prof. Giwa expressed his gratitude to the Vice Chancellor and the entire management of the University for their unwavering supports for the Faculty.

In his valedictory speech, the Overall Best Graduating student, Mr Abdulbasit Ajibola Ajumobi, expressed his gratitude to the University and their parents for the huge investment on them.

He urged his colleagues to strive to offer invaluable services to the nation and humanity.

Dignitaries at the event included the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfalfa; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal and Chief Rahmon Jimoh Bioku, the Bobajiro of Kishi Kingdom and Founder/CEO, Bioraj Pharmaceutical Limited, Ilorin, among others.

Adhere strictly to driving codes, Amoo urges campus motorists

By Abubakar Abdulquadri and Bashir Dawodu

The Director of Works, University of Ilorin, Engr Ramoni Kolawole Amoo, has urged motorists plying the campus route to strictly follow the driving codes, especially during the impending harmattan season.

Engr Amoo made this appeal last Monday (November 18, 2024) while speaking with UNILORIN Bulletin in his office.

The Director explained that strict adherence to driving codes and etiquette is very paramount as it will help to prevent accidents on the roads.

Mr Amoo said that as the harmattan season approaches it is important

for motorists to cultivate the habit of using headlamps and hazard lights in foggy conditions and observe speed limits while driving for the safety of other road users.

He also implored the government to enforce driving regulations, saying that rules are needless if they are not enforced.

The Director also cautioned against bush burning during harmattan season, stressing that whoever wants to burn bush should stand by to avoid uncontrolled and unregulated spread of fires.

In a related development, a commercial cab driver, Mr Fatai AbdulRahman, has said that to drive smoothly and safely during the harmattan season drivers must always turn on the headlamps to enable them to see the road clearly.

Mr AbdulRahman, who spoke with



■ Engr Amoo

UNILORIN Bulletin, also warned against over speeding, particularly during the fast approaching season.

Adedokun-Shittu shines at maiden TETFAIR

By Abubakar Imam

A Professor at the Department of Educational Technology, Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Nafisat Afolake Adedokun-Shittu, has done the University proud with the exhibition of some of her technical initiatives at the maiden edition of the TETFund National Research Fair (TETFAIR), which took place at the Eagle Square, Abuja, between November 17 and 21, 2024.

The don was among exhibitors from other institutions of higher learning who showcased their initiatives and projects at the event that was organised by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

Among the tools exhibited by Prof. Adedokun-Shittu were GLOCALISE Projector at TRL 7, GLOCALISE Scanner at TRL 4, GLOCALISE Duplicator at TRL 1,



■ Adedokun-Shittu

GLOCALISE Periscope at TRL 1 and a host of other prototype materials currently being developed.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo

Egbewole, SAN, has commended Prof. Adedokun-Shittu for her relentless technological innovations.

In a statement issued on his behalf by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that the University was delighted that Prof. Adedokun-Shittu diligently represented the University at the event.

Prof. Egbewole encouraged other members of staff of the University, particularly the academic staff and technologists to always work towards coming up with innovations that would not only enhance their careers but also boost the alluring image of the University.

He added that the University would continue to encourage staff and students to initiate and produce more innovations that would meet the nation's yearning and for the benefit of humanity.

Egbewole commissions NAAT Secretariat, pledges more support for staff welfare

By Tajudeen Babamale

.... Avoid confrontational unionism, NAAT President tells members

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commissioned the Secretariat of the University's Chapter of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT).

Speaking last Monday (November 18, 2024), during the commissioning, Prof. Egbewole expressed optimism about the sustained collaboration between the University Administration, NAAT, and other campus unions, noting that these partnerships have been instrumental to the sustained strength of the University.

He specifically commended the members of NAAT, UNILORIN Chapter, for their unwavering support as he described the union as a dependable ally of the Administration

Prof. Egbewole reiterated the commitment of his Administration to prioritising the welfare of staff by ensuring access to essential facilities, infrastructures, training, and other benefits.

The Vice Chancellor also explained the need for staff to embrace their unique roles within the University system, noting that all categories of staff have different roles to play towards the success of the institution.

While reaffirming that his Administration will continue to train and retrain staff members to support their

career development and benefit the institution, Prof. Egbewole assured that staff members would continue to benefit from national and international training opportunities.

The Vice Chancellor also commended retired NAAT members for their dedication and service to the University, acknowledging their efforts in laying a solid foundation for the growth of the institution and inspiring further improvements.

Also speaking, the University Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola, described the Vice Chancellor as a trustworthy leader whose actions align with his words.

Mr Alfaola said that the Vice Chancellor is dedicated to improving the welfare of staff, particularly non-teaching staff, noting that at different management meetings, he has frequently advocated for opportunities such as international conferences for non-teaching staff, saying, this will come to fruition soon.

The Registrar added that he has approved local conferences for non-teaching staff members of the University with numerous NAAT members benefitting from these opportunities in the current year.

He commended the Branch Chairman of NAAT, Mr Femi Awolola, for establishing a commendable reputation at the national level

Also speaking, the National President of NAAT, Mr Ibeji Nwokoma,

urged members of the University of Ilorin Chapter of the Union to adopt a collaborative approach with the University management.

While also cautioning the UNILORIN Chapter of NAAT to avoid confrontational unionism, the NAAT President explained that unionism has evolved beyond confrontational tactics and now requires a harmonious relationship with the Administration to achieve shared goals.

The NAAT President, who lauded the open-door policy of the University management, which, he noted, was a rare privilege in many institutions, advised members to continue supporting the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and his team. He said "UNILORIN staff may not realise how fortunate they are to have a leadership that prioritises accessibility and engagement with workers. Unlike some institutions where leaders act as 'tin gods,' Prof. Egbewole stands out for his humility and willingness to listen".

On his part, the Chairman of NAAT, UNILORIN Chapter, Mr Femi Awolola, applauded the Vice Chancellor for his untiring support for the Union's legitimate demands. He specifically acknowledged the Vice Chancellor's approval of the Union's level 15 demands, which he described as a testament to his responsive and accommodating leadership style.

Yusuf, ex-Dean, PG School, bags FISN

By Abubakar Imam

A former Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf, has been conferred with the prestigious Fellowship of Islamic Studies in Nigeria (FISN).

Prof. Yusuf was conferred with the award penultimate Saturday (November 16, 2024) at this year's edition of the annual conference of the National Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS) held in Yola, Adamawa State.

The award is in recognition of Prof. Yusuf's profound impacts and lifelong dedication to the advancement of Islamic scholarship and community leadership.

Prof. Yusuf, who is the Director of the Linguistic Immersion Centre, received all his degrees from the University of Ilorin. He has held several high-ranking positions at local and



■ Prof. Yusuf

national levels including being the Chairman of the Kwara State Muslim Pilgrims Board, Provost of the Kwara State College of Arabic and Islamic Legal Studies (CAILS), and Federal Commissioner in the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria

(NAHCON). He has been teaching at the Department of Religions of the nation's most sought-after University for more than three decades.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, welcomed the recognition extended to the renowned scholar and administrator by NATAIS.

In a statement issued on his behalf by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, Prof. Egbewole described the former Dean as a scholar who deserves the honour.

He added that the award is a worthy addition to the series of laurels that Prof. Yusuf had earned for himself and the University.

Prof. Egbewole urged the cleric-don to continue to serve as a role-model to students and younger colleagues for the University to produce more laureates.

Jawondo bags IEDPU USA award

By Abubakar Imam

The Director, Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulganiyu Ibrahim Jawondo, will on Saturday, November 30, 2024 be conferred with the award of Cultural Excellence Advocate by the United States of America Branch of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU).

This is contained in a letter of notification addressed to Prof. Jawondo, signed by the Publicity Secretary of the Union, Waziri AbdulRazaq Folami, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

In the letter, dated November 10, 2024, the Union explained that the nomination of the distinguished Professor of History and International Studies is a testament to his remarkable accomplishments and significant

contributions to socio-cultural heritage and community services over the years.

Mr Folami added that the award is a gesture of the Union's admiration and appreciation of the efforts of Prof. Jawondo.

The don, who is a member of the Governing Council of the Kwara State University, Malet, and a former Director of the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin, expressed his profound gratitude to the IEDPU USA for the honour.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, Prof. Jawondo said that he was humbled by the recognition as he also thanked the authorities of the University of Ilorin and the leaders of the Ilorin community for the several opportunities he has been given to serve the University and his ancestral community in several capacities including being the Secretary of the Ilorin Emirate Durbar Committee since its inception in 2018.



■ Prof. Jawondo

APN holds 55th AGM

All is set for the 55th Annual General and Scientific Meeting of the Association of Psychiatrists in Nigeria (APN).

The programme, which is tagged Kwara '24 and with the theme "Priotising mental health needs of Nigerians in a depressed economy: An Urgent Call for Integrated, Comprehensive, and

Sustainable Interventions", will hold at DePeace Hotel & Suites, Tanke, Ilorin, from Monday 25 to Saturday 30 November, 2024.

Among the sub-themes to be treated at the meeting are Upscaling Mental Health Services in Nigeria through General Hospital and Community Psychiatry; Addressing

Mental Health Gaps Using Digital Interventions: Opportunities and Barriers and the Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Practice of Psychiatry.

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

Engineering Faculty inaugurates FET-GREEN Club

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, Prof. Jamiu Odusote, has inaugurated the committee and club for the FET Group for Recycling and Environmental Network, FET-GREEN.

The inauguration, which was held at the NLNG Building Conference Room last Monday (November 18, 2024), was to flag off the FET-GREEN students club in association with the UNILORIN Chapter of the National Union of Engineering Students Association (NUESA).

Prof. Odusote noted that the initiative was to develop a working plan for the Faculty on environment sanitation whereby students campaign and create awareness amongst themselves towards making the Faculty neat and clean.

He added that the campaign was mainly to discourage students from indiscriminate disposal of wastes.

Prof. Odusote pointed out that

putting the club in place would assist each of the Departments in the Faculty in the course of their periodic accreditation exercises as there won't be need to start running around to clean up.

The Dean said that measures would be put in place to punish recalcitrant students as he said that an appropriate fine would be imposed on the offenders. He added that such students may also be referred to the Student Disciplinary Committee for further actions if need be.

Prof. Odusote encouraged student volunteers to bring suggestions on how to make the environment aesthetic and map out plans on how to create sit-out and relaxation centres for the students within the Faculty.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Committee, Dr Jamiu Adeniran, appreciated the Dean of the Faculty, under whose leadership, he said, "The Faculty continues to champion projects that align with global efforts to combat climate change and promote sustainable development."

Dr Adeniran explained that the "FET-GREEN Students Club is a testament to the dedication of the Dean to equipping our students with not only technical expertise but also the values and skills necessary to address real-world challenges responsibly."

He said, "We are confident that this club will inspire a new generation of engineers to embrace green practices and contribute significantly to creating a more sustainable future."

Dr Adeniran said that the students would be equipped with the needed information through seminars, in-house trainings, and workshops among others on how to promote environmental awareness and conservation.

Also speaking, the NUESA President, Mr Ajileye Tobiloba John, commended the Dean and other lecturers in the Faculty for their continuous support for the Association and the Faculty as a whole. He advised his fellow students to be law abiding and join hands to make the Faculty clean and safe.

Always strive for academic excellence, Akpenpuun urges students

By Abubakar Abdulquadri and Bashir Dawodu

The Head of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, University of Ilorin, Dr T. D. Akpenpuun, has charged newly admitted students of the University to embrace their courses with enthusiasm and strive for excellence in order to achieve outstanding results.

Dr Akpenpuun gave the charge last Tuesday (November 19, 2024) while speaking at the orientation programme organised for fresh students by the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Students Association (ABESA), UNILORIN Chapter at the Department of Food Engineering.

The Head of Department explained that the fresh students need to understand the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) requirements for undergraduate students in Nigerian universities.

He explained that CCMAS is designed to guide institutions in creating curricula for various programmes, to ensure that graduates have sufficient academic backgrounds to face global challenges. The standards cover various disciplines including Education, Agriculture, Architecture, Arts, and more.



He highlighted the CCMAS system requirements that each student must pass all 100-level courses and earn 150 credits as he emphasised the need for them to work hard and maintain a CGPA above 2.0.

Also speaking at the event, the former Head of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, Prof. K. O. Yusuf, stressed that students should remain disciplined and responsible for their actions at all times as he urged them not to join any Association that would derail them.

Prof. Yusuf warned them to avoid fraudulent activities and excessive financial demands from their parents, which the

University did not ask for in order not to tarnish the image of the University.

He equally advised them to stay focused to avoid expulsion but rather prioritise academic responsibilities.

On his part, the Staff Adviser, Dr. M. O. Iyanda, emphasised the importance of attending all lectures and encouraged the students to take their academic responsibilities very seriously.

Dr Iyanda explained that it is better not to gain admission at all than to be admitted and be later expelled. He admonished the students to be mindful of the company they keep and to choose friends wisely.

Let's encourage students to form cooperative societies - Alabi

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Chairman of the University of Ilorin Multi-purpose Cooperative Society Union, Mr Toyin Alabi, has called on stakeholders of the University to encourage the participation of students in cooperative societies.

Mr Alabi made this call penultimate Wednesday (November 13, 2024) at the inauguration of the pioneer executives of the Unilorin Academic Staff Multipurpose Cooperative Society, (ACADA MCS) at the UNILORINASUU secretariat.

He emphasised that cooperative societies are founded on the principles of mutual assistance, shared responsibility, and collective growth.

According to Mr Alabi, "These values resonate deeply within our university environment, where collaboration and mutual support are cornerstones of our academic life."

Mr Alabi, who is also a member of the Kwara Cooperative Federation, added that "one of our key responsibilities as we move forward is to bring our younger colleagues, our students and early-career academics,

into the cooperative fold."

He explained that the youths are the foundation of our future, and their active participation in cooperative societies can instill in them a strong sense of financial responsibility and collective prosperity.

"By involving them in these societies early, we empower them with the tools and understanding needed to foster financial security, build savings, and engage in productive investment", he noted.

Mr Alabi added that together, we can strengthen the legacy of cooperative at the University and ensure that the values we uphold today continue to thrive through the next generation.

He, therefore, encouraged all members to spread the message, mentor, and engage younger colleagues in cooperative opportunities, so that they may experience firsthand the benefits of unity, trust, and financial independence.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman of the UNILORIN ACADA MCS, Prof Rowland Kayode, appreciated the University management for its continuous support for the growth of the society.

Prof. Kayode maintained that the new Executive Council of the body

would work together to ensure the success of the society.

He added that they would also consider the use of technology in the discharge of their duties.

The Chairman said, "With technology, members can be in their houses and apply for any type of loan, access their account and know their balance thereby making the work easier."

Also speaking, the representative of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Technology, Mr Lamidi Bukoye, advised the pioneer Executive Committee of the Cooperative Society to be transparent and effective such that the upcoming generations can build on the existing roadmaps.

In his remarks, the President of the Kwara Cooperative Federation, Mr Joseph Olushola Osobu, appreciated the efforts of members of the Steering Committee for their unwavering support towards the society. He prayed that the society grows from strength to strength.

Highlights of the programme included the swearing in of the new executive committee members and dissolution of the steering committee.

AI: Islamic scholar urges Muslims to leverage divine knowledge

By Idris Alooma

A prominent Islamic scholar, Mr Kabir Aderemi Adewoyin, has encouraged Muslims to wholeheartedly embrace Artificial Intelligence (AI), saying that the knowledge behind AI originates from God.

Mr Adewoyin, who is also a Principal Assistant Registrar in charge of junior staff in the Directorate of Human Resources, University of Ilorin, said this last Tuesday (November 19, 2024) while fielding questions on a popular Yoruba Programme titled 'Oro to n lo' anchored by the General Manager UNILORIN FM radio station Mr Idris Alooma.

While calling for a total underscoring of the intrinsic connection between faith and science, the Cleric said that the Holy Qur'an is "an all-embracing and all-encompassing holy book of God."



■ Mr Adewoyin

Mr Adewoyin pointed out that Islam has long explored scientific concepts, citing examples from the Quran, such as the creation of heaven and earth, water resources, fetal development, and the calendar. He noted that pioneering

researchers throughout history have been Muslims, highlighting Islam's significant contributions to science.

The scholar highlighted the reciprocal benefits between Islam and science, illustrating how printing, digital applications, and educational tools have enhanced Quranic dissemination and understanding. AI, he argued, has similarly aided Islamic scholarship.

Mr Adewoyin emphasised the boundless nature of knowledge, likening it to elastic that continually expands. He showcased Islam's substantial impact on medicine, referencing Islamic medical advancements.

Looking ahead to the impending Generation Beta (Gen-Beta) era, Mr Adewoyin reassured listeners that Islam is prepared. He expressed confidence in the guidance of Muslim scholars (Alfas) in navigating this new landscape.

Mobile classroom contest: Egbewole commends victorious UNILORIN team

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed pride in the students of the University for their outstanding performance in the nationwide virtual test competition organised by the Mobile Classroom application.

Speaking during the award presentation ceremony held last Monday (November 18, 2024), Prof. Egbewole said, "The success of our students has shown the world that the University of Ilorin is truly better by far."

He commended the organisers of the competition for their innovative approach to education and pledged to collaborate with the Mobile Classroom to enhance learning opportunities for students nationwide.

The Vice Chancellor added that the institution is open to more private-sector partnerships to scale up the initiative and expand the reach of the app.

"This collaboration has shown what is possible when technology meets education," he remarked.

In his remarks, the CEO of the Mobile Classroom app, Mr Akeem Salami, emphasised the commitment of the app to bridging the educational gap in Nigeria.

He highlighted the app's features, which include recorded lectures, interactive learning platforms, and testing modules accessible from any location. "Our goal is to equip students with resources that help them excel academically and transform them from job seekers to job creators," Salami noted.

Mr Salami revealed that disciplines like Business Administration, Political Science, and Mass

Communication competed for laurels, adding that N4 million was distributed among 50 top-performing students.

The University of Ilorin emerged the top-performing institution, dominating the winners' list with 11 students of Mass Communication

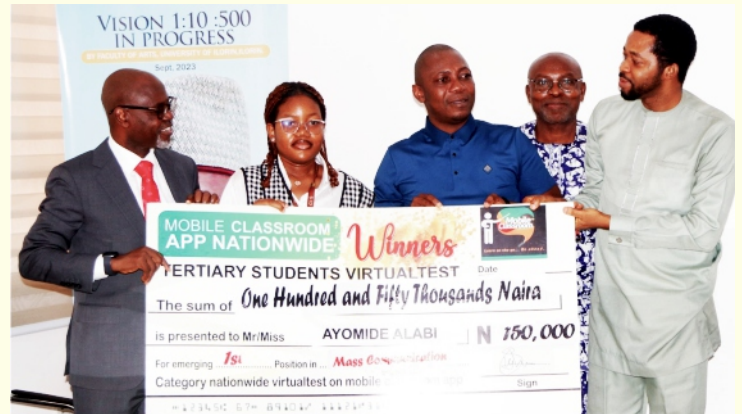
among the finalists. This feat reflects the dedication and excellence of the students of the University, who showcased their skills in the virtual test held between August 30 and 31, 2024.

Lagos State University came second, contributing 11 finalists under the Business Administration category, while other institutions like Kingsley Ozumba Mbadiwe University also made notable appearances.

The Mobile Classroom app, launched during the COVID-19 lockdown, has evolved into a vital tool for modern education.

Mr Salami explained that the platform serves as a hub for academic resources from renowned educators, fostering a learning ecosystem that benefits both students and lecturers.

In his reaction, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Lukman A. Azeez, who was represented by the Sub-Dean, Dr. Amos Baje, expressed his profound gratitude to the organisers of the competition and commended the participants for their exceptional performance.



He emphasised that the students' achievements were a reflection of the Faculty's commitment to academic excellence and innovation.

Similarly, the Ag. Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr. Patrick Udende, lauded the participants for their dedication and outstanding performance at the competition.

He noted that the Department's inclusion among the top-performing disciplines was a proud moment and a confirmation of the quality of education offered.

"Our students have shown that they are not only academically sound but also capable of adapting to new learning platforms, which is a key skill in today's digital world," Dr Udende remarked.

Dr Udende also appreciated the generosity of the Mobile Classroom app's CEO, Mr Akeem Salami, for rewarding the students' efforts and inspiring others to excel. He said that the monetary reward would serve as an encouragement for students to embrace digital learning tools and strive for excellence.

Abdulbaqi heads Committee on UNILORIN TV

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has approved the constitution of a seven-man Committee on the Establishment of an Educational Television Station at the University. The Committee is headed by a former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, fnipr.

This is contained in a memo dated November 14, 2024 and signed by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, a copy of which was made available to UNILORIN Bulletin.

Other members of the Committee, according to the Registrar, are Dr Aisha Imam-Omoloso of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr Jumoke I. Oladele of the Department of Social Science Education and Mr Lukman Temitope Omoniye of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs.



Prof. Abdulbaqi,

Also on the Committee, which has the Faculty Officer of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Mrs Titilope R. Bamidele, as Secretary, are Mr B. M. Banu of the Vice Chancellor's

Office and Mrs Rukayat F. Salami of COMSIT.

The Committee, according to the memo, is expected to work with the Consultant on the Project, Mr Habib Akewusola, to provide educational content for students from primary through tertiary levels and deliver general University courses on air, allow students to watch lectures at convenient times.

The Registrar added that the Committee is also to engage potential applicants to showcase UNILORIN's academic environment and resources, involve students in managing and promoting the station, enhancing its popularity and authenticity and carry-out any other initiative that will assist in the actualisation of the proposed educational television station.

The Committee is expected to submit periodic reports to the Vice Chancellor.



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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 14TH TO 21ST NOVEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS:		
Academic Transcript		876,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges		1,300,775.00
Sundry Other Income		448,333.75
Convocation Souvenir		630,800.00
Capitation NHIS		778,800.00
Income from Verification/Screening		230,500.00
Staff I.D Cards		8,000.00
Others		153,750.00
General Donation to Unilorin		1,178,060.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)		5,000.00
Student I.D. Cards		1,000.00
Disciplinary Fines		2,000.00
CODL Form Processing Charges		45,600.00
CODL- Clearance Charges		240,800.00
CODL Undergraduate Charges		2,032,100.00
Income from Dental Clinic		153,638.75
Contractors' Registration Fees		26,000.00
Utility Income		132,500.00
Rent on University Property		300,000.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre		82,138.75
Income from Fitness Centre		1,000.00
Refund (Salary)		100,000.00
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance		5,000,000.00
CCSCA Application Fees		25,200.00
CCSCA Clearance Charges		39,800.00
CCSCA General Payment fees		470,800.00
Publication		163,300.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation		2,662,570.00
Undergraduate Change of Course		192,800.00
Undergraduate International		224,400.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges		11,852,800.00
Undergraduate School Charges		812,392,636.50
Undergraduate Convocation Charges		1,679,100.00
Postgraduate School Charges		32,476,450.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment		165,000.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Payment		682,550.00
Postgraduate School General Payment		2,301,850.00
Postgraduate School Tuition Fees		136,750.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment		1,150.00
Postgraduate School Application Form		50,300.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges		271,800.00
Institute of Education School Charges		86,340.40
Remedial Application Form		349,600.00
Remedial School Charges		3,028,200.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment		243,200.00
Ilorin Business School Hotel Accommodation		25,200.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form		75,400.00
Ilorin Business School Charges		571,100.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment		1,050,400.00
JUPEB School Charges		6,306,800.00
Total Receipt for the Period		₦891,252,293.15
PAYMENTS		
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:		
Amas Delight Catering Hospitality		2,625,940.00
Ever Phoenix Guest House Accommodation		47,000.00
Wils & Bankleys Ltd Production and Installation of Commissioning Plaque		344,000.00
Crescent Gold Crown Hospital Medical Expenses		481,000.00
Meem Solar Solutions Reconnection of Solars Panels to the Inverter at Veterinary Teaching Hospital		2,700,000.00
Jiya SN & Partners Renovation of Abuja Liaison office Building		5,050,500.00
Funbas Engineering Nig Ltd Renovation of Microbiology dept		9,020,315.35
Fasman Nig Enterprises Supply and Spreading of imported laterite filling different Location		715,520.00
Al-Roqeeb General Merchants Renovation of Block 3 Laboratories, Classroom and Administrative Block at Institute of Education		8,017,474.97
OTHER PAYMENTS:		
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c		56,884,827.19
Purchase Advance Various		13,598,320.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel		10,993,723.00
Unilorin Press Printing Jobs		950,000.00
Staff Training Learned Conference (TETFUND)		1,145,400.00
Unilorin Guest House Hospitality		3,388,250.00
TSA Charges Various		93,094.50
Total payment for the period		₦116,055,365.01

Signed
Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)
Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Odunola, Rasheed Adekeye	Health Services	Nov 24
2	Ogunade, Raymond Olutoyin	Religions	Nov 24
3	Ahmed, Bayo Musa	Mathematics	Nov 24
4	Oyinloye, Olalekan Ibukun	Radiology	Nov 24
5	Abdul, Mohammed Najiyu	Registry	Nov 24
6	Adeoye, Taiye Olushola	Geophysics	Nov 24
7	Sulaiman, Ismail Olarewaju	Registry	Nov 24
8	Abdulsalam, Sekinat Bukola	Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry	Nov 24
9	Famakinde, Oluwaseun Sherifat	Registry	Nov 24
10	Haroon-Sulyman, Shakirat Oluwatosin	Information & Communication Science	Nov 24
11	Olarewaju, Samuel Adebisi	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Nov 24
12	Sidiq, Ramat Bobookiri	Veterinary Anatomy	Nov 24
13	Agbabiaka, Toyin Olayemi	Microbiology	Nov 25
14	Uyanne, Elizabeth Obiageli	Social Science Education	Nov 25
15	Musa, Amuda Kadir	Registry	Nov 25
16	Jenyo, Fausat Olanike	Registry	Nov 25
17	Ojeneye, Bamidele	Security Division	Nov 25
18	Oyedepo, Titilayo Adenike	Registry	Nov 25
19	Akerele, Elizabeth	Registry	Nov 25
20	Momodu, Ibrahim Gentle	Registry	Nov 25
21	Aremu, Idowu Omodele	Security Division	Nov 25
22	Orisaji, Elizabeth Abike	Registry	Nov 25
23	Abdulhamid, Moshood Abdulsalam	Procurement & Maintenance Suport	Nov 25
24	Abdulfatai, Aishat Omotayo	Security Division	Nov 25
25	Adeniyi, Olakiitan Ibukun	Statistics	Nov 25
26	Afolabi, Kayode Ojo	Science Education	Nov 26
27	Adekeye, Hanah Oluwatoyin	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Nov 26
28	Adekunle, Adebayo Surajudeen	Mechanical Engineering	Nov 26
29	Omokanye, Habeeb Kayodele	Otorhinolaryngology	Nov 26
30	Abdullahi, Rasaan Maito	Library	Nov 26
31	Elelu, Shehu-Alimi	Chemistry	Nov 26
32	Sanni, Jemeel Adedotun	Economics	Nov 26
33	Oyeyemi, Omotayo Isaac	Registry	Nov 26
34	Adeleye, Solomon Idowu	Security Division	Nov 27
35	Ewurum, Mauveen Onyekachi	Health Services	Nov 27
36	Adegun, Isaac Kayode	Mechanical Engineering	Nov 27
37	Adebisi, Taibat Tunrayo	Home Economics & Food Science	Nov 27
38	Joshua, Florence Funsho	Registry	Nov 27
39	Emmanuel, Olubunmi Modupe	Registry	Nov 27
40	Tijani, Suleiman Dare	Agronomy	Nov 27
41	Oseni, Oluwafemi Samuel	Security Division	Nov 27
42	Ahmed, Abdulkadir	Registry	Nov 27
43	Nwachukwu, Ukamaka Mary	Registry	Nov 27
44	Adedoja, Ruth Owoade	Registry	Nov 27
45	Sofoluwe, Abayomi Olumide	Educational Management	Nov 28
46	Balogun, Olusegun Samuel	Crop Protection	Nov 28
47	Ojubanire, Abdulfatai Funso	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Nov 28
48	Balogun, Saadudeen	Works: Mechanical	Nov 28
49	Dada, Emmanuel Olatunde	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Nov 28
50	Popoola, Abiola Oluwagbemiga	Psychology	Nov 28
51	Babalola, Mariam Oladunni	Registry	Nov 28
52	Popoola, Temitope Falilat	French	Nov 28
53	Adeyemi, Oluwatoyin Funke	Registry	Nov 28
54	Yusuf, Abdulrahman Olalekan	Computer Engineering	Nov 28
55	Obielodan, Omotayo Olabo	Educational Technology	Nov 29
56	Ambali, Abdulganiyu	Veterinary Medicine	Nov 29
57	Faruk, Idiat Folake	Registry	Nov 29
58	Eze, Solomon Chika	Biomedical Engineering	Nov 29
59	Atteh, Job Olutimehin	Animal Production	Nov 30
60	Oyewunmi, Fausat Ayobami	Library	Nov 30
61	Oluwatola, Felicia Kikelomo	Educational Management	Nov 30
62	Sheriff, Falilat Funmilayo	Legal Services Unit	Nov 30
63	Ahmed, Adijat	Registry	Nov 30
64	Ayo, Sunday Adebanji	Registry	Nov 30
65	Otuoze, Abdulrahman Okin	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Nov 30
66	Raji, Maryam Nike	Registry	Nov 30
67	Raheem, Wakeel Adeyemi	Urban & Regional Planning	Nov 30
68	Abidoeye, Abdulmujeeb Abiola	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Nov 30

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

- A former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr Lambe Kayode Mustapha, has identified the low entry barrier into journalism practice, the need to survive and the rush to publish syndrome among media practitioners, as some of the major reasons fake news is becoming rampant in the country.
("Don blames fake news on low entry barrier into journalism", *The Guardian*, Monday, November 18, 2024, P.4)
- The University of Ilorin has been mentioned among other public universities that used solar panels to make life comfortable for the students.
("Solar to the rescue as public Varsities battle disconnection over electricity bills", *DailyTrust*, Monday, November 18, 2024, P.20)
- During his official visit to the University of Ilorin, the Minister of Communication, Innovation and Digital Economy, Mr Bosun Tijani, who was represented by his Special Assistant on AI, Mr Olubunmi Ajala, has unveiled the plan of the Federal Government to connect students of the University with their peers across Nigeria and beyond through a high speed broadband innovation modeled after 'eduroam' an international WiFi network that connects students across campuses in the United Kingdom.
("Tinubu's Minister assures UNILORIN students of affordable high speed internet", <https://royalnews.com.ng>)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof.

- Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has joined other scholars from Nigeria and other parts of the world at a brainstorming session to fashion a better future for education and development of the continent through digital revolution.
("UNILORIN Hosts 6th AFRICALICS as VC Restate Commitment to Technical Development", <https://royalnews.com.ng>)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged the National Universities Commission Parastatal SERVICOM Committee (NUC/PSC/ to engage in a more vigorous advocacy campaign that would inform Nigerians about the impact of SERVICOM's work.
("Ilorin Varsity VC, Wahab Egbewole seeks increased advocacy for SERVICOM", <https://royalnews.com.ng>)
- An Agricultural expert, Prof. Opeyemi Ayinde, in collaboration with the University of Ilorin, has trained farmers across Kwara State on risk management through insurance and rural e-commerce.
("Researchers equip Kwara farmers with innovation, risk management techniques", <https://businessday.ng/news/article>)
- The Balogun Fulani of Ilorin and member, Ilorin Emirate Council, Alhaji Abubakar Sidiq Atiku, has donated a 25 year old crocodile worth millions of naira to the University of Ilorin Zoological Garden.
(" 25 year old crocodile donates to UNILORIN Zoo", <https://premiumtimesng.com>)

Kolawole bags APH Fellowship

By Abubakar Imam

The pioneer National Coordinator, Poliovirus Laboratory Containment, Nigeria, Prof. Olatunji Mathew Kolawole, has been conferred with the prestigious Fellowship of the Academy of Public Health (APH) of the West African Institute of Public Health.

The globally renowned scholar of Medical Virology and Environmental Health was conferred with the award on November 7, 2024 in a colourful ceremony held in Abuja.

Prof. Kolawole, who teaches at the Department of Microbiology, University of Ilorin, was granted the award in recognition of his exemplary contributions to the progress of Public Health in the West African Region and at global pedestal.

Speaking with **UNILORIN**



■ Prof. Kolawole

Bulletin on the award, Prof. Kolawole said that "the Fellowship is an honour that I cherish so much like many others that have come my way".

He added that he was delighted that his "humble contributions to the development of the discipline had been recognised and appreciated through the Fellowship".

Prof. Kolawole, who has served on several national committees and delivered innumerable scientific papers across the world, commended the management of the University of Ilorin for the support he has been enjoying which made his efforts to be recognised by such a distinguished body.

He assured that he would continue to do his best towards advancing knowledge and promoting public health not for personal glory but for the advancement of the image of the University for the institution to achieve its vision of becoming the best in Nigeria, one of the best ten in Africa and among the leading 500 at global level.

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr A. A .Aliy	Faculty of Art /Arabic	Acting Director, Centre for Translation Arts	20 th Nov. 2024-31 st July, 2025.
Dr O. Atolani	Physical Sciences/Chemistry	Coordinator, African Centre for Herbal Research, Ilorin	20 th Nov. 2024-31 st July, 2025.
Dr Oluwatoyin A. Fabiyi	Agriculture / Crop Protection.	Deputy Director, Centre for Blue and Regenerative Economy	20 th Nov. 2024-31 st July, 2025.
Prof. J. K. Oduote	Eng.& Tech./Dean	Coordinator, Centre for Blue and Regenerative Economy	20 th Nov. 2024-31 st July, 2025.
Dr S. A. Yahaya	Engineering & Technology/Biomedical Engineering	Deputy Director, Centre for Blue and Regenerative Economy	20 th Nov. 2024-31 st July, 2025.



UNILORIN partners Lotus Bank on smart ID Cards for students, staff

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin, in collaboration with Lotus Bank, is finalising arrangements to launch new smart ID cards for its students and staff.

These innovative cards will combine identity verification, payment needs and access control to various campus facilities.

At a meeting held penultimate Thursday (November 14, 2024) between the University management and representatives of the Bank, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed optimism that the smart ID cards would enhance campus security and facilitate better interaction between the institution and its stakeholders.

Prof. Egbewole commended the Bank for its commitment to the project, noting that the smart ID cards would enable users to access facilities nationwide.

“This innovation aligns with our vision of ensuring that our community can operate securely and conveniently, both on and off campus,” the Vice Chancellor remarked.

He added that the initiative is expected to strengthen the partnership between the University and the Bank and create a sustainable framework for future collaborations.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* shortly after the meeting, the Chief Digital Officer of the Bank, Mr Abdullahi Popoola, enumerated some of the numerous benefits of the planned smart cards for students of the University of Ilorin.

According to Mr Popoola, the smart card integrates multiple functionalities, combining identity verification, payment capabilities, and access control to facilities on campus, adding that students will enjoy rebates and discounts when they use the card to pay for certain products and services.

While noting that students and staff currently use separate ID cards and ATM cards, which do not provide them with any special privilege, the bank official said the new smart card addresses these gaps by functioning as a three-in-one solution.

Mr Popoola also explained that “the card cannot be counterfeited, which is a major advantage. It carries unique security features recognised worldwide. We are also establishing partnerships nationwide to ensure that University of Ilorin students enjoy discounts and other



■ Prof. Egbewole



■ Mr Popoola

privileges because their identity will be verifiable.”

He further stated that the initiative would eventually be extended to University staff and alumni, as part of a broader plan to foster connections among members of the University of Ilorin community.

He commended the University on its exceptional collaboration, describing it as unmatched.

Mr Popoola said, “UNILORIN is indeed better by far, not just in words but in action. The speed, cooperation, and quality of information they have provided are outstanding and unlike anything we've experienced elsewhere.”

Joining the Vice Chancellor during the meeting 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; the Director of COMSIT, Prof. Rasheed Jimoh; and the Ag. Director of UNILORIN Holdings, Prof. Bashiru Ademola Raji