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3RD D-8 NPRI SUMMIT

Delegates commend UNILORIN's sterling contributions to D-8's development

By Tajudeen Babamale

Delegates to the just concluded 3rd Summit of the D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation (D-8 NPRI) have commended the University of Ilorin (UNILORIN) on making an indelible mark in the annals of the Network despite joining the organisation recently.

This was stated by the Director of Administrative, Legal and Internal Issues of the Developing Eight Organisation for Economic Cooperation (D-8), Mr Ahmar Ismail, who spoke on behalf of the delegates from the eight countries that make up the D-8, stated this last Monday (November 25, 2024) during a press briefing at the Council Chamber of the University of Ilorin on the sidelines of the Summit hosted by the University between November 24 and 27, 2024

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AAKTP research team donates multimillion naira facilities to UNILORIN

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin AAKTP team has donated items worth millions of Naira to staff members of the University that took part in the project, which 15-months project Award came to an end recently.

Speaking at the official announcement of the project's closure at the Microscale Embedded Limited premises in Abuja, the Chairman of the company, Mr Frame Ken, expressed satisfaction over the level of work done by the team,

He disclosed that the team also donated items, which included sitting facilities (tents and chairs) to the Food Engineering Department, Laptops and tables, farm inputs to over 100 rice farmers, and A6 SERIES 43" SMART TV to the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering.

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■ Distribution of farm inputs to farmers after the demonstration of AVAC LUTMINS portal to the farmers

Abikoye canvasses tighter information security

By Abubakar Imam

In view of the increasing threats and reports of hacking of personal data by unscrupulous individuals and organisations, a Professor of Computer Science at the University of Ilorin, Oluwakemi Christiana Abikoye, has encouraged users to ensure greater security of their information

arsenals through deliberate synergetic efforts.

Prof. Abikoye made this call last Thursday (November 28, 2024) while delivering the 270th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Invisible Bouncers in the World of Information Security" at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Abikoye

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■ The Sultan of Sokoto, His Eminence Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III (middle), flanked by the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is'haq Oloyede (3rd right), the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (2nd right), the former INEC Chairman, Prof. Attahiru Jega, (5th left) and other dignitaries during an appreciation visit to the Sultan recently over the Kuliyan Sokoto title conferred on Prof. Oloyede

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The eight countries that make up the D-8 NPRI are Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey. Apart from the University of Ilorin, six other Nigerian universities are also members of the Network. They are: Usmanu Danfodio University, Sokoto; Bayero University, Kano, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife; the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and the University of Maiduguri.

Mr Ahmar noted that the University of Ilorin, with over 50,000 students, is one of Nigeria's leading and oldest universities. He commended the institution's remarkable initiative in hosting the D-8 countries and steering them towards adopting the charter.

The diplomat, who acknowledged UNILORIN's contributions since joining the D-8 NPRI, noted that its efforts would always be remembered in the history of the Network.

He expressed confidence that the initiative would establish effective linkages

among the 28 member-universities from the eight member countries, advancing research and innovation while generating employment for the youth of member countries. He further pointed out that the collaboration would enhance the social, cultural, and economic development of D-8 nations.

Mr Ahmar, who previously served as the Consul-General at the Pakistan Consulate in Birmingham, UK, stated that once the Network is fully established and operational, it would generate significant momentum through the collaborative efforts of the 28 member-universities. These institutions would communicate and collaborate in areas of research and innovation, leveraging their comparative strengths across the D-8 countries to achieve efficient progress.

The diplomat pointed out that various universities in the D-8 countries are already engaged in research, innovation, and developing new inventions, as well as working on harmonising curricula and facilitating student exchanges.

Mr Ahmar said through the

Network, students from the 28 member universities would gain opportunities to experience diverse societies, cultures, and teaching methodologies. He stated further that the goal of harmonising curricula across member universities was to ensure the dissemination of the latest knowledge and advancements consistently.

While expressing pride in being in Ilorin, Mr Ahmar commended the University of Ilorin for taking a leadership role in hosting the D-8 NPRI Summit. He described the campus as exceptional, noting that the facilities, departments, and student population surpassed the expectations of the delegates. He was optimistic that all D-8 countries would benefit from the achievements, innovations, and research generated through the Network.

Earlier in his remarks during the opening session of the Summit, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed the institution's delight at being part of the initiative and hosting the Summit, especially as the University was the newest member of the Network.

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The Innovate UK Local Management Committee of the AAKP commended the University and other counterpart teams for a successful completion of the AAKTP project Award.

Mr Ken, who expressed hope for future collaboration on a similar project, acknowledged and appreciated the joint team work by the University of Ilorin, De Montfort University, and Microscale Embedded Limited on the project.

While advising the team to put in for the next AAKTP in March, 2025 the company executive also thanked them for reporting the underspent amount of £13,535.00 from the project, which, according to him, is a measure of the level of sincerity of the team members.

"The money was jointly agreed to be used for conference, cyber security training and payment of article processing charges (APC) for manuscripts, among others", he added.

In his remarks on behalf of the project team, Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju



■ Prof. Olaoye

Olaoye, who was the Academic Lead, appreciated everyone that participated and contributed to the success of the project. He appealed to the management of Microscale Embedded Limited to do everything within its reach to further improve on the AVAC Apps "if we must showcase the product at any events in the nearest future".

Prof. Olaoye applauded the Innovate UK, UNILORIN, and DMU Teams, Mr



■ Prof. Sunmonu

Darsheet Chauhan, and Mr Frame Ken for providing necessary supports throughout the project.

He also pleaded that proper documentation on the Apps must be done as a matter of urgency with some notable agencies such as NOTAP and NCC, among others.

In his comment, Prof. M. O. Sunmonu (Academic Supervisor) also thanked the programmers, research assistants, AAKTP associate, and software engineers who worked tirelessly on the project.

Highlights of the meeting, which comprised of physical and virtual attendance by stakeholders, included reports from the Chairman's associate, African academic, UK academic, facilitator's (business supervisor), KTP advisor, as well as detailed financial updates of the project.

Present physically at the meeting were members of the UNILORIN team, Microscale Embedded, representative of Innovate UK Team, Ms Sharon Rohoboth (AAKTP Advisor), Mr Ahmad Sadiq (Company Lead (Chair), Mr Khalil Ibrahim Usman (Company Supervisor), Dr Ali Jwaid (AUK Academic Lead and Supervisor), Mr Darsheet Chauhan (Secretariat support (in attendance, not a member of the LMC)) and Mr Dare Mobolaji (AAKTP Associate), among others.



■ The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is'haq Oloyede (left), signing the Visitor's Register during a thank-you visit to the Sultan of Sokoto, while Prof. Attahiru Jega (middle) and Prof. Wahab Egbewole watch

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Prof. Egbewole also acknowledged the support of the Ambassador of Bangladesh and the Consular Officer from Indonesia, pointing out that their presence affirmed the commitment of the member countries to the Network's vision.

He noted that in 2020, the organisation resolved to focus on research and innovation, leading to the establishment of the D-8 Network for Pioneering Research and Innovation (NPRI), adding that the Network currently has 28 member universities across the eight member countries.

The Vice Chancellor revealed that the Summit deliberated on the D-8 NPRI Charter, which is expected to be adopted as the 'Ilorin Charter'. He noted that the Charter would outline how members relate with one another, operate, and shape the Network's future while creating a roadmap for members' engagement.

The renowned Professor of

Jurisprudence and International Law stated that the goal of the Network is to reposition research, innovation, and development within the D-8 countries.

While saying that partnerships among member countries would include student and staff exchanges, joint research collaborations, and joint study projects, Prof. Egbewole explained that linkages between universities and industries would be established to foster a conducive environment for job creation and reducing youth unemployment across the D-8 countries.

The Vice-Chancellor appreciated the Local Organising Committee, chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, for the Summit's success. He also commended the D-8 NPRI Secretariat for considering the University of Ilorin as the host of the Summit.

In a goodwill message, the High

Commissioner of Bangladesh to Nigeria, H.E. Masudur Rahman, expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin for the excellent arrangements made for the 3rd NPRI Summit.

The envoy described the Summit as a pivotal moment to leverage the immense potential of the D-8 Network for shared progress and innovation as he highlighted the importance of utilising advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Cloud Computing, and Robotics, noting that these tools are accessible to the younger generation.

Other delegates at the Summit included Mr Noorsidi Aizuddin Bin Mat Nour from Malaysia, Mrs Myrah N. Ukaoma from the Indonesian Embassy, Mr Raul Yanvierinc from Indonesia, Prof. Bashir Garba from Usman Danfodio University (UDU), Sokoto, Prof. Mamun Ahmed from Bangladesh, Dr Saif Ullah Munshi, Bangladesh; and Prof. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, Bangladesh.

UNILORIN, a global leader in education sector –D-8 official

By Abubakar Imam

The University of Ilorin has been described as a leading institution of higher learning both in Nigeria and at global level.

This assertion was made by the Director of Administrative, Legal and Internal Issues of the Organisation of Developing Countries (D-8), Mr Ahmar Ismail, while fielding questions on a special radio interview programme on **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**. The programme was jointly anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Idris Aloomo) and the Head of Programme, Mr Temitope Olawuyi.

Mr Ahmar, who was at the University to participate in the 3rd Summit of the D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation (D-8 NPRI), said that the University is a very big and great centre of learning, considering its age and huge population as well as an impressive landmass of over 15,000 hectares.

He added that the University has a great reputation as a remarkable centre of learning, which has turned out a great number of graduates who are working tirelessly towards promoting human capital development.

Mr Ahmar added that the University is also peopled by highly friendly staff and students who he said, are highly accommodating.



■ Mr Ahmar (2nd left), Prof. Fawole (middle) and Mr Bilal Khan with the UNILORIN FM crew after the interview last Tuesday

He urged members of the University community to always ensure that they work on themselves in order to become more productive and relevant to their societies.

Speaking on the D-8 Organisation, Mr Ahmar said that the organisation has been in existence since 1997 and that it consists of eight developing countries such as Nigeria, Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Malaysia and Turkey.

He added that the D-8, with its headquarters in Istanbul, Turkey, was established to promote economic cooperation among member countries and also encourage cultural diffusion among their different people.

Mr Ahmar added that though the organisation is an international governmental organisation (IGO), it still promotes public-private partnership.

He explained that the Seminar attracted the participation of some of the 28 universities from the D-8 member-countries.

The D-8 official, therefore, urged staff and students of the

University of Ilorin and other participating universities to ensure that they deployed their creativity to generating ideas and products that would enhance socioeconomic development of their respective communities.

He thanked the Secretary-General of D-8, Ambassador Isiaka Abdulkadir Imam, and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for ensuring that the summit was hosted by the University.

Mr Ahmar was accompanied to the radio studio by one of his colleagues from the D-8, Mr Muhammad Bilal Khan; as well as the Chairman of the Summit's Local Organising Committee, who is also the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), University of Ilorin, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; and the Director of Corporate Affairs and LOC member, Mr Kunle Akogun.

Yahaya tasks students on contribution to national development

By Bashir Dawodu

The Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, has urged students of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education to use the knowledge they gain in the course of their studies to make substantial contributions to national development.

Prof. Yahaya made this call penultimate Thursday (November 21, 2024) during the World Diabetes Day 2024 celebration organised by the Diabetes Association of Nigeria, Kwara State Chapter, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Environmental Health Education. The event took place at the Education Lecture Theatre.

Prof. Yahaya, who was represented by Prof. Yunus Fasasi, expressed pride in the achievements of the Department and encouraged the students to focus on their studies.

He said that upon graduation, they would be equipped to play an essential role in shaping the nation's health landscape.



■ The Dean (middle) with other participants after the event penultimate Thursday

The Dean also advised students to maintain good character, foster positive relationships with their lecturers, and remain focused on their academic and professional goals, noting that "the Department moulds future nation builders and leaders."

The Guest Speaker, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education, who spoke on the theme "Sweet, but Bitter: The Travail of Mellitus on Learning Outcomes and Job Productivity", noted that 1.2 million people die from diabetes annually.

Prof. Olaitan, who stressed the importance of prevention and awareness, urged the audience to avoid sugary foods to prevent the "bitter" consequences of diabetes.

A Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist at the University of Ilorin

Teaching Hospital (UITH), Dr. Nasiru Sanni, spoke on "Breaking Barriers and Bridging the Gap", lamented the lack of awareness on diabetes in many African communities, pointing out that many individuals are unaware that they have the condition.

Dr Sanni warned that untreated diabetes can lead to serious health complications, including erectile dysfunction, foot ulcers, stroke, and kidney disease. He encouraged the audience to undergo regular health checkups rather than waiting for symptoms to appear.

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Abikoye canvasses tighter information security

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She explained that the primary objective of information security is to protect valuable assets such as data, hardware and software and physical devices from being manipulated by unauthorised agents, saying that personal data must be protected against unauthorised access, disclosure and change of destination.

Prof. Abikoye pointed out that "it is important that sensitive information is protected in an increasingly interconnected digital world due to the dynamic nature of threats such as cyber attacks, insider threats and social engineering."

She added that advancement in the internet and intranet technologies have brought about the proliferation of various types of businesses such as e-commerce, banking and finance and even software operations.

The Inaugural Lecturer stressed the necessity of periodic changes of passwords by users in order to protect treasured information from being illegally accessed.

She said that the passwords must be changed on a quarterly basis, saying that it is one of the surest ways by which access to it by unauthorised persons can be effectively prevented.

Prof. Abikoye also encouraged employers of labour to embark on consistent training and retraining of their workforces, adding that organisation of cybersecurity awareness programmes for them would prevent their information from being hacked by criminally minded people.

She also called for the establishment of incident response plans and conduct of routine security assessments and audits in every corporate organisation.

Prof. Abikoye equally canvassed the promotion of a culture of security awareness within organisations, saying that when members of an organisation are properly tutored such places would be firmly protected.

She similarly called for the application of cutting-edge technologies such as ML, AI and behavioral analytics to detect and reduce security risks in



■ *The Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Abikoye (left), presenting the lecture notes to the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ambali, last Thursday*

workplaces.

The renowned cyber security expert also advocated the introduction and inculcation of organisational planning, cyber hygiene, and healthy cybersecurity in work behaviours within corporate organisations.

To ensure responsible handling of sensitive information, Prof. Abikoye called for increased focus on privacy regulations, compliance frameworks, and data governance.

The Inaugural Lecturer also stressed the need for researchers, professionals, and policymakers to consider what he called "watermarking" to safeguard the intellectual property of NNs in various domains, including finance, healthcare, and national security.

Prof. Abikoye also called on the government to adopt biometric traits such as the human iris for national identification and recognition systems.

She also said that the introduction of liveness detection as part of measures to enhance the security of information and improve the biometrics system in all

agencies, parastatals, and organisations would enhance service delivery.

The don equally canvassed the consistent use of both biometrics and cryptography systems to prevent biometric vulnerabilities.

She added that information security experts should raise public awareness regarding the risks of submitting personal data to websites and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), outlining its usage and consequences for violators.

For a greater quality service delivery to pensioners, Prof. Abikoye advised the government to introduce a voice recognition system to the "Am Alive" verification programme.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Ambali, was attended by dignitaries from far and near including traditional rulers, colleagues, relations, friends and students of Prof. Abikoye.

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Prof. Ganiyu Bello of the Department of Science Education assured the audience that diabetes is not a death sentence. He urged individuals living with the condition to regularly monitor their blood sugar levels, take prescribed medications, avoid junk food and alcohol, and maintain a healthy diet with regular exercise.

He also called on the federal government to reduce the cost of diabetes medications, given the large number of people relying on them.

In his welcome address, the Head of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education, Prof. S. O. Oniyangi, acknowledged the challenges faced by people living with diabetes and called for collective action in the fight against the disease.

The Director of the University Health Services, Dr Rasheed Adekeye Odunola, congratulated the Department for successfully organising the World Diabetes Day as he encouraged regular check-ups for better health management.

Among dignitaries at the event were Dr Kayode, the Sub-Dean, Faculty of Education; Dr Abdulqudus Tosin Jamiu of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education; Dr D.A. Baba, Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education; Dr Kafayah . A. Jidda of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education; Dr Adijat M. AbdulRaheem of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education and Dr Shalewa Akinsemoyin of the Department of Social Science Education.

NUC accreditation team applauds Arts Education Department

By Tajudeen Babamale

The National Universities Commission (NUC) Accreditation Team to the Department of Arts Education, Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, has commended the Department for its exceptional standards in academic, infrastructure, and cooperation among its staff members.

This commendation was made penultimate Wednesday (November 20, 2024) when the NUC Accreditation Team for the Christian Religious Studies and Islamic Studies Education, led by Prof. Samson Elias Mijah, visited the Vice Chancellor to present the team's findings to the University's management.

The Team leader, Prof. Mijah, who is from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, stated that in his years of conducting accreditation exercises, the Department of Arts Education of the University of Ilorin was the first to have the maximum and required number of Ph.D. holders for an academic programme.

Prof. Mijah lauded the Department for its adequate manpower in both Islamic and Christian Religious Education, describing the lecturers as commendable.

He also applauded the quality of facilities, including lecture theatres, library materials, and e-learning resources, which, he said, were adequate.

While applauding the high level of cooperation within the Department which he believes creates a conducive learning environment, the NUC accreditation panel also reported that students interviewed during the visit expressed their satisfaction with their lecturers.

In his response, the Vice



■ The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fawole (sitting, middle), other Principal Officers, and members of the Accreditation Team during the visit

Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, appreciated the accreditation team for its thorough review and assured them that the institution would continue to maintain and improve on its standards.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; appreciated the glowing tribute the team paid to the University.

He said, "One of our unique attributes is character, which determines how we approach issues. As a University, we take pride in fostering a cooperative and harmonious environment that encourages teamwork."

While explaining the synergy between academic and non-teaching staff of the University, the Vice Chancellor stated that "when you see both academic and non-academic staff ensuring that everything runs smoothly, it is because of our belief that whatever affects one affects all. We aim to maintain an environment conducive to

learning and training, as academic excellence can only thrive in a serene atmosphere."

He, however, assured that any gray areas observed during the visit will be promptly addressed to ensure that the students, who are the customers of the University, receive the best possible services.

Other members of the accreditation team were Prof. Taofiki Salako of the Department of Religious Studies, TASUED, Ijagun and Mr A. A. Danrangi, the Director of Accreditation, NUC, Abuja.

Joining the Vice Chancellor at the meeting were the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; Prof. R. A. Lawal of the Department of Arts Education, the Dean of the faculty of the Education, Prof. L. A. Yahaya; the Head of the Department of Arts Education, Dr Aminat O. Aburime, the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. G. T. Arosanyin and the Deputy Director, Academic Planning Unit, Mr AbdulRasheed Dauda Gidado.

Akanbi becomes copyright ambassador

By Abubakar Imam

The Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has appointed a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, University of Ilorin, Dr Usman Dipo Akanbi, Special Copyright Ambassador.

The plaque commemorating the appointment was presented to Dr Akanbi by the Director-General/ Chief Executive Officer of the Commission, Dr John O. Asein, in Abuja recently.

Dr Akanbi, who served as President of the University of Ilorin Students Union in 1991, was honoured in recognition of his contributions to the development of copyright and the creative industry in Nigeria.

Speaking to UNILORIN Bulletin on the development, Dr Akanbi expressed



■ Dr Akanbi

his profound gratitude to the management and staff of the Copyright Commission for the honour.

Dr Akanbi, who is also the President of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA), assured the Commission that he would continue to ensure that the intellectual property of scholars and initiators is protected against every form of infringement.

The don thanked the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the management of the institution for the support he has always enjoyed, which enabled him to offer his contributions to national development beyond the University campus.

He promised to ensure that he contributes his quotas towards making sure that the University maintains its alluring leadership positions at the national, continental and global levels.



UNILORIN SSANU OFFICIALS VISIT NEW BURSAR

The new University Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal (5th right), with officials of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), University of Ilorin Chapter, during a congratulatory visit to him by the Union leaders in his office recently

Be selective in choice of friends, AbdusSalam advises new students

By Abubakar Imam

The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam, has advised students of the University, particularly those who are newly admitted, to be careful in their choice of friends.

Prof. AbdusSalam gave this advice penultimate Friday (November 15, 2024) while delivering the Juma'at Sermon at the Mosque.

The cleric-don explained that friendship is an essential ingredient of humanity and advised young people to be very selective in the choice of their friends, saying that while rational human beings are not responsible for who their relations are, they are directly responsible for the calibre of friends they keep.

Prof. AbdusSalam added that the kind of friends an individual keeps would go a long way in determining how far he would go in life as he reminded the new students of an enduring adage, which says "show me your friends and I would tell you who you are".

The renowned Professor of



Prof. AbdusSalam

Chemistry added that the calibre of friends one has would also go a long way to influence their faith and fate.

He explained that the influence of peer groups in the life of young individuals can never be underestimated.

Prof. AbdusSalam said that friendship is all about helping each other to grow and progress in life, adding that students have the onus of always reminding

their friends of the essence of their schooling and that they must be prepared to encourage their friends to be academically dutiful and law abiding.

The Chief Imam urged the students to always encourage their friends to avoid anything that would make them graduate prematurely or unceremoniously from the University as a result of wrong doing.

While saying that "students don't need to be westernised before they can be civilised", Prof. AbdusSalam urged them to avoid hooliganism, prostitution, drug abuse and examination malpractices among other misdeeds as he warned them that the University of Ilorin would not tolerate indecency in whatever form.

The cleric-don also appealed to both the fresh and old students to avoid religious extremism but be moderate at all times. He added that students must integrate their religious practices with fascinating attributes and excellent human relations techniques that would stimulate their academic excellence and career progression.

Olademo heads Olivet Baptist High School set alumni body

By Mubarak Oladosu

Former Director, Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. Oyeronke Olademo, has been elected the new Chairperson of the 1980-82 Set of Olivet Baptist High School, Oyo. Alumni Association.

The don was elected at the 2024 Annual Re-union of the set held at the premises of the school penultimate Saturday (November 23, 2024).

Prof. Olademo, who is also a former Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, was elected along with other new executive members who will steer the affairs of the Alumni from 2024 to 2026.

In her acceptance speech after the election, Prof. Olademo expressed delight



Prof. Olademo

for the opportunity given to her to serve the Association and her alma mater and thanked her colleagues for placing their trust in her.

She pledged to put in her best, along with her team members, to make the school's upcoming 80th anniversary memorable.

Prof. Olademo said, "I am overwhelmed with your trust in me, and I assure you that my team and I shall do our best in line with the mandate given to us. It is high time we looked at the list of needs of the school as submitted by the Principal, Mr. G. T. Lagbenro. We cannot afford to fail. We must be part of the 80th anniversary celebrations of our alma-mater. I lean on your support and count very much on you all. I appreciate you all".

The programme witnessed the delivery of Anniversary Lecture by Dr. Layiwola Sunday Siyanbade and cutting of the anniversary cake.

Yahya, UNILORIN Law graduate, shines at Malaysian University

By Abubakar Imam

A 2019 graduate of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Miss Shakirat Omolola Yahya, has, again, done the University proud with her scintillating academic performance and colourful graduation from a top rated Malaysian University where she concluded her Master's degree on top of her class, which consists of students from several parts of the world.

Miss Yahya, who graduated with a First Class degree in Common and Islamic Law and simultaneously emerged as the best graduating student of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, in 2019 repeated the feat at the famous INCEF University in Malaysia where she graduated with Distinction in Islamic Finance and also emerged as the best in her class of 2024 at the University.

Miss Yahya, an unassuming personality and promising lawyer and Islamic finance expert, is a daughter of the



■ Miss Yahya

Director of Advancement, University of Ilorin, Prof. W. B. Yahya.

Reacting to the superlative performance of Miss Yahya, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof.

Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said that he was not surprised with the exciting academic feat attained by the distinguished Unilorite.

In statement issued on his behalf by the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that Miss Yahya had only exported the characteristic passion for excellence and integrity inculcated in her and her colleagues at the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Egbewole explained that the achievement of Miss Yahya and other high-flying graduates of the University of Ilorin is a testament to the quality services obtainable at the University, which made it the nation's most sought-after University.

While encouraging other graduates and current students of the University to emulate Miss Yahya's crave for excellence, the Vice Chancellor wished the proud Unilorite a more rewarding career.

Key into UNILORIN vision, Amuda-Yusuf tasks students

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf, has encouraged students of the University, particularly those at the postgraduate level, to key into the Vision 1:10:500 of the University.

The Dean made the call last Wednesday (November 27, 2024) while speaking at the 2024 Postgraduate Students Workshop and Orientation Day organised for the new postgraduate students of the Faculty at the Faculty Board Room.

Prof Amuda-Yusuf charged the new students to use the opportunity of the event to renew and reaffirm commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and societal development', saying that postgraduate students are the bedrock of research and innovation.

He urged them to ensure that they do everything within their capacities towards making the University the best in Nigeria, one of the best ten in Africa and among the leading 500 across the world.

Also speaking, a former Dean of the Faculty, Dr Ayo Babalola, in his paper titled 'Navigating the Ph.D. Journey', identified some of the problems often faced by postgraduate students, such as research fatigue and balancing academic commitments with personal life.

Drawing from years of experience, Dr Babalola shared practical insights and strategies to help concerned students to successfully navigate the complexities of a Ph.D. programme while maintaining balance and focus.

He also emphasised the importance of setting clear research goals, cultivating a strong relationship with



academic supervisors, and building a support network.

"A Ph.D. is not just about producing a thesis", he said, adding that "it is about developing resilience, critical thinking, and contributing new knowledge to your field. Dr Babalola also stressed the need for effective time management, perseverance in the face of challenges, and a proactive approach to seeking guidance when needed.

In his presentation, Dr Sule Adeniyi Olaniyan, whose paper was entitled "The Core Business of Postgraduate Studies" examined the responsibilities of postgraduate students, stressing the need for intellectual curiosity, self-discipline, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

"Your success in postgraduate studies is not just about completing a degree; it

is about mastering the art of inquiry and creating solutions that matters," he added.

Dr Olaniyan encouraged the students to view their studies as an opportunity to become thoughtful leaders and contributors to global knowledge, urging them to make the most of the resources and mentorship available within the Faculty of Environmental Sciences.

The Faculty Post graduate Representative, Dr Wasiu Raheem, outlined the procedural framework that guides postgraduate studies, including proposal writing, data collection, and thesis defense.

He emphasised the importance of adhering to institutional guidelines and timelines to ensure smooth progression through the programme while maintaining academic integrity.

Gov't economic policies inspire hope of a brighter future – Expert

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Chief Innovation Officer of Quaranos Technology Limited, Mr Segun Maleghemi, has said that the government's ongoing economic diversification activities through continued efforts in agriculture, mining, and technology sectors promise to reduce the country's dependence on oil revenue.

Mr Maleghemi stated this penultimate Wednesday (November 20, 2022) while delivering the 2024 Annual Public Lecture of the Faculty of Management Sciences, University of Ilorin, themed "Government Economic Policies: Prospects, Challenges and the Way Forward for Businesses and Households".

He pointed out that to create more balanced economic growth, Nigeria needs diversification to enhance the value of both oil and non-oil sectors, saying that the non-oil sector is growing faster to achieve sustainable economic growth.

The company executive, however, noted that oil theft has severely impacted the oil sector, causing production to fall to 1.16 million barrels per day in November 2022, which is much below the OPEC quota and explained that the world is currently experiencing high oil prices due to the Ukraine war while Nigeria's gas resources remain largely unexplored.

Mr Maleghemi noted that the COVID-19 pandemic underscored the importance of substantial foreign reserves and fiscal savings for economic resilience and noted that this does not have to come with incurring heavy debts.



■ Dignitaries at the event

The technocrat said that while the manufacturing sector is critical for job creation and sustainable growth, it faces significant challenges as he encouraged stakeholders not to neglect the sector.

He argued that government must prioritise battle against oil theft as a national emergency to maximise revenue, especially given the fact that non-oil growth remains slow.

He observed that despite the current challenges, Nigeria's economy is attracting significant investor interest through young tech-savvy entrepreneurs, a growing middle class, and supportive government initiatives in key sectors such as fintech and real estate, which are offering strong returns.

Also speaking, the General Manager of Kam Industries, Mr Abdulfatah Adeyemi, urged the government to streamline taxation so that businesses would be able to make profit and give adequate taxes to both the state and federal government.

He noted that the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) had submitted

that multiple taxation is hindering the growth of businesses in Nigeria.

In his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences, Prof. R. A. Gbadeyan, said that the role of the academia is to remain at the forefront of intellectual exploration while connecting with the realities of the industry. He noted that government's economic policies directly impact the lives of individuals, households, and businesses.

In his contribution to the discourse, the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Professor Abubakar Sadiq Kasum, noted that the way forward to address the nation's current economic challenges and capitalise on opportunities is to strengthen policy consistency and implementation.

Other scholars who spoke at the event agreed that the government must immediately stop inflation to give respite to the nation and its citizens.

Investors promise more accommodation facilities for UNILORIN students

By Muizdeen Adewole

The Chairman of Private Hostel Managers, University of Ilorin, Mr Segun Oyewole, has said that private investors would continue to work with the authorities of the University of Ilorin towards providing more accommodation facilities for students of the University.

Mr Oyewole gave this assurance penultimate Thursday (November 21, 2024) while speaking on a special programme on UNILORIN 89.3 FM, anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Idris Alooma) and the Head of Programme, Mr Temitope Olawuyi.

He explained that over 35 hostels, providing approximately 14,000 bed spaces had been facilitated by private investors.

The Chairman noted that the



■ Mr Oyewole

private hostels have transformed the student living experience at the University, offering

modern architectural designs, fully furnished rooms with air conditioning, 24/7 electricity and water supply, high-speed internet connectivity, and state-of-the-art security systems.

He added that students occupying private hostels can enjoy recreational facilities such as gyms and lounges, all within proximity to lecture rooms.

Mr Oyewole expressed pride in the conducive environment provided by the University management, which affords the private hostel owners the chance to offer a conducive environment that supports academic success and personal growth of the students.

He affirmed that with its world-class private hostels, UNILORIN remains an attractive destination for prospective students seeking a comprehensive university experience.



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Speakers

Professor Solomon Olorundare
Former Dean, Faculty of Education University of Ilorin.

Professor Abdulrazak Kilani,
National President, Unilorin Alumni Association

Dr. Akintunde Akanni,
Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, Lagos State University

Date: Thur. 12th Dec., 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am | **Venue:** University of Ilorin Main Auditorium

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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST
FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 21ST TO 28TH NOVEMBER 2024

Table with columns for Receipts, Payments, and Total Receipt/Payment for the period. Includes sub-sections like RECEIPTS, PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS, and OTHER PAYMENTS.

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Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)
Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Medaiyese, Samuel Olusegun	Security Division	Dec-01
2	Olubiyo, Simeon Kayode	Nursing Science	Dec-01
3	Ajayi, Micheal Adebayo	Finance	Dec-01
4	Paul, Esther	Registry	Dec-01
5	Ayanda, Samuel Olatunde	Bursary	Dec-01
6	Popoola, Jumoke	Statistics	Dec-01
7	Sunmonu, Musliu Olushola	Food & Bioprocess Engineering	Dec-01
8	Aremu-Adeshina, Salmat Bolanle	Health Services	Dec-01
9	Yusuf, Habibat Abubakar	Educational Management	Dec-01
10	Osasona, Kehinde Kikelomo	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Dec-01
11	Oladimeji, Adejoke Susan	Registry	Dec-01
12	Oloruntoba-Oju, Taiwo	English	Dec-02
13	Abdul, Fausat	Unilorin Staff School	Dec-02
14	Hussaini, Ibrahim Musa	Registry	Dec-02
15	Iroye, Mojisola Victoria	Registry	Dec-02
16	Magaji-Yusuf, Khadujat	Centre For Counselling & Human Dev	Dec-02
17	Yusuf, Mariam Ajibola	Registry	Dec-02
18	Bello, Kamaldeen Olayinola	Biochemistry	Dec-02
19	Ahmed, Saka	Security Division	Dec-03
20	Azeez, Adesina Lukuman	Mass Communication	Dec-03
21	Akanbi, Sheu-Usman Oladipo	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Dec-03
22	Adebayo, Bunmi Omotayo	Registry	Dec-03
23	Adetoro, Abdulrasaq I	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec-04
24	Oluwagbemi, Julius Ogunjobi	Surgery	Dec-04
25	Olatunji, Femi	Security Division	Dec-04
26	Sheidu, Salihu	Security Division	Dec-04
27	Salami, Maryam Abiola	University Lodges Unit	Dec-04
28	Ibrahim, Temilade Kehinde	Unilorin Staff School	Dec-04
29	Chidi-Egboka, Ngozi Charity	Optometry & Vision Science	Dec-04
30	Olorunmaiye, John Adesiji	Mechanical Engineering	Dec-05
31	Omede, Adedoyin Jolaade	Political Science	Dec-05
32	Olowoseye, Helen Titilayo	Registry	Dec-05
33	Abubakar, Mulikat Sulaiman	Microbiology	Dec-05
34	Ademola-Popoola, Dupe	Ophthalmology	Dec-05
35	Veta, Oghenechoja Dennis	Social Work	Dec-05
36	Abdulrahman, Mohammed Rabiu	Educational Technology	Dec-05
37	Opeyemi, Olufunke Adenike	Zoology	Dec-05
38	Afosi, Afeez Babatunde	Pharmaceutics & Industrial Pharmacy	Dec-05
39	Olawepo, Raphael Abiodun	Geography & Environmental Management	Dec-06
40	Olumorin, Olubode Charles	Educational Technology	Dec-06
41	Mokuolu, Olugbenga Ayodeji	Paediatrics & Child Health	Dec-06
42	Adeosun, Hezekiah Olufemi	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Dec-06
43	Animasawun, Gbemisola Abdul-Jelil	Centre For Peace & Strategic Studies	Dec-06
44	Akinyemi, Olaoluwa	Registry	Dec-06
45	Aliyu, Abdullahi	Veterinary Surgery & Radiology	Dec-06
46	Abubakar, Nurudeen Yahya	Network Operating Centre	Dec-06
47	Ahmed, Yusuf Kola	Biomedical Engineering	Dec-06
48	Alausa, Abdulkadir	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Dec-06
49	Yusuf, Ridwan Olalekan	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec-06
50	Abdullahi, Onimisi Ekuh	Social Science Education	Dec-07
51	Adewuyi, Florence Funke	Registry	Dec-07
52	Abdulhadi, Risikat Medinat	Security Division	Dec-07
53	Lawal, Mujidat Adenike	Bursary	Dec-07
54	Olowa, Theophilus Olatunde .O.	Quantity Surveying	Dec-07
55	Akomolafe, Oladeji	Mechanical Engineering	Dec-07

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

➤ While delivering the 269th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "The Matters of the Heart on the Survival of Animals and Man", Prof. Oyebisi Mistura Azeez of the Department of Veterinary Physiology and Biochemistry, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, has advised people to minimise exposure to petroleum emissions to prevent cardiovascular health in human and animals.
("Heart disease: Unilorin don cautions against exposure to petroleum emissions", <https://tribuneonline.com>; "Heart disease: Unilorin don cautions against exposure to petroleum emissions"; *Sunday Tribune*, November 24, 2024, p.27; "UNILORIN don warns on dangers of exposure to petroleum products", <https://nationaltrailonline.com.ng>; "Professor Azeez advocates modern equipment, environmental health measures in veterinary practices", <https://solaremsnews.wordpress.com>)

➤ The University of Ilorin has hosted the third summit of 28 universities drawn from eight different countries under the aegis of the D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation (D8NPRI)
("Unilorin hosts partnership summit of 28 foreign universities", *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, November 27, 2024, p.14; "UNILORIN Hosts 3rd Summit of 28 Foreign Universities", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "University of Ilorin Hosts 3rd D8 Network Summit in Research, Calls for strengthened collaboration", <https://radionigeriaharmonyfm.com>; "UNILORIN Hosts 3rd summit of 28 foreign universities, Egbewole says summit strengthens collaboration among members", <https://the-reflection.com.ng>)

➤ The University of Ilorin has been listed among other universities that qualified for the final challenge that took place in Lagos.
("UNILAG, OAU, CU win CFA contest", *The Punch*, Tuesday, November 26, 2024, p.26)

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UNILORIN and the 3rd D-8 NPRI Summit

For four days last week (Sunday 24th to Wednesday 27th November), the University of Ilorin once again showcased its research prowess, organisational skill, and superlative hospitality to the global community, as it hosted the 3rd Summit of the D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation (D-8 NPRI). The Network is one of the key organs of the 27 year-old Developing Eight (D-8) Organisation for Economic Cooperation. It comprises 28 universities across eight developing countries of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.

The Network aims to improve multidisciplinary research among the member universities and reposition research, innovation, and development within the D-8 countries by promoting student and staff exchanges, joint research collaborations, and joint study projects. It would also establish linkages between universities and industries to foster a conducive environment for job creation and reducing youth unemployment across the D-8 countries.

The successful hosting of the Summit is unarguably another manifestation of the steady progress in the internationalisation drive of the University of Ilorin and it has once again confirmed the global standing of the University as a citadel of international reckoning. It is not a common practice in international organisations for a new entrant to be given the opportunity to host such flagship events as the just concluded Summit. However, the confidence that members of the four-year old D-8 NPRI repose in the University of Ilorin and especially the global outlook of its Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who has successfully built several international linkages with a number of universities across the world, gave Nigeria's most sought-after institution that edge.

Hosting the 3rd D-8 NPRI Summit is a big plus for the University of Ilorin that is poised to join the league of the 500 universities of note in the world, according to the Egbewole Administration's ambitious Vision 1: 10: 500.

The Summit, which encompassed the Plenary and Scientific Sessions, provided ample opportunity for the host, the University of Ilorin, to showcase the research prowess of some of its best researchers who are making waves with groundbreaking research endeavours. At the Scientific Session, four research teams from the University presented the reports of their cutting edge research efforts on various issues of invaluable benefits to the academia, in particular, and national development, in general. The research reports presented at four syndicate sessions, were 'GLOCALIZE Tools: A Human Capital Development Initiative Towards Green Education and Responsible Climate Action', by Prof. N. A. Adedokun-Shittu and Team; 'Optimising Plant-Based Fibre Plastics for Sustainable Industrial Applications', by Dr O. A. Iyiola and Team; Identification and Nomination of a Medium-maturing Drought-tolerant *Striga hermonthica* Resistant Hybrid for Registration and Release in Nigeria', by Dr F. Bankole and Team; and 'Biodegradative Potential of Indigenous Soil Fungi and Bacteria on Selected Agricultural Wastes in Kwara State, Nigeria', by Dr J. U. Yahaya and Team.

Addressing the delegates during the opening session of the Summit, the host Vice Chancellor, who is also a delegate at the Summit, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed his delight that the University of Ilorin was given the privilege to host the Summit, especially as the University was the newest member of the Network.

Prof. Egbewole also acknowledged the support of the Ambassador of Bangladesh and the Consular Officer from Indonesia, pointing out that their presence affirmed the member

states' commitment to the vision of the Network.

The Vice-Chancellor appreciated members of the Local Organising Committee (LOC), led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, for the success of the Summit.

In his remarks, the representative of the D-8 Secretariat from Turkey, Mr Ahmar Ismail, expressed enthusiasm that the collaborative works between the universities in the harmonisation of curriculum will help students experience cultural diversity and new ways of learning and research.

Mr Ahmar noted that the University of Ilorin has taken the lead in championing the course of the D-8 NPRI, adding that the institution has all it takes to participate and contribute to the growth of the programme in terms of students' strength, departments and facilities.

Also in an interview on the *UNILORIN FM* radio, Mr Ahmar poured lavish encomiums on the University of Ilorin, saying it has a great reputation as a remarkable centre of learning that has turned out a great number of graduates who are working tirelessly towards promoting human capital development.

In a goodwill message, the High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Nigeria, H.E. Masudur Rahman, who attended the Summit as an observer, expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin for the excellent arrangements made for the 3rd NPRI Summit.

Also in his remarks, Prof. Noorsidi Bin Matnor, from Malaysia, explained that the Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation will help bridge the digital divide that has been created between the developing and developed countries.

Highlights of the Summit included campus tour by the delegates, who were later treated to a command drama performance by students of the Department of the Performing Arts.

Many of the delegates expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the Summit and especially with the wonderful organisation put up by the LOC and the uncommon hospitality they got from the University.

One of the participants, Prof. Noorsidi, from Malaysia, wrote in a post on the Summit WhatsApp Platform, "Alhamdulillah, I have safely arrived in Kuala Lumpur. My heartfelt gratitude to the University of Ilorin and everyone for their exceptional commitment and invaluable contributions to the success of the D-8 NPRI Summit. I look forward to our paths crossing again in the near future."

In his congratulatory message to the members of the Local Organising Committee, the Chairman, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, who, in truth and indeed, is fast becoming a veteran organiser of successful University events, said, "Through this Summit, you have added another feather to the cap of the University of Ilorin; you have put the University in good stead among nations".

Prof. Fawole, who is also the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), noted that "our hard work, commitment and attention to details helped put up a complete summit package for our delegates, and they are full of encomiums to you and the University."

He added that he had enjoyed every moment of working with members of the Committee, saying, "It has been a wonderful experience for me."

Pointing out that appreciation can never be enough for what the Committee members have done, Prof. Fawole said, "I thank you for coming on board this committee despite your tight schedules and I look forward to seeing you again working together for the uplifting of our institution."