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Defend your admissions, Egbewole charges new students

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged newly admitted students of the institution to work hard to defend their admission into the most sought-after University in Nigeria.

Prof. Egbewole gave this admonition at the University Auditorium last Tuesday (December 17, 2024) in his address, entitled "The End from the Beginning", delivered during the Matriculation Ceremony for the new students.

The Vice Chancellor, who told the new students to count themselves lucky, said that over 60,000 applicants jostled for admission to the University in the ongoing academic session, but only about 11,000 were successful. This, according to him, showcased the competitiveness of the institution.

He, therefore, told the lucky students to approach their academic journey with seriousness and determination. *(Contd. on page 3)*



■ Prof. Egbewole

UNILORIN Alumni Association accuses Fasakin of impersonation

By Abubakar Imam

The University of Ilorin Alumni Association, the umbrella body of all the graduates of the nation's most sought-after University, has warned a former National President of the body, Dr Wale Fasakin, against further impersonation of its incumbent President, Prof. Abdulrasaq Kilani.

The Association, in a statement signed by its National Publicity Secretary, Chief Ola Elijah Olorunsuwa, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin*, said that the action of the former President was not only condemnable but also a disservice to the integrity of the Association and the University.

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Merry Christmas

Yusuf canvasses attractive work conditions for teachers

By Abubakar Imam

A Professor of Curriculum Development and Social Studies at the University of Ilorin, Hamdallat Taiwo Yusuf, has called for the introduction and sustenance of attractive service conditions for teachers to enable them live abundant life.

Prof. Yusuf gave this advice last Thursday (December 19, 2024) while delivering the 271st Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Navigating the Nexus of Teacher Education, Curriculum Development and Social Studies", at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Yusuf

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UNILORIN researchers shine at TETFair with 'G-Smart Monitor'

***Attract investor for full commercialisation**

By Temitope Omoniyi

A team of researchers from the University of Ilorin has made headlines with their innovative IoT-based system, the G-Smart Monitor, designed to help farmers monitor greenhouse conditions real-time.

Led by Dr Samuel Olusayo Onidare from the Department of Telecommunication Science, the team was among the 15 selected nationwide for the 2024 TETFund Alliance for Innovative Research (TETFair) programme.

The G-Smart Monitor, developed through the TETFair program, enables farmers to reduce crop damage and improve productivity through proactive management. The team, which included Mr Musbau Dogo Abdurahaman of the Department of Information Technology; Mr Yusuf Olayinka Imam-Fulani of the Department of Telecommunication Science; and Miss Fatimah Ismaila of the Department of Telecommunication Science, gained access to advanced technology, machinery, and expert guidance through the programme, to refine its initial research prototype into a fully functional, market-ready product.

The project was showcased at the inaugural TETFund National Research Fair, held in Abuja from November 17th to 21st, 2024. The team's success has already attracted an investor ready to partner with the research team for large-scale production and marketing of the G-Smart Monitor.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, Mr Imam-Fulani, one of the four researchers, said that members of the team were invited to the Innov8 Hub in Abuja on four occasions, in addition to several online engagements, where they "gained access to advanced technology, sophisticated machinery, and expert guidance." He said, "This support allowed us to refine our initial research prototype into a fully functional, market-ready product."

According to Mr Imam-Fulani, "due to the novelty of our product, our project was selected for exhibition at the



inaugural TETFund National Research Fair, held from November 17th to 21st, 2024, at the Eagle Square in Abuja. Following the success recorded at the exhibition and the device's potential, the product is now ready for commercialisation".

He added that "we have also secured an investor who is ready to partner with us in large-scale production and marketing of the product."

Mr Imam-Fulani said the team's innovative and affordable G-Smart Monitor will assist farmers in monitoring greenhouse conditions in real time through mobile application. This, he noted, will help to reduce crop damage and improve productivity through proactive management.

The team expressed gratitude to

TETFUND, Innov8 Hub, and the University of Ilorin for their support in turning their idea into a marketable product. Upon completing the programme, the team members were inducted as fellows of the TETFund Alliance for Innovative Research (TETFair).

The TETFund Alliance for Innovative Research (TETFair) is a fully sponsored, year-long programme by TETFund, designed to support selected research teams in transforming their academic work into viable and marketable products. The initiative targets Nigerian researchers from universities, polytechnics, and colleges of education, providing a platform to turn innovative ideas into real-world solutions.

UNILORIN Zoo organises maiden Fest Family Funfair

By Idris Aloom and Abubakar Imam

It is set for the maiden Fest Family Funfair organised by the University of Ilorin Zoological Garden in conjunction with the UNILORIN Holdings.

A statement signed by the Manager of the Zoo, Mr Olatunji Yusuf, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*, explained that the event would hold on Thursday, December

26, 2024 at the Zoo Arena beginning at 12 noon.

The statement explained that the event, which would include animal viewing, quiz competitions, horse riding, dance competitions, egg and sack races, and more, would be presided-over by the Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, while the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, would be the Chief Host.

Mr Yusuf added that the Keynote

Speaker at the event would be a former Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. A. T. Ande, as Prof. B. A. Raji would be the Host.

The statement added that individuals, groups, schools, families, associations, and others are invited to attend while the gate fee is ₦2,000.00 only.

Mr Yusuf, said that in addition to animal viewing and other stimulating items, participants would also be entertained by notable comedians like TimmyGold, Karikatak, Baba Kamo, and others.

Defend your admissions, Egbewole charges new students

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Prof. Egbewole said, “As you may be aware, over 60,000 subscribed to this institution for this current session. With combined admission, a little above 11,000 were successful and admitted. This implies that it was a real competition and from every six applicants, only 1 is with the probability of being chosen. Your admission, to this extent, should, therefore, not be taken for granted or with levity. This success of yours should not be short-lived, you must do everything humanly possible to defend your current champion status otherwise the ending may be a story told”.

Speaking on the deliberate plan by his Administration to create more opportunities for the students of the University, the Vice Chancellor said that his Administration had created programmes that will add value and enable students to graduate with skills beyond the degrees.

He said, “We have introduced U-INSPIRE programme for the purpose of developing entrepreneurship soft skills. The Centre for Innovation and Ideation is readily available to assist in incubating and nurturing your ideas and concepts up to gestation. Many of you who are into content or digital creation; you are in the right University where your dreams will be supported.

“Our Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre currently has over 70 skills training programmes ranging from digital and local community based skills. The Centre's talent hunt for this year is ongoing to showcase potentials and inherent skills of our students. I am pleased to inform you that you can take advantage of our Artificial Intelligence (AI) training and certification programme”.

On the plan to automate processes in the University, the renowned Senior Advocate of Nigeria said, “As I promised



your colleagues last year, the full transformation agenda on digitalisation and full automation of our processes has begun. Your set will soon receive the smart multifunctional ID card that gives access to facilities and certain operations on our campus. We have put all these and more together for you to have a unique university life experience and suitable end. Do not come here to join the crowd but make your mark and be happy for the rest of your life”.

Commenting on the University's stance on misconduct, the Vice Chancellor told the new students that the University of Ilorin has zero tolerance for misconduct of any kind, saying that the only reward for examination malpractice is expulsion.

Prof. Egbewole said, “I urge you to familiarise yourself with the rules and regulations governing your stay on this campus as contained in the Students Information and Regulations Handbook. Our degrees are awarded subject to being worthy in character and learning thus, shun any form of social vices including but not limited to indecent dressing and relating or

identifying with unregistered societies. Belonging to societies not registered or recognised is one of the surest ways to end your studentship here in an unceremonious manner.”

He urged the students to distinguish themselves during their time at the University and to embrace opportunities to build skills that will set them apart in the competitive global landscape.

While also encouraging all the matriculating students never to lower their standard regardless of circumstance, the Vice Chancellor told the students that when they lower their standard, it will still not change the perception and impression of them in the final analysis.

He also told them that their loyalty to this University now and later should not be a subject of compromise. He encouraged them to think of the value they can add on daily basis and importantly, be professional and master of the game. He said, “This University is known for raising giants whose exploits in various spheres of life are undeniable. They came, they saw and conquered. Their stories started like today but ended in praises and achievements because they took decisions that did not appear to be popular; their decisions to become the very best in all they do were not applauded and determination in the face of obvious discouragements and distractions produced the giants in them as ambassadors of our great University”.

Prof. Egbewole, however, urged the students to see the end in an uncommon manner of becoming the very best and the University's ambassador of unstained banners.

While wishing the students a very rewarding stay on campus, the Vice Chancellor said that he looked forward to celebrating with them and their families at the graduation.



Yusuf canvasses attractive work conditions for teachers

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The don, who teaches at the Department of Social Sciences Education, said it was high time that competitive salaries were made available to teachers at various levels of the nation's educational system to enable them effectively discharge their responsibility of moulding the nation's future leaders.

Prof. Yusuf also called for the facilitation of job security and other benefits for teachers as she noted that making professional development opportunities and a positive work environment available to teachers as well as ensuring due societal recognition for them would assist greatly in ensuring adequate service delivery.

The Inaugural Lecturer also called on various communities to take ownership of schools in their respective jurisdictions to ensure greater service delivery from the teachers, saying that a greater involvement of communities in the management of the schools in their domains would ensure that the schools achieve their corporate objectives.

Prof. Yusuf added that the involvement of parents, community leaders and local organisations such as Community Development Associations would ensure that the educational processes are not impaired.

She also implored stakeholders to ensure that learners take ownership of their education as she also charged community involvement in schools through student-led projects.

Prof. Yusuf also said that students must be connected with their communities to promote civic responsibility and improve understanding of immediate values and needs through specific projects.

She also suggested transformative pedagogical approaches that would be student-centred and which

would also promote active learning experience.

Prof. Yusuf equally canvassed for the development of innovative teaching methods that would encourage the adoption of interactive and participatory teaching styles in social studies to engage students.

She added that the development of critical thinking skills, which involves the use of discussions and debate approaches, would encourage students to analyse and question social issues.

The Inaugural Lecturer also called for the enhancement of learning experiences through the integration of technology to effectively engage students to meet the 21st century learning needs through the use of digital tools.

Drawing from personal experiences, Prof. Yusuf tasked lecturers to always assume the role of counsellors who care for the psychological and emotional needs of students enrolled for their courses, saying that doing so would bring out the best in the students.

She also charged educators to have a strong grasp of the contents of knowledge they would teach and be confident as authorities in teaching their subject areas.

Prof. Yusuf also advised students to always listen to their inner selves, saying that doing so would help them to navigate the ephemeral world where things change too rapidly.

The Inaugural Lecturer also called for the adoption of diverse assessment methods that would involve the use of techniques such as portfolios, presentations and group projects in the evaluation of student



■ Prof. Yusuf (left) presenting the Lecture Note to the Vice Chancellor (right) last Thursday

understanding beyond traditional examinations.

Prof. Yusuf also called for a review of teacher education programmes through updating the curriculum to include current issues and practical skills relevant to social studies as she suggested the establishment of continuous professional development programmes for teachers such as training opportunities that would improve their skills

She also called for the enhancement of resource allocation to schools for them to have adequate instructional materials and resources to support effective teaching and learning.

Prof. Yusuf equally canvassed the strengthening of new assessment methods that would focus on competency-based options, which would assess teachers' effectiveness.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided-over by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was attended by friends, colleagues, students and mentees of Prof. Yusuf from far and near.

UNILORIN Alumni Association warns Fasakin against impersonation

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Chief Olorunsuwa said, "We strongly condemn this impersonation and alert all stakeholders and wish to bring to the awareness of the public of Dr. Fasakin's nefarious and disgraceful acts and those of his cohorts, especially a recent visit to the Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Immigration Service, Mrs Kemi Nanna Nandap, and his recent purported inauguration of the Board of Trustees for the Association. We advise against dealing with him on behalf of the Unilorin Alumni Association".

The Association's spokesman explained that the tenure of Dr Fasakin "came to an end in 2021 through a



■ Prof. Kilani

resolution of the Congress, which was informed by the gross abuse of office, high

handedness, and betrayal of the Association's trust and constitution".

He recalled that a Caretaker Committee was immediately raised and that the Caretaker Committee governed the activities of the Association until its tenure ended on August 24, 2024, following the conduct of an election, which produced a new set of Executive under the leadership of Prof. Kilani.

While warning members of the public against doing any business with Dr Fasakin and his cohorts in the name of the Association, the statement urged concerned security agencies to swiftly call the impersonators to order to avoid breach of the law.



■ Cross section of participants at the training

Egbewole urges tighter security on campus

By Mustafa Abubakar, Tajudeen Babamale, and Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called on the institution's security personnel to ensure tighter security on campus.

Prof. Egbewole made the call last Monday (December 16, 2024) while declaring open a five-day training for staff of the University Security Division at the Multipurpose Hall of the University.

The Vice Chancellor, who explained the importance of the ongoing fitness and training programme in enhancing the capacity of the security team to handle their duties effectively, said that the programme was aimed at broadening their knowledge and providing them with better exposure to tackle their various assignments.

He emphasised that conducting such exercises quarterly would improve the overall efficiency and preparedness of the security team.

"At the end of the exercise, report of individual's performance and fitness

levels of the participants will be assessed to ensure readiness for security tasks", he added.

Prof. Egbewole reiterated the need for consistent physical fitness to meet challenges effectively, noting that the training initiative represents a step forward in addressing campus security issues.

The Vice Chancellor expressed appreciation to the Nigerian Army, the Nigerian Police Force, the Department of State Security, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, the Federal Road Safety Corps, University Fire Services, and the Campus Security Professionals Forum from FUTA, for the collaboration and support through their experience sharing and training for the University security staff.

In his remarks, the Acting Director of the Security Division, University of Ilorin, Mr Paul Bamidele Ogidi, assured staff, students, and stakeholders that their safety and property protection are their top priorities.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the training, Mr Ogidi said that it goes beyond parades but focuses on

comprehensive security training for all security operatives.

The University Security Chief explained that the training aims at enhancing the productivity of security personnel, expanding their knowledge base, and add value to their operations with innovative ideas.

He, however, added that the University management has added new security personnel to the vigilante groups and legions to ensure safety of members of the University community.

Mr Ogidi commended the University management for revisiting the security initiatives, last implemented in 2017, to improve campus security.

He equally appreciated the concerted efforts of all security personnel that participated in the training.

Highlights of the workshop included daily physical exercise led by the men of the Nigerian Armed Forces; lectures on security consciousness, and issuance of certificates to deserving participants, among others.

Abdulbaqi tasks Public Relations Officers on professionalism

By Mustafa Abubakar

Former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat S. Abdulbaqi, has emphasised the importance of professionalism among Information and Public Relations Officers in the country.

Prof. Abdulbaqi stated this penultimate Thursday (December 12, 2024) while speaking at a Workshop organised by the Sardauna Ilorin Legacy Platform (SILEP) in collaboration with the Information Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Kwara Council, held

at the Kwara State Ministry of Communications Conference Room.

Speaking further at the workshop, themed, "Propagation and Documentation of Government Policies and Programmes: Renewed Role of Press Secretaries", Prof. Abdulbaqi, who is also a Fellow of the Nigeria Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), stressed that professionals must strictly adhere to ethical standards, maintain accuracy and balance in their reportage, and engage in open and transparent communication to build trust in their audience.

"By doing so, they can enhance the credibility of their organisations and



■ Prof. Abdulbaqi

contribute to a well-informed society", she added.



■ *The JUPEB Director, Prof. Adam (3rd left), with the resource persons at the event*

UNILORIN JUPEB organises orientation for new students

By Bashirat Omotosho

The management of the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) Foundation School, University of Ilorin, last Wednesday (December 18, 2024) organised an orientation programme for its newly admitted students at the African Hall, Mini-Campus of the institution.

In his opening remarks, the Director of JUPEB, Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam, noted that JUPEB is a transit point for the students to enter the mainstream of the University of Ilorin. He highlighted the opportunities available to the students that would enable them to become full-fledged undergraduates.

The Director noted that the programme would provide students with foundational knowledge and skills needed for real university education.

Prof. Adam urged the students to be disciplined and focused, saying “the choices you make at this transit point will shape the path ahead.”

On her part, the Deputy Registrar, Unilorin JUPEB, Mrs Muibat A. Egbewole, advised the students to make the best use of their time in the school and

face their studies squarely so as to achieve their main aim of coming to the school.

Also speaking, the Director of the University Health Services, Dr Rasheed Odunola, emphasised the importance of maintaining physical and mental well-being throughout the rigorous academic year.

Dr Odunola provided valuable tips on staying healthy and accessing medical services available at the University Health Services.

The Director of Security Services, who was represented by Mr Suberu Ibrahim, encouraged the students to be vigilant and adhere to security protocols to ensure a secure learning environment.

On his part, the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, highlighted the importance of effective communication and maintaining the institution's reputation as he urged the students to be responsible ambassadors of the University.

Noting that for most of the students, this would be their first real freedom from “regulated home and school environment where the times to sleep, wake up, eat, or read are strictly set by their parents or school teachers”, Mr Akogun advised the students to enjoy their freedom with moderation, saying

that it is important to remember that true freedom comes with responsibility.

The Director reminded the students that their new found freedom is not a license for recklessness but an opportunity to contribute positively to societal development while respecting the rights of others.

The veteran journalist and consummate public relations professional particularly advised the students to make responsible use of the social media, which he described as “a tool to make life easier in this modern world.”

Also speaking, the Director of the Counselling Centre, Dr Bolu-Steve, offered guidance on managing academic pressure and making the most of the University's counselling resources.

Mr Usman Saliu, the JUPEB Librarian, who represented the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, introduced the students to the library's extensive resources and tools.

Highlights of the programme included the inauguration of the student representatives who would serve as a window between the JUPEB management and the students.





■ *Cross section of participants at the retreat*

Imbibe UNILORIN's conditions of service, Alfaula urges staff

By Abubakar Imam

The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Alfaula, has admonished staff of the University to always ensure strict adherence to the institution's conditions of service.

Mr Alfaula gave this admonition penultimate Saturday (December 14, 2024) while speaking at a retreat organised by the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association at the Michael Imoudu National Institute for Labour Studies, Ilorin.

The Registrar, who is also the Secretary to the University Governing Council, urged staff of the University to always be dutiful, loyal, punctual and exemplary in the discharge of their responsibilities.

Mr Alfaula reminded the staff that right from the moment they accepted the offer of employment extended to them by the University they have entered into a covenant with the University and they must, therefore, not do anything against its interest.

The Registrar, who previously served as the Chairman of the institution's chapter of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), added that it is incumbent on all the staff of the University to ensure that their community engagement activities do not negatively affect the discharge of their duties to the University.

He also appealed to the staff of the



■ *Mr Alfaula*

University to be moderate in whatever they do as he said that the University system does not exist for money making.

While he urged those who cannot abide by the rules to disengage themselves from the University, Mr Alfaula warned that any staff that run afoul of the University's conditions of service would be punished accordingly.

In his address, the Keynote Speaker, Prof. Adedayo Yusuf Abdulkareem, described the conditions of staff of the University as being among the best in Nigeria.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who is a former Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University, urged members of the Association to keep themselves updated with necessary skills and

knowledge to enable them enjoy career progression.

The Keynote Speaker charged members of the Association to ensure that they leave worthy legacy in the University, saying that doing so is a duty they owe their ancestral community.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of the Association, who is also the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, said that the retreat was organised to instill better work attitudes in members.

He charged members of the Association to become role models among their colleagues as he said that members of the Association must always be seen as working for the progress of the University.

Prof. Ambali, who commended the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for being fair to all, urged members of the Association to always ensure that they prioritise attitudes that would enhance their careers and promote the image of the Ilorin Emirate community and not otherwise.

The event also witnessed paper presentations on divergent issues, especially pertaining to building successful career by the Deputy Director of the Academic Planning Unit, who is also a Member of the University Governing Council, Mr AbdulRasheed Gidado Dauda; the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Baba Abdullahi Alafara, and the Dean, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, Prof. Salihu Moyosore Aja.

UNILORIN graduates get deadline to collect unclaimed certificates

By Temitope Omoniyi

The University of Ilorin has urged its graduates who are yet to collect their certificates to do so on or before Friday, January 17, 2025.

In a memo addressed to all graduates of the University last Wednesday

(December 18, 2024), the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfaula, said that a fine of ₦3,000.00 per week will be imposed on unclaimed certificates after the deadline.

To facilitate a seamless collection process, graduates are advised to bring necessary documents, including evidence of

payment for convocation, the original copy of the Statement of Result, and the Student Identification Card.

The Registrar emphasised the importance of collecting the certificates, which are a vital part of the graduates' academic achievements.



UNILORIN flags off adult literacy training for staff, others

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

The University of Ilorin has flagged off adult literacy training for some junior members of staff with literacy deficiency and other interested members of the public.

Speaking at the event held penultimate Saturday (December 14, 2024) at the University's Institute of Education, a member of the University Governing Council, Mrs Abosede J. Olayiwola, said that the training is designed to address the literacy gap with a view to meeting the needs of the interested members of the University community and its environ.

Mrs Olayiwola, who represents the Federal Ministry of Education on the Governing Council, said, "This initiative was conceived in 2022 and supported by the 13th Governing Council. Fortunately, the Federal Ministry of Education appointed me to be part of the newly constituted 14th Governing Council and hence, the pursuit of the previous initiative, which has culminated in what we are witnessing today. The learners comprising mostly, but not limited to UNILORIN workers who have had no formal education at all, or who might have attempted the formal schooling, but could not complete it for one reason or the other. Those that will be attending the newly established Adult Literacy Centres should seize the opportunity and get themselves a formal education".

She said that the only way the University can achieve its vision is to ensure that every single individual in the University community is assisted to be part and parcel of the process of moving up.

Mrs Olayiwola said, "I want to sincerely urge the management to ensure that adults and adolescents, who have never been to school and can neither read nor write and for whom basic literacy and numeracy skills can open a gate to lifelong learning and who are above school-going age but have not achieved reading, writing and numeracy competencies; young adults who left school before acquiring basic

education due to factors such as conflict, pregnancy, ill-health or death of parents", benefit from the programme.

She urged the learners to stay committed as the knowledge gained at the Centre will not only assist them in their daily lives, but also make them see the world in a different version.

In his opening remarks, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotosho, said that "the establishment of the Adult Literacy Centre by the University of Ilorin Institute of Education under the leadership of its Director, Prof. Abdulraheem Yusuf, is a beacon of hope, a testament to the University's unwavering commitment to inclusivity, and a powerful tool for personal and professional growth."

Prof. Omotosho, who was represented by the Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. R.O. Arise, said, "In today's rapidly evolving world, literacy is not merely the ability to read and write; it is the cornerstone of personal empowerment. It opens doors to new opportunities, fosters critical thinking, and empowers individuals to navigate the complexities of modern life."

The Deputy Vice Chancellor noted that the establishment of the Centre recognised the value of every member of the University community, regardless of their educational background, in fulfilling its social responsibility.

While urging all eligible staff members to embrace the opportunity the Centre is bringing as a valuable resource that can unlock their full potentials, Prof. Omotosho called for celebration of the initiative and work together to ensure its success.

Also speaking, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, reminded the participants of the need to take advantage of the magnanimity of the University management by getting themselves educated and prepared for the tasks ahead.

Prof. Ambali urged the beneficiaries to be serious and dedicated to class attendance,

adding that certificate of proficiency would be awarded to performing participants at the end of the programme.

Earlier, the Executive Director, Kwara State Mass Literacy Agency, Mr Saka Yusuf, commended the management of the University of Ilorin on the establishment of the Centre, which he said would help in lifting people out of ignorance and empowering them with necessary skills that will make them self-reliant.

He encouraged the facilitators to be dedicated, diligent and hard working so that the programme will be a success.

In his address, the Director of the Institute of Education, Prof. AbdulRaheem Yusuf, said that with the establishment of the Centre, the University would not only be uplifting individuals but would also enhance the collective capacity of the workforce to contribute meaningfully to the University's mission and vision.

He commended the Governing Council Members, Mrs Olayiwola; the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN; the Kwara State Commissioner for Education, Hajia Sa'adat Modibo-Kawu; the Director, Kwara State Mass Literacy Agency, Mr Saka Yusuf and other stakeholders, whose support had been instrumental in bringing the initiative to fruition.

The highlight of the programme was the presentation of writing materials to participants and commencement of classes.

Present at the programme were the Director, Centre for Distance Learning (CODL), University of Ilorin, Prof. Modina AbdulRaheem; the representative of the University Librarian, Mr Usman Salihu; the Ag. Dean, Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu; the Deputy Registrar, Institute of Education, Mr Toyin Bamigboye; Dr Y. K. Tukur, and participants from various Departments and Units of the University, among others.

UNILORIN FM Manager tasks Mass Comm students on professionalism

By Muizdeen Adewole

A call has gone to members of the younger generations, particularly students, to be multidimensional and professional in their pursuits in order for them to successfully navigate the increasingly dynamic work environment.

This charge was made by the Station Manager of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Idris Alooma) last Tuesday (December 17, 2024) when some students of the Department of Mass Communication, Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, visited him in his office.

The Station Manager emphasised the importance of being versatile and well-rounded in today's fast-paced world.

According to him, "being multidimensional is key to success and



■ Mr Ibrahim

relevance in various fields".

He, therefore, encouraged young people to explore their passions, develop new

skills, and be open to learning and growth.

Mr Alooma also urged the students to be adaptable, innovative, and forward-thinking, saying that doing so would increase their chances of success, make meaningful contributions to society, and achieve their full potentials.

The ace broadcaster also advised students to embrace professionalism right from the onset and avoid what he called "churnalism".

He explained that professionalism entails the prioritisation of the highest standards of journalism while "churnalism" involves the routine reporting of events without thorough investigation, depth or context.

Mr Alooma also implored his guests to embrace today's technology and prioritise quality and integrity in their works.

Cleric urges Muslims to prioritise spousal bonding

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

A Muslim cleric and Faculty Accountant at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Ilorin, Mr Lukman Mukhtar, has advised Muslim couples to prioritise quality relationships.

Mr Mukhtar stated this penultimate Sunday (December 14, 2024) while delivering a lecture at the wedding of the children of Mr Abdulganiyu Adebayo of the Works Department at Magaji Ogo Compound, Ilorin.

He emphasised the necessity of nurturing a strong marital bond for lifelong togetherness, happiness and harmony as he

urged couples to always support each other with encouragement and motivation and avoid harmful habits, such as beating or disrespect.

Also speaking at the event, the Director of the University Health Services, Dr Rasheed Odunola, congratulated the couple as he advised them to always exhibit patience, perseverance and true love.

The bride's father, Mr Abdulganiyu Adebayo, who is a Senior Driver at the University Health Services, thanked the Almighty Allah, Dr Odunola, staff members of the University community, friends and relatives for their moral and financial support.



■ Mr Mukhtar

Adeniyi, ex-Dean of Engineering, passes on

By Abubakar Imam

The death has been announced of a former Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, Prof. J. S. O. Adeniyi.

This was disclosed in a memo dated December 9, 2024 and signed by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. J. K. Odusote, a

copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN Bulletin**.

The memo said that Prof. Adeniyi, who served as Dean from 1990 to 1994, died on Sunday, December 5, 2024.

Prof. Odusote, described the late Prof. Adeniyi as "a distinguished academic and administrator who made significant

contributions to the growth and development of our University, particularly in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology".

The Dean added that "the leadership, expertise, and dedication to excellence" of the late scholar will be deeply missed.

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr A. A. Aliy	Arts/Arabic	Acting Director, Centre for Translation Arts	20 th November, 2024 to 31 st July, 2025
Dr O. Atolani	Physical Sciences/Chemistry	Coordinator, African Centre for Herbal Research, Ilorin .	20 th November, 2024 to 31 st July, 2025
Dr Oluwatoyin A. Fabiyi	Agriculture/Crop Protection	Deputy Director, Centre for Blue and Regenerative Economy	20 th November, 2024 to 31 st July, 2025
Professor J. K. Odusote	Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology	Coordinator, Centre for Blue and Regeneration Economy	20 th November, 2024 to 31 st July, 2025
Dr S. A. Yahaya	Engineering & Technology	Deputy Director, Centre for Blue and Regenerative Economy	20 th November, 2024 to 31 st July, 2025
Dr Rasheed Adekeye Odunola	University Health Services	Acting Director, University Health Services	28 th November, 2024.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 12TH TO 19TH DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	639,700.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	1,234,150.00
Sundry Other Incomes	332,250.00
Convocation Souvenir	530,400.00
Capitation NHIS	2,976,000.00
Income from Verification/Screening	335,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	4,000.00
Student I.D Cards	1,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	11,000.00
CODL- Clearance Charges	120,200.00
CODL Undergraduate Charges	663,100.00
CODL Form Processing Charges	60,400.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	30,000.00
Boarded Property	1,500.00
CML- Form Processing Charges	20,200.00
Rent on Staff Accommodation	250,923.32
Others	32,400.00
Hire of University Property	100,000.00
Utility Income	183,000.00
Rent on University Property	315,600.00
Refund	5,618,833.58
CCSCA General Payment fees	471,000.00
University of Ilorin Fees	377,150.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	410,100.00
Undergraduate International	40,600.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	201,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	20,353,826.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	959,800.00
Postgraduate School Charges	37,959,660.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	75,000.00
Postgraduate Application Form	150,000.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	221,500.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	441,650.00
Postgraduate General Payment	1,713,710.00
Institute of Education School Charges	416,761.60
Remedial Application Form	212,800.00
Remedial School Charges	236,400.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	319,200.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance	100,600.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	3,176,700.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	25,000.00
Ilorin Business School Hostel Accommodation	75,000.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	60,600.00
JUPEB School Charges	2,653,600.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦84,111,314.50
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Rastag Global Services Nig Ltd Repair of Transformer	941,700.00
Bilmalzeen Integrated Services Ltd Renovation of Faculty Buildings Block 1,2 &3 (TETFUND)	26,000,994.10
Dal-Hono Multinational Concept Ltd Repair and Maintenance of Air Conditioners	3,396,694.70
Allied Cost Engineer Renovation of Counsellor Education Building	4,434,983.72
Bilmalzeen Integrated Services Ltd Supply of IMW Generator Engine	41,503,600.00
Amas Delight Catering Catering Services	1,646,900.00
Prowess Multimedia Supply of Laotop Computer	2,270,000.00
Toks Bushra Resources Renovation of Arts Education Dept Building	5,053,241.43
SE Connect House Ltd Extension of Subscription payment	472,360.00
Green Zircon Investment Ltd Supply of Office Equipments	23,757,500.00
Salfat Ultimate Synergy Ltd Renovation of Trunil Hostel	30,634,524.13
Earlyon Technology Ltd Supply and Installation of Fixed Asset Management Software	4,883,187.50
MC George Consulting Ltd Website Upgrade, Redesign and Training of Staff	1,323,745.00
Xpressium Media D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation	569,500.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	169,056,837.90
Purchase Advance Various	1,007,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	316,050.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	1,231,490.00
Unilorin Press Printing of ABE 206 Textbook	1,165,500.00
Total TSA Charges Various	66,327.50
Total payment for the period	₦319,732,135.98

Signed
Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)
Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Saliu, Hassan Ajisafe	Political Science	Dec 22
2	Eletta, Omodele Abiodun	Chemical Engineering	Dec 22
3	Alabi, Sulyman Abiodun	Otorhinolaryngology	Dec 22
4	Imam, Ibrahim	Public Law	Dec 22
5	Opawoye, Florence Olufemi	Bursary	Dec 22
6	Issa, Salami Bolanle	Surveying & Geo-Informatics	Dec 22
7	Daramola, Dorcas Sola	Social Science Education	Dec 22
8	Abdulkadir, Bolaji Abdulkadir	Public Law	Dec 22
9	Yusuf, Dauda Gambari	Religions	Dec 22
10	Sanni, Abdulkareem Kunle	Registry	Dec 22
11	Adegoke, Mary Chisom	Registry	Dec 22
12	Awotungase, Patience Ilekupe	Registry	Dec 23
13	Oniye, Masud Ibrahim	Arts Education	Dec 23
14	Yusuf, Mohammed Kabir Babatunde	Bursary	Dec 23
15	Aderibigbe, Adebisi Bunmi	Surgery	Dec 23
16	Amusa, Tajudeen Okekunle	Forest Resources Management	Dec 23
17	Sidiq, Kabir	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Dec 23
18	Odetokun, Ismail Ayode	Veterinary Public Health & Preventive Medicine	Dec 23
19	Akaje, Ameen Asmau	Registry	Dec 23
20	Ojuolape, Adebayo Mohammed	Economics	Dec 23
21	Salihu, Nafisat Titilayo	Library	Dec 23
22	Bamisaieye, Samuel Sunday	Security Division	Dec 24
23	Okunloye, Rotimi William	Social Science Education	Dec 24
24	Oniyarabi, Funnmilayo Christiana	Health Services	Dec 24
25	Olaleye, Olunmi Abiodun	Registry	Dec 24
26	Folorunsho, Rose Adesola	Registry	Dec 24
27	Etudaiye, Muhtar Adeiza	Jurisprudence & International Law	Dec 24
28	Akinola, Oluwakemi Agnes	Registry	Dec 24
29	Akpata, Bilikisu Aina	Registry	Dec 24
30	Ogbonna, Lovina	Registry	Dec 24
31	Ajetunmobi, Tajudeen	Registry	Dec 24
32	Akanbi, Khairat Oluwakemi	Business Law	Dec 24
33	Aliyu, Abdulmalik	Pharm. Microbiology & Biotechnology	Dec 24
34	Abdulraheem, Kuburat Nike	Registry	Dec 24
35	Ameen, Abdullateef	Public Administration	Dec 24
36	Abdulrahman, Musbau Dogo	Information & Communication Science	Dec 24
37	Tanimu, Hassan Adalkhali	Architecture	Dec 24
38	Afolayan, Abiodun Enoch Olakojo	Pathology	Dec 25
39	Durosaro, Irene Abiodun	Counsellor Education	Dec 25
40	Oyeyiola, Mary	Works: Parks & Gardens	Dec 25
41	Balogun, Ismaila	Security Division	Dec 25
42	Olateju, Mukaila Ademola	Central Admin: Office	Dec 25
43	Ojo, Rhoda Bimbola	Registry	Dec 25
44	Williams, Friday Ige	Security Division	Dec 25
45	Amao, Julius Abiodun	Works: Mechanical	Dec 25
46	Komolafe, Deji	Religions	Dec 25
47	Akanbi, Memudu D.	Security Division	Dec 25
48	Apeh, Samuel	Security Division	Dec 25
49	Sadiku, Hamed Akani	Unilorin Zoo	Dec 25
50	Omowonuola, Agnes	Works: Parks & Gardens	Dec 25
51	Sa'adu, Bilikisu Akanke	Registry	Dec 25
52	Yusuf, Ozohura Ayisat	Registry	Dec 25
53	Jaiyeola, Sunday	Security Division	Dec 25
54	Williams, Sanusi	Works: Parks & Gardens	Dec 25
55	Ogunlade, Funmi Alice	Security Division	Dec 25
56	Raheem, Toyin	Security Division	Dec 25
57	Adisa, Salau	Security Division	Dec 25
58	Gideon, Rufus Rotimi	Security Division	Dec 25
59	Ibrahim, Lamidi	Security Division	Dec 25
60	Suleiman, Ishola	Security Division	Dec 25
61	Arowosaieye, Tajudeen Yusuf	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Dec 25
62	Arosanyin, Toyin	Security Division	Dec 25
63	Agboola, Eunice Omolara	Registry	Dec 25
64	Amuda, Yisa	Security Division	Dec 25
65	Adedoyin, Theophilus	Works: Parks & Gardens	Dec 25
66	Raheem, Salimon	Security Division	Dec 25
67	Ogunbayo, Olubisi Odunola	Registry	Dec 25
68	Olaniyi, Abiodun Jubril	Arts Education	Dec 25
69	Alabi, Sunday	Works: Parks & Gardens	Dec 25
70	Saidu, Adelodun	Security Division	Dec 25
71	Olanrewaju, Ganiyu Toyin	Behavioural Science	Dec 25
72	Mustapha, Saidat Ajoke	Security Division	Dec 25
73	Wahab, Kazeem	Registry	Dec 25
74	Lukman, Umar	Security Division	Dec 25
75	Zubair, Hussein Taiwo	Registry	Dec 25
76	Omolere, Odunayo Josephine	Veterinary Teaching Hospital	Dec 25
77	James, Odunayo Abigail	Registry	Dec 25
78	Babatunde, Yusuf Olawale	Civil Engineering	Dec 25
79	Eke, Uche Basil	Chemistry	Dec 26
80	Owoeye, Joshua Foluso Ayodele	Ophthalmology	Dec 26
81	Bolu, Stephen Abiodun	Animal Production	Dec 26
82	Samuel, Stevenah Taiwo	Registry	Dec 26
83	Omeiza, Omolola Kariyetu	Bursary	Dec 26
84	Isiaka, Sulu Babaita	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	Dec 27
85	Selekere, Ruth Adedoyin	Registry	Dec 27
86	Aluko, Joel Ojo	Nursing Science	Dec 27
87	Joseph, Rose	Library	Dec 27
88	Hammed, Mutalub Abiodun	Registry	Dec 27
89	Salaudeen, Kazeem Olawale	Biomedical Engineering	Dec 27
90	Ambali, Abdullahi Agbojologun	Library	Dec 27
91	Abdulkadir, Shakirat Odunayo	Home Economics & Food Science	Dec 27
92	Ibrahim, Jamiu Akanni	Library	Dec 27
93	Lawal, Ahmed Abiodun	Registry	Dec 27
94	Abdulganiy, Taofeek Olajide	Security Division	Dec 27
95	Salawu, Oluwatobi Sherifat	Home Economics & Food Science	Dec 27
96	Aderoju, Sanjo	Unilorin Staff School (Upper Basic School)	Dec 28
97	Egbewole, Wahab Olasupo	Jurisprud. & Interna. Law	Dec 28
98	Abiodun, Ashaolu	Security Division	Dec 28
99	Jimoh, Fatimoh Salah	Security Division	Dec 28
100	Abdulraheem, Muhammed Adisa	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Dec 28
101	Ibrahim, Taiwo Hazzan	Unilorin Staff School (Upper Basic School)	Dec 28
102	Olabode, Helen Ibijoke	Registry	Dec 28
103	Akande, Hussein Olanrewaju	Network Operating Centre	Dec 28
104	Babalola, Abiodun Olabisi	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Dec 28
105	Adeyemi, Sherif Babatunde	Plant Biology	Dec 28

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

➤ The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa, has advised the federal government to designate an agency that would be saddled with the responsibility of monitoring the finance of public universities in the country.
 ("Registrar Advocates Single Agency For Regulation of Varsity Finances", <https://leadership.ng>, "Designate Single Agency To Oversight Finances in Public Universities, Unilorin Registrar Tells FG", <https://dailysource.ng>, "UNILORIN registrar urges designated agency to oversee finances in public varsities", <https://guardian.ng/features/education>, "University Registrar Advises Nigerian Government On Public Universities Finances", <https://von.gov.ng>, "FG urged to designate single agency to oversee finances in public varsities", <https://nationaltrailonline.com.ng>)

➤ The University of Ilorin Alumni Association has raised alarm over the continued impersonation of its President by Dr Wale Fashakin, describing his actions as shameful and detrimental to the reputation of the Association and the University.
 ("Unilorin Alumni Association Warns Against Fashakin Impersonation", <https://solaremnews.wordpress.com>)
 ➤ The Kwara State Government has assured the University of Ilorin Adult Literacy Centre of its readiness to partner with it towards reducing the level of illiteracy in the state.
 ("KWSG ASSURES LITERACY CENTRE OF PARTNERSHIP", <https://www.Kwaramoc.com.ng>)
 ➤ The management of the University of Ilorin has announced a fine of ₦3000 per week for unclaimed undergraduate and postgraduate certificates.
 ("BREAKING: Unilorin Unclaimed Certificates Attracts 3000 Naira Per Week Fine", <https://dailysources>)





AI, the future of the world, says Egbewole

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has noted that Artificial Intelligence is the future of the world.

Prof Egbewole made this assertion last Thursday (December 18, 2024) while speaking at this year's edition of the Honourable Justice Muhammad Mustapha Adebayo Akanbi Annual Public Lecture held at the Law Faculty Moot Court. The theme of the Public Lecture was "Navigating the Digital Divide: How Artificial Intelligence Can Enhance Access to Justice".

According to the Vice Chancellor, "the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence is not just a technological advancement; it is a revolution that is reshaping industries, economies, and the societies at large".

Prof. Egbewole pointed out that as the future unfolds, AI will continue to enhance human capacity, offering solutions to some of the world's most complex challenges.

He, however, noted that as we embrace this transformative power, we must also prioritise ethical considerations to ensure that AI is developed and deployed responsibly, with fairness and inclusivity at its core.

Prof Egbewole maintained that the University recognised the critical role education plays in preparing future leaders to navigate this evolving landscape, adding that "our commitment is to equip our students with the knowledge and skills needed to harness AI's potential for societal progress".

He explained that this was the reason why the University decided to sponsor 500 students to learn the use of Artificial Intelligence.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Nimah Modupe Abdulraheem, maintained that as we embrace the opportunities presented by AI, we must also be mindful of the challenges and risks associated with its deployment.

She added that Artificial Intelligence holds transformative potential for our judicial system as it can streamline processes, enhance legal research, and provide tools for better case management.

Prof. Abdulraheem, however, noted that as we embrace

these technologies, we must also be vigilant about their implications and must ensure that AI is used ethically and responsibly, guarding against biases that could exacerbate existing inequalities within our justice system.

In his lecture, the Guest Lecturer, Justice Kareem Adeyimika Adedokun of the Oyo State High Court, noted that initially, the adoption of AI in the legal field was limited to the largest law firms handling significant cases and deals. He, however, noted that over time, the applications and uses of AI in the legal operations have expanded so much so that AI is now being employed in various legal tasks such as legal research, predictive analytics, virtual assistants, document automation, and compliance support.

Justice Adedokun maintained that some of the problems of access to justice such as ignorance of litigants, lack of funds and intimidation among others constitute serious conundrums that hinder societal progress and smear the image of the country globally. He said that the deployment of AI tools and constant interactions and familiarisations with them can obviate and clear those impediments.

The Guest Lecturer added that some of the challenges of AI in access to justice includes infrastructural limitations, digital literacy, data privacy and security, cultural and language barriers among others.

While emphasising that addressing the challenges is essential for ensuring that AI can effectively enhance access to justice in Nigeria, Justice Adedokun said that "legal organisations can invest in infrastructure by collaborating with government and private sectors to improve internet connectivity in underserved areas.

The highlights of the event included the presentation of award to the Guest Lecturer and goodwill messages from some invited guests.

In attendance at the programme were the Dean of Physical Sciences, Prof. Baba Abdullahi Alafara; Prof. Lukman Ayinla of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law; the Head of the Department of Islamic Law, Prof Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo, Dr Bunmi Niyi-Gafar of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, among others.