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UNILORIN @ 50 Celebrations will be groundbreaking - Egbewole

... as VC unveils anniversary billboard

By Abubakar Imam and Bashiru Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, last Monday (January 13, 2025) unveiled a specially designed billboard announcing the upcoming celebration of the golden jubilee anniversary of the University.

Speaking at the event, which was held beside the University Main Gate, the Vice Chancellor explained that the ceremony marked the commencement of the 50th anniversary, which, he said, would be celebrated throughout the year.

Prof. Egbewole said that the celebration, the grand finale of which would hold in November 2025, would be engaging, successful, and revealing.

He added that the celebration would also afford the management, staff, students, alumni and other stakeholders an opportunity to shout, sing, dance and celebrate the University. (Contd. on page 3)



■ The Vice Chancellor and other top officials of the University at the unveiling ceremony

Omotoso raises alarm on rising menace of NCDs

By Abubakar Imam

A renowned medical scholar and former Provost, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ayodele Babatunde O. Omotoso, has drawn the attention of critical stakeholders to the increasing number of deaths caused by various Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) in Nigeria, saying that concerted efforts

must be made to stem the tide.

Prof. Omotoso made the call last Thursday (January 16, 2025) while delivering the 272nd Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Of the Heart, For the Heart, and From the Heart: Communicating the Non-communicable Heartily."

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■ Prof. Omotoso

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Egbewole pledges 21st-century readiness for UNILORIN graduates

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reiterated his commitment to ensuring that graduates of the institution are fully equipped to thrive in the 21st century.

Speaking at an Orientation Programme for students participating in the Unilorin Innovative Skills and Pioneering Entrepreneurship (U-INSPIRE) at the University Auditorium last Wednesday (January 16, 2025), Prof. Egbewole stressed the importance of acquiring not only academic knowledge but also essential life skills necessary for success in today's rapidly evolving world.

The Vice Chancellor, who spoke through the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, expressed concern over the widening gap between academic qualifications and the practical skills required by modern employers.

Prof. Egbewole lamented that many graduates, despite holding degree certificates, lack the crucial skills that would enable them to stand on their own and succeed in the global workforce. He added that the world no longer values what one possesses, but rather, what one can do with those skills.

He encouraged the students to actively participate in the orientation programme, urging them to absorb all the knowledge and insights that would be shared throughout the session. He said that the skills and tools provided during the programme would help shape them into well-rounded professionals who can make significant contributions to the society.

The Vice Chancellor assured the students that their involvement in the U-INSPIRE programme would be a transformative experience that would prove invaluable as they embark on their professional journeys.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director of U-INSPIRE, Prof. Rasheed Jimoh, explained the significant value that the programme would add to the academic journey of the students.

He informed the students that those who successfully complete the programme will graduate with the U-INSPIRE certificate in addition to their degree certificate, saying that this is a distinction that will set them apart in the competitive job market.

Describing the programme as a vision of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, Prof. Jimoh stated that the initiative was conceived to provide graduates with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in the fast-changing,



■ Dignitaries and participants at the orientation programme



■ Prof. Fawole



■ Prof. Jimoh

technology-driven world. He said, "The U-INSPIRE programme aims to make students more innovative and equip them with practical skills that will help them succeed in the emerging economy, which increasingly demands adaptability, digital literacy, and entrepreneurship".

Prof. Jimoh said, "The programme, which was launched in October 2024, was established with the directive that the first batch of graduates that benefit from the scheme would be recognised during the next convocation ceremonies of the University.

He congratulated the students on being the fortunate pioneers of this transformative initiative, adding that they have a unique opportunity to gain skills that would set them apart in their future careers.

Also speaking, the President of the University Student Union, Victor Oghenetega Agezeh, appreciated the University Administration, on behalf of his colleagues, especially the final-year students, for the initiative aimed at empowering them.

Agezeh noted that the initiative reflects the commitment of the Vice-Chancellor to producing graduates with certificates and equipping them with the



■ Comrade Agezeh

skills to stand on their own, defend their qualifications, and earn a living.

He said, "We are grateful that this initiative is being implemented during our time. We thank the Vice-Chancellor for his unwavering efforts in actualising his Smart Vision 1:10:500. This Vision is attainable when we have graduates equipped with the requisite skills to be independent and contribute meaningfully to the betterment of the global community."



■ *The Vice Chancellor (left) unveiling the Golden Jubilee logo while the Chairman of the Anniversary Planning Committee, Prof. Mokuolu, and the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Ambali, look on*

Egbewole unveils UNILORIN @ 50 billboard

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Prof. Egbewole also assured all stakeholders of the University that the celebration would be used to announce and celebrate the far-reaching impacts of the University not only on the nation but also on humanity as a whole. He disclosed that alumni of the University scattered across the world would be part of the celebration.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the Chairman and members of the Anniversary Planning Committee for hitting the ground running right from its inauguration last year.

He said that he was not surprised with the industry and patriotism the Committee members devoted towards organising an eventful celebration as he said that the Administration took its time to select the members. He said that he expected no less from the Chairman and his colleagues on the Committee.

Prof. Egbewole encouraged members of the Committee and the entire University community to work

together towards organising a groundbreaking ceremony as he noted that "we would be called what we call ourselves".

He added that the Committee should ensure that everything and everyone in the University goes around with the logo for all to know that 2025 is the year of the University.

Prof. Egbewole, therefore, suggested the branding of the University Main Gate and its vehicles with the anniversary logo, saying that if the University does not blow its trumpet no one would blow it.

In his opening remarks at the unveiling ceremony, the Chairman of the Anniversary Planning Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Mokuolu, said that the event was organised to officially kick-start the sensitisation of the University community and stakeholders about the upcoming anniversary.

Prof. Mokuolu described the unveiled logo as a product of intensive interactions among members of the University community who have been devoting their intellect, time and energy as

well as other resources towards the success of the anniversary.

He said that the logo consists of five stars, which depict stars thrown to the world by the University in the last five decades of its existence as he said that the central star in the logo represents the rising sun, which the University has been among its peers.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor for his support and for always working with the Committee anytime his attention is needed.

The ceremony was witnessed by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Abayomi Omotosho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal and the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa.

The ceremony was also attended by Deans of various Faculties, Directors and Chairmen of the University-based trade unions as well as members of the Anniversary Committee, among several others.

Omotoso raises alarm on NCDs' rising menace

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The don, who is also a former member of the University Governing Council, said that 27% of deaths in Nigeria are caused by one Non-communicable Disease or the other, recalling that in 2021 alone no fewer than 43 million deaths, recorded across the country, were as a result of the effects Non-communicable Diseases.

Prof. Omotoso noted that 34.1% of adult Nigerians had hypertension in 2021, attributing the dangerous trend to the economic situation of the country and urbanised lifestyles of affected Nigerians.

The Inaugural Lecturer, who previously served as the President of the Nigerian Hypertension Society, explained that Non-communicable Diseases are causing more deaths than infectious diseases, maternal, neonatal and nutritional conditions combined.

He added that unhealthy diet as a result of transition from traditional diets to Westernised ones that are high in sugar, salt and unhealthy fats are contributory factors that lead to Non-communicable Diseases.

Prof. Omotoso, who is equally the Oluomo 1 of Ijirin-Ekiti in Ekiti State, further said that physical inactivity, tobacco smoking and unbridled alcohol consumption are also responsible for the rising wave of Non-communicable Diseases.

To stem the tide, Prof. Omotoso called for enhanced research and development, saying that investment in cutting-edge research to understand the underlying mechanisms of NCDs and develop innovative treatments and preventive measures would assist greatly.

He also suggested collaboration between different Departments, such as Medicine, Public Health, and Social Sciences, to address NCDs from multiple perspectives.

The don, who is also a former Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin, also canvassed for the development of programmes that engage the local community in health education and promotion that would focus on the prevention and management of NCDs.

He also said that the integration of NCD-related topics into the curriculum across various disciplines would ensure that students are well-informed about these diseases and their impact.

Prof. Omotoso also implored the University authorities to ensure that



■ Prof. Omotoso (left) presenting the Lecture notes to the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fawole (right), last Thursday

Colleges of Health Sciences authorities resuscitate the periodic university-wide public lecture/interactive session on NCDs and other health related matters.

The former Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UIITH) advised the University to institutionalise compulsory medical check-up for all members of staff for early detection and treatment of persons with NCDs.

He also called for prompt implementation of the new government policies on various aspects of NCDs that promote healthy lifestyles, such as regulations on tobacco and alcohol use, and initiatives to encourage physical activity and healthy eating. In this regard, neighbourhood sports/recreational facilities are important, he said.

The renowned health educator equally called for improved access to healthcare services, particularly in underserved areas, to ensure early detection and treatment of NCDs.

Prof. Omotoso also appealed for vigorous and relentless nationwide and multidimensional campaigns to raise awareness about the risk factors and prevention strategies for NCDs.

He equally tasked the government to allocate sufficient funds and resources to support NCDs prevention and control programmes, including research, healthcare infrastructures, and community initiatives.

The Inaugural Lecturer added that extending National Health Insurance programmes to cover NCDs treatment would be a good step, adding that government should fund and support at least one tertiary health facility that can take care of complicated NCDs.

Prof. Omotoso also noted that stakeholders should encourage private companies to invest in health promotion activities and create workplace wellness programmes that address NCDs risk factors.

He equally canvassed for partnership with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) with a view to implementing community-based interventions and support groups for individuals affected by NCDs.

Prof. Omotoso also called for closer collaborations between Nigeria and international organisations to share knowledge, resources, and best practices for NCDs prevention and control.

He also suggested leveraging technology and innovation to develop new tools and platforms for monitoring, managing, and preventing NCDs across the country.

Prof. Omotoso, who recalled that he has participated in the training of almost 5000 medical doctors since 1983, advised the government to prioritise medical education by making more resources available in order to generate an adequate and competent number of medical doctors that would work for the health of the nation's growing population and human community.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Adegboyega Fawole, was attended by some traditional rulers, former and serving Vice Chancellors, friends, colleagues, students and relations of Prof. Omotoso from far and near.

UNILORIN shines at X-Culture global contest

By Abubakar Imam

The University of Ilorin has, again, demonstrated its worth as its team was rated among the best 14 teams that participated in the recently concluded global X-Culture contest.

This cheering news was disclosed by the Director, Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Tuesday (January 14, 2025).

Prof. Onireti explained that a total of 6,100 students from several countries across the world participated in the contest that was held virtually.

The participants, according to the Director, worked in 1,121 teams with each team consisting of about six members.

He said that a total of 1,118 reports were submitted in the 2024-2 round of the X-Culture competition, adding that the reports were sent out for evaluation to a large group of International Business experts, who are mainly Professors and coaches from around the world.



■ Prof. Onireti

Prof. Onireti explained further that each of the reports was independently evaluated by between three and seven experts along multiple dimensions, such as report creativity, clarity, the viability of the ideas, style, as well as evaluation of each report section. He added that the experts

equally provided qualitative feedbacks.

The Director pointed out that based on the experts' evaluations, 98 teams received nearly perfect evaluations as another set of coaches reevaluated the 98 reports and finally selected the best for each client company.

Accordingly, from the pool of 98 finalists, 14 teams, one of which is Team UNILORIN, were selected as best teams.

Prof. Onireti said that in appreciation of its scintillating performance, members of the Team UNILORIN will join other finalist teams to receive what he called the "Best Team certificates".

He added that all the members of the finalist teams will also be invited to the upcoming X-Culture Symposia and X-Culture Coaching Programme, saying that efforts were also being made to interview members of the finalist teams with a view to producing an educational film based on their tips and insights on how to write winning international business reports.

Alabi hails Egbewole, canvasses more support for CoHS

By Abubakar Imam

The Provost, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, has commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for the support enjoyed by the College since he assumed office and most especially in 2024.

Prof. Alabi gave the commendation while speaking at the 2024 End-of-the-Year Party organised by the College recently.

The Provost said that the support extended to the College, particularly before and during the recent accreditation exercises, was very exciting to the management, staff and students of the College.

He, however, called for more support and interventions to enhance the service delivery capacity of the College.

Prof. Alabi, who listed the support received from the alumni of the College, among others, also thanked the Vice Chancellor for the provision of equipment, consumables and lecture rooms and College Auditorium remodeling carried out by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

He also appreciated the authorities of the University for the career progression enjoyed by some academic and non-teaching staff of the College last year.

Prof. Alabi, who recalled some other achievements of the College in the course of the year, appealed for the



recruitment of adequate and competent manpower for the College, saying that there is an urgent need to replace those who have either retired from the services of the University or have left for greener pastures.

He also appealed to the University authorities to provide more office and hostel accommodation for staff and students of the College, respectively.

The Provost also appealed for the extension of internet services to the old College to cater for the staff and students who are still operating there.

In his address at the event, the Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof.

Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, congratulated the Provost, staff and students of the College on their achievements in 2024.

While urging them to work harder to justify the support rendered to the College by the University Administration and other stakeholders, the Vice Chancellor assured the College Management of more support as he described the College as an important arm of the University.

The event was attended by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; and several staff and students of the College.

Egbewole, a wonderful leader-Ambali

By Abubakar Imam

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), University of Ilorin, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, has described the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as a wonderful leader, who has always done his best towards taking the University to greater heights.

Prof. Ambali stated this penultimate Thursday (January 9, 2025) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor explained that Prof. Egbewole has always demonstrated love for all the members of the University community irrespective of their ethnic, religious and professional inclinations.

He added that the Vice Chancellor has maintained his fantastic dispositions to all despite occasional mistakes or



■ Prof. Ambali

disappointments from some members of the University community.

The Professor of Environmental Toxicology described the Vice Chancellor as a leader who believes in democratic principles and would always engage in meaningful consultations before taking

decisions on issues pertaining to the University.

Prof. Ambali, who is also the Chairman of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, said that the exemplary leadership of the Vice Chancellor is responsible for the increasing and remarkable achievements recorded by the University since he became its Chief Executive in October 2022.

Prof. Ambali said that he and other members of the University management staff have always enjoyed a good working relationship with the Vice Chancellor as they see one another as brothers.

He, therefore, implored members of the University community, particularly staff and students to continue to cooperate fully with the Vice Chancellor for the University to achieve its corporate objectives.

We are proud of you, Group tells Alfanla

By Abubakar Imam

The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, has, again, been commended for always displaying exemplary professionalism and fantastic service delivery.

This commendation was made by the President of the Third Estate Group, Mr Ibrahim Toyin Hassan, when he led a delegation of the body on a courtesy visit to Mr Alfanla in his office penultimate Thursday (January 9, 2025). The Third Estate Group is a forum of distinguished professionals of Ilorin Emirate origin.

Mr Hassan said that the Group has been consistently following the career trajectory of the Registrar before his current appointment.

The community leader appreciated the contributions of Mr Alfanla towards the growth and development of the University and Ilorin Emirate over the years.

Mr Hassan, who is an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, having earned his first and second degrees from the University, urged the Registrar to continue to do his best for the University, saying that his Group has always been very proud of him.

He also commended the authorities of the University for the quality of development the institution had recorded over the years.

Speaking on the comparative



advantage of the University, Mr Hassan appealed to the University management to make effective use of its large expanse of land for agricultural purposes, saying that if this is done it would assist in enhancing the food security of the country.

In his response, Mr Alfanla thanked the Third Estate Group for the visit and encomiums, which, he said, would motivate him to work harder.

The Registrar, who is also a member of the Group, also saluted his guests for their individual and collective contributions to community and national development.

Mr Alfanla encouraged members of the Group to always draw his attention to weaknesses observed in the discharge of his responsibilities and the general

performance of the University for more successes to be achieved.

Other members of the delegation were a former Special Assistant to the Kwara State Governor on Secondary Health, Dr Ibrahim Abdulkareem Gambari; a retired Director in the Federal Civil Service and Personal Assistant to the 6th and 7th Vice Chancellors of the University, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, and Prof. Shamusudeen Amali, OON; Mr Abdulbaqi Jimoh; a retired top civil servant, Alhaji Ibrahim Alabi; the Public Relations Officer of the Group, Alhaji Ibrahim Shuaib; and the Deputy Editor, *UNILORIN Bulletin*, Mr Abubakar Imam.

UNILORIN values moral integrity, says Alfanla

By Temitope Omoniye

The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Alfanla, FCIML, has emphasised the importance of adhering to the University Dress Code, saying that the institution values moral integrity.

Mr Alfanla stated this last Thursday (January 16, 2025) while fielding questions on a special interview programme on **UNILORIN FM 89.3**.

The Registrar, who is also the Chairman of the University Dress Code Committee, noted that students are expected to dress well and exhibit excellent character, warning that violators would face penalties.

Mr Alfanla commended **UNILORIN FM** for its advocacy efforts



■ **Mr Alfanla**

and reiterated the University's zero-tolerance policy on extortion. He encouraged students and staff to report any

instance of extortion to the authorities.

Speaking on the upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations of the University, Mr Alfanla described the event as a celebration of academic excellence. He announced that awards would be given to distinguished individuals during the anniversary celebration.

The Registrar further revealed that the celebrations have officially begun with the unveiling of the anniversary logo by the Vice Chancellor last Monday (January 13, 2025).

Mr Alfanla confirmed that the anniversary celebrations would be a year-long event, with main activities scheduled to take place between November 23 and 28, 2025.

Mass Comm. 2009 set donates ₦500,000 to sponsor best graduating student

By Temitope Omoniye

The 2009 graduating set of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, has donated a sum of ₦500,000 to sponsor an award for the Best Graduating Student in the Department.

The award will be presented annually to the most outstanding graduating student in the Department, starting from the 2025 convocation ceremony.

This was announced in a letter signed by the Coordinator of the Project and President of the Mass Communication Alumni Association, UNILORIN (MCAAUIL), Dr. Abdulgaffar Arikewuyo, and addressed to the Deputy Registrar, Senate, University of Ilorin, Mrs Kafayat Afolayan.

The letter expressed the Association's gratitude to the University and the Department of Mass Communication for the impact they had on their lives and careers.

The 2009 set, which is the



■ **Group picture of the 2009 set during their time on campus**

pioneer set of the Department, has been actively involved in giving back to the Department. The set had earlier renovated the departmental newsroom, upgrading it to meet the 21st-century standards with state-of-the-art facilities.

The award is expected to motivate and encourage students to excel academically and professionally. The association hopes that this gesture will inspire future sets to continue this tradition and support the success of future students.

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. S. O. Agodirin	Clinical Sciences/Surgery	Head, Department of Surgery	1 st January, 2025
Prof. A. A. Adeoye	Art/Performing Art	Director, Academic Planning Unit	7 th January, 2025.

UNILORIN CBT Directorate, a model of excellence – Raufu

By Idris Alooma

The Directorate of Computer-Based Test, University of Ilorin, has once again demonstrated its commitment to excellence, as 37,722 students have commenced the first semester CBT test in batches.

The CBT Director, Prof. Raufu Kamilu, disclosed this penultimate Thursday (January 9, 2025) while fielding questions on a popular Yoruba programme, titled "Ko Tan Sibe" on **UNILORIN FM**, anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma.

Prof. Kamilu stated that the Directorate is fair to all students, excellent in handling technical and personnel issues, and seamless in all ramifications. He noted that the test, which commenced on January 6 and is expected to end on January 17, has been going on smoothly without any hitch.

The Director attributed this success to the fantastic security architecture, including University security and supportive security personnel, health workers, CBT staff members, and CBT Committee members.



■ Prof. Raufu

He said, "To ensure that no student is left behind, provision has been made for those who missed the test due to reasonable, logical, and factually proven reasons, such as health issues or accidents".

Prof. Kamilu emphasised that adequate announcements are made through

various channels, including the Dean of Student Affairs, leadership of the students, radio announcements on **UNILORIN FM**, and soon, the upcoming Unilorin Television Station. He added that individual phone calls are made to all involved students.

The Director urged students to read widely to ensure success, highlighting the fringe benefits available to University scholars, including monetary rewards, free accommodation, and scholarships for those who excel.

Prof. Kamilu, who is also a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation and support received from the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Abayomi Omotesho; staff of the CBT Directorate, the CBT Committee, lecturers, students, and others.

He emphasised that with its commitment to excellence and fairness, the University of Ilorin's CBT Directorate is indeed a model for other institutions to follow.

Unilorin Drivers' Welfare Association honours retirees

By Bashir Dawodu

The University of Ilorin Drivers' Welfare Association has organised a send-off ceremony in honour of its retired members for their years of dedicated service to the University.

The event took place penultimate Saturday (January 11, 2025) at the Pensioners Office, Unilorin Mini Campus.

The retired staff included the immediate past Chairman of the Association, Mr Fatai Salawu, Mr Joseph Sasere; Mr Oyeyemi Tunji, Mr Ndazungi Ibrahim, Mr Afolabi Sunday, Mr Olatunji Yisa, Mr



Tunde Bakare, Mr Arewa Augustine, Mr Tunde Yusuf, Mr Murtala Bakare, Mr Tunde AbdulRahman, Mr Ganiyu Ayinla, Mr Isiaka Ishola, and Mr Adebisi Bello.

In his remarks, the Director of Works, Mr Rahman Amao, congratulated the retirees and expressed gratitude for their contributions to the University.

Mr Amao, who was represented by Engr Zulu Bolajoko from the Civil Engineering Department, assured the retirees that they were "retired, not tired."

He commended the drivers for their professionalism, likening them to "professors in their field," and urged them to uphold good character and integrity wherever they go.

The Director further encouraged continuous self-improvement, emphasising the need for education and skill upgrades to adapt to the changing world.

Also speaking at the event, the Director of Unilorin Health Services, Dr Rasheed Odunola, provided valuable health advice to the retirees.

He stressed the importance of regular exercise, balanced diets, and sufficient sleep to maintain good health.

Dr Odunola also advised against habits such as alcohol consumption, smoking, and drug use, noting their detrimental effects on the lungs and brain.

He encouraged the retirees to foster social connections to avoid loneliness, which he described as a silent killer.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of the Drivers' Welfare Association, Mr Afolabi Samuel, congratulated the retirees on their selfless service to the University and appealed to the Management to recruit more drivers to

meet the growing demands of the institution.

He appreciated the University Management for their unwavering supports to the drivers.

On his part, a former Director of Works, Mr A. M. Abisoeye, while addressing the gathering, urged the retirees to remain active and grateful.

He advised them to embrace new opportunities and avoid the pitfalls of withdrawal syndrome often associated with retirement.

Sharing his experience, a former Senior Driver, Mr Ebenezer Solanke, who retired in 2005, encouraged the drivers to approach retirement with courage and optimism.

He urged his colleagues to remain patient and resilient.

AbdulRazaq congratulates 18 year-old chartered accountant

By Abubakar Imam

The Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRazaq, has congratulated a student of the Department of Accounting, University of Ilorin, Miss Faith Aduragbemi Olabisi, on her feat of becoming a chartered accountant at the young age of 18.

Mallam AbdulRazaq, in a statement signed by his Chief Press Secretary, Rafiu Ajakaye, a copy of which was sighted by UNILORIN Bulletin, said that "the feat is a triumph of hard work, determination, equal opportunities, and

equitable access to education".

The Governor, who is also the Chairman of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), urged the young chartered accountant to remain steadfast and strong as she pursues her career.

He also commended the parents of the Unilorite and her communities "for the opportunity and encouragement that saw her through years of rigorous and consistent study".

Mallam AbdulRazaq wished Miss Olabisi many years of outstanding success and contributions to national development as a chartered accountant.



■ Governor AbdulRazaq

Engineering alumni donate Computer sets to Department

By Mustafa Abubakar

Members of the 2007 graduating set of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Faculty of Technology and Engineering, University of Ilorin, have donated a set of the latest computers and printers to their alma mater.

At an event held at the office of the Head of the Department, Dr A. I. Abdullateef, last Thursday (January 16, 2025), the President of the group, Dr O.O. Ogundile of Tai Solarin University of Education, Ikenne, Ogun State noted that the Department and indeed the University of Ilorin had



■ Cross section of the alumni with the Dean and Head of the Department

equipped them to get to their current stations in life. He noted that though some of their classmates have died, members of the class are generally doing fine, with about 30 of them working in Canada.

Dr Ogundile noted that the Class of 2007 decided that the Department deserves only the best computers available in the market.

He commended Dr Ayinde Muhammed Usman, who is the Alumni Relations Officer of the Faculty and a member of the Class of 2007, for bringing the group together.

He also revealed that the class would soon unveil scholarships for six students in appreciation of the subsidised education they received while studying at

the University.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Jamiu Odusote, appreciated the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Class of 2007 for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

He noted that every Nigerian graduate of a public university enjoyed high quality but thoroughly subsidised education and therefore has every reason to be patriotic.

He urged the donors to always keep the class together, noting that everyone is endowed with different comparative advantage.

The Head of the Department, Dr A. I. Abdullateef described the class of 2007 as one with impacts on the

University, as he recalled the donation of a Graphics Room earlier made by the class to the Department.

While appreciating his former students, Dr Abdullateef noted that the donation is a true empowerment, which will have a multiplier effect because the students who would be using the equipment are also learning to be generous to their alma mater and others.

Other speakers at the event included the University Alumni Relations Officer, Mr Musbau Jimoh; the Faculty Alumni Relations Officer, Dr Ayinde Muhammed Usman and the President of the National Association of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Students Association, University of Ilorin, Muhammed Sulaimon

CIE, Student Affairs to collaborate with USGEAAN

The Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Onireti, and the Ag Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, have expressed their readiness to collaborate with the United States Government Exchange Alumni Association of Nigeria (USGEAAN).

The duo stated this last Thursday (January 16, 2025) during separate courtesy calls on them by Executive Committee members of the Kwara State Chapter of USGEAAN.

The CIE Director assured his visitors that a dedicated page will be created on the University website that will contain information about US programme alumni and Fulbright Scholars in the University of Ilorin.

On his part, the Dean of Student Affairs hinted that many student bodies are on campus and he will be happy to have USGEAAN, Kwara Chapter help them with information on available scholarships in the United States and elsewhere. He said that US alumni in Kwara State are great mentors that should be looked up to.

In his own remarks, the Kwara USGEAAN leader, Dr David Adetitun, hinted that USGEAAN activities extend

beyond scholarships to cover other areas of community service, which include skills acquisition, environmental sanitation, good governance, career development, among others.



■ The USGEAAN officers with Dr Akanmu (middle)



■ The USGEAAN officers with Prof. Onireti (in white kaftan)

Community mourns as Alafara loses dad

By Abubakar Imam

Dignitaries from all walks of life last Wednesday (January 15, 2025) converged on the ancestral home of the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Baba Abdullahi Alafara, in the Alore Quarters of Ilorin for the Fidau Prayer session for the repose of the soul of his father, Alhaji Baba Bukhari Aminu Alafara.

The elder Alafara died penultimate Saturday (January 11, 2025) and his remains were buried the same day in accordance with Islamic injunctions.

The Fidau Prayer, which was presided-over by the Chief Imam of Ilorin, Shaykh (Dr) Muhammad Bashir Saliu, OON, also featured recitation of the Holy Quran, among other things.

In a short sermon at the event, the Grand Mukadam of Ilorin, Shaykh Sulaiman Abubakar Dan-Borno, encouraged people with power to imbibe the virtues of conscientious conducts, especially in the way they use their



■ Late Alhaji Bukhari Alafara

'powerful pens and biros'.

Pointing out that the 'powerful pen' could be used either to build or destroy the future of students, for instance, the renowned preacher said it is up to the teachers and lecturers to decide the way they want to use their pens on the students put in their care.

He, however, said that "whichever

way you use your pen, the appropriate reward would definitely manifest one way or the other and at the appropriate time".

Among the dignitaries, who attended the ceremony from the University of Ilorin were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; and the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; several Deans and Directors as well as a former CMD of UITH and Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Sulyman Alege Kuranga.

Others who attended the ceremony included the Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin, Dr Usman Abubakar Akanbi-Jos; the Balogun Ajikobi of Ilorin, Alhaji Isiaka Okunrin-Jeje; the Imam Imale, Shaykh Abdullahi AbdulHamid and the Ajanasi Agba of Ilorin, Dr Mujtaba Yusuf Bature, among others.

CSSN gets tricycles to ease transportation challenges

The Management of the University of Ilorin has released two tricycles to the Centre for Students with Special Needs (CSSN).

The gesture, according to a statement by the Director of the Centre, Prof. Taiwo H. Ambali, is to ease the transportation challenges facing the interpreters at the Centre.

The tricycles were handed over to the Centre last Tuesday (January 14, 2025) by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Lasiele A. Yahaya.

In her remarks after receiving the tricycles, the CSSN Director, Prof. Ambali, expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor and his management team for the gesture. She promised that



■ Prof. Yahaya (4th right), Prof. Ambali (4th left) flanked by other staff of the Centre after the presentation last Tuesday

the tricycles would be effectively used to enhance the academic activities of the students with special needs.

The presentation was also

witnessed by the two Deputy Directors of the Centre, Dr Alaba P. Kolawole and Dr Julius O. Isarinade.



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STUDENTS' INDUSTRIAL WORK EXPERIENCE SCHEME (SIWES) UNIT PRESENTS

2025 SIWES ANNUAL PRE-PLACEMENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

DATE: THUR, 23RD JAN. 2025

TIME: 10:00 AM PROMPT

VENUE: UNIVERSITY MAIN AUDITORIUM

You are all welcome



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 9TH TO 16TH JANUARY 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	978,500.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	5,215,125.00
Sundry Other Incomes	2,885,879.75
Convocation Souvenir	4,322,150.00
Staff I.D Cards	5,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	323,438.75
Income from Verification /Screening	665,800.00
Student I.D Cards	2,000.00
CODL Undergraduate Charges	1,240,600.00
Utility Income	525,800.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	141,638.75
Clinic Registration (Staff)	11,000.00
Rent on University Property	364,900.00
Rent on Staff Accommodation	61,508.64
Disciplinary Fines	8,000.00
Students Hire of Gowns	68,000.00
Refund (Non Salary)	644,443.00
Refund (Salary)	146,060.00
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance	5,000,000.00
Refund	766,248.72
Contractors' Registration Fees	12,000.00
Electricity Charges from Shop, Kiosk	17,842,864.00
Hire of University Property	36,000.00
Others	110,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	273,692.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	159,900.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	100,867.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	1,974,200.00
Postgraduate School Charges	37,207,110.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	160,600.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	382,700.00
Postgraduate Application Form	1,075,000.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	1,056,600.00
Postgraduate Tuition Fees	885,550.00
Institute of Education School Charges	98,653.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	25,200.00
Remedial Application Form	243,200.00
Remedial School Charges	2,550,400.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	258,400.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance	50,400.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,928,100.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	50,400.00
Ilorin Business Hostel Accommodation	100,800.00
JUPEB Application form	100,800.00
JUPEB School Charges	4,105,400.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	181,800.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦94,346,728.61
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Rastag Global Services Nig Ltd Replacement of Damaged roof at different locations	11,537,670.28
Geewald Venture Renovation of Frontal walkways and rear walkways (TETFUND)	16,967,198.00
Kings Guards Nig Ltd Security Services for December 2024	12,581,325.00
Baytem Integrated Services Supply of Reagents and Consumables	3,500,000.00
Ribodek Integrated Service Ltd Renovation of Laboratory Building	6,271,164.35
Topmark System Consultants Upgrading of Payroll Package	2,992,500.00
Vicni Engineering Services Ltd Construction of Lecture Theatre (TETFUND)	89,021,149.60
Real Sunny Business Concept Supply of Printer and photocopy machine	440,750.00
Abraham Cost Associate Consultancy Fee (TETFUND)	4,025,152.55
Funbas Engineering Nig Ltd Renovation of Microbiology Department Building	2,282,916.93
Sanrauf Nig Ltd Renovation of Biochemistry Department Building	21,350,261.70
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	23,043,650.08
Purchase Advance Various	4,213,100.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	6,390,196.00
Unilorin Guest House Hospitality	12,663,577.00
Staff Training Learned Conference (TETFUND)	3,886,250.00
Student Loan Nelfund Loan 2022/2023	15,244,774.00
Nigerian Legion (Abuja Liaison Office) December 2024 Salary	365,000.00
Total TSA Charges Various	59,555.30
Total payment for the period	₦236,836,190.80

Signed

Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Sanni-Mciver, Ahmed Toyin	Medical Microbiology & Parasitology	Jan 19
2	Arosanyin, Janet Omolola	Registry	Jan 19
3	Owolabi, Henry Olumuyiwa	Adult & Primary Education	Jan 19
4	Daramola, Olufunmilayo Lydia	Unilorin Zoo	Jan 19
5	Adeola, Taiye Shola	Performing Arts	Jan 19
6	Ibraheem, Tajudeen Olanrewaju	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Jan 19
7	Ajiboye, Bukola Veronica	Registry	Jan 19
8	Oludairo, Oladapo Oyedeji	Veterinary Public Health & Preventive Medicine	Jan 19
9	Babamale, Hakeem	Unilorin Staff School	Jan 19
10	Oguike, Gerald Iheanyichukwu	French	Jan 19
11	Sekoni, Ramat Ronke	Registry	Jan 19
12	Adebisi, Ranti Taibat	Quantity Surveying	Jan 19
13	Jimoh, Sherif Olanrewaju	Academic Planning Unit	Jan 19
14	Kuranga, Abdulkadir Olayinka	Registry	Jan 19
15	Bamigbade, Dayo	Accounting	Jan 19
16	Bamigbola, Olabode Matthias	Mathematics	Jan 20
17	Oni, Florence Okunlola	Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Jan 20
18	Ogunlade, Oyeronke Olufunmilola	Educational Technology	Jan 20
19	Eniibukun, Samuel Oluwasegun	Agronomy	Jan 20
20	Opayemi, Sunday Emmanuel	Security Division	Jan 20
21	Ajao, Adelodun Mohammed	Registry	Jan 20
22	Ajagbe, Abosede	Registry	Jan 20
23	Adeniyi, Ademola Jacob	Educational Technology	Jan 20
24	Abdulkareem, Sulyman Age	Chemical Engineering	Jan 21
25	Oloruntoba, Samson Olorunsoga	Security Division	Jan 21
26	Ishola, James Olatayo	Educational Technology	Jan 21
27	Abdulsalam, Nasiru	Chemistry	Jan 21
28	Ogunlade, Fadejinmi Carelius	Registry	Jan 21
29	Adejumo, Rachael Omotayo	Registry	Jan 21
30	Dauda, Rafat Bukola	Unilorin Staff School	Jan 21
31	Olorunsaiye, Esther Fehintola	Computer Base Test	Jan 21
32	Isah, Abdulmumin	Library & Information Science	Jan 21
33	Adio, Abdulfatai	Security Division	Jan 21
34	Adebayo, Joseph Sunday	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Jan 21
35	Yusuf, Abdulganiyu Kayode	Civil Engineering	Jan 21
36	Isiaka, Monsurat	Criminology & Security Studies	Jan 21
37	Ibraheem, Musa Oluwatoyin	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Jan 21
38	Usman, Bilikis Funmilayo	Centre For Open & Distance Learning	Jan 21
39	Abdulwahab, Rasheedat Arikewuyo	Computer Engineering	Jan 21
40	Omotoso, Ayodele Babatunde	Medicine	Jan 22
41	Fakuade, Abel Gbenga	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Jan 22
42	Adeyemi, Kayode	Registry	Jan 22
43	Salami, Bintu Bola	Library	Jan 22
44	Olubiyi, Adeola Taiye	Registry	Jan 22
45	Issa, Baba Awoye	Behavioural Science	Jan 22
46	Emmanuel, Aduke Rachael	Registry	Jan 22
47	Bakare, Akeem Adekunle	Registry	Jan 22
48	Ibrahim, Sulaiman Toyin	Registry	Jan 22
49	Dabul, Ezekiel Sunday	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jan 22
50	Olawepo, Kehinde Gabriel	Plant Biology	Jan 22
51	Adeleke, Mariam Olaide	Statistics	Jan 22
52	Babayehu, Adeshola Ajoke	Home Economics & Food Science	Jan 23
53	Abdulraheem, Zainab Kehinde	University Lodges Unit	Jan 23
54	Salami, Rukayat Folake	Portal Services	Jan 23
55	Ekundayo, Omolara Motunrayo	Registry	Jan 23
56	Adi, Azumi Hajarar	Registry	Jan 24
57	Opaleke, Deborah Oluyemisi	Home Economics & Food Science	Jan 24
58	Awojobi, Omotayo Sunday	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Jan 24
59	Garuba, Mohammed Tayo	Fire Services Unit	Jan 24
60	Durosinmi, Wasiu Ayobami	Estate Management	Jan 24
61	Olosasa, Aminat Aduke	Bursary	Jan 24
62	Oladele, Oluwabunmi Titilope	Information & Communication Science	Jan 24
63	Adebisi, Olusoji Olusegun	Microbiology	Jan 24
64	Suleiman, Abdul-Rahman Adebayo	History & International Studies	Jan 24
65	Igunnu, Adedoyin	Biochemistry	Jan 24
66	Joseph, Isaiah Edogbo	Registry	Jan 25
67	Issa, Yakubu	Security Division	Jan 25
68	Adu, Dorcas Dupe	Registry	Jan 25
69	Olaoye, Victoria Iyabo	Registry	Jan 25
70	Oyekunle, Timothy Lanre	Mathematics	Jan 25
71	Ibrahim, Fatimat Folawiyi	Central Admin: Office	Jan 25
72	Issa, Abdulhakeem	Centre for Open & Distance Learning	Jan 25
73	Bajomo, Eunice Tayo	Registry	Jan 25
74	Oni, Israel Ola-Oluwa	Registry	Jan 25

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



➤ The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has inaugurated the University Advancement Board to drive the institution's vision of becoming a global leader in education, research and community engagement. ("Golden Jubilee: UNILORIN inaugurates advancement board, unveils anniversary billboards", <https://blueprint.ng>; "UNILORIN VC Egbewole, inaugurates advancement board to improve fortunes of the University", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; "UNILORIN inaugurates Advancement Board For Sustainable Growth", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "UNILORIN Inaugurates Advancement Board For Sustainable Growth ", <https://www.factualnaija.com>; "Unilorin Inaugurates Advancement Board To Drive Sustainable Growth", <https://radionigeriacompanionfm.blogspot.com>; "Unilorin Inaugurates advancement board to enhance growth", <https://tribuneonlineng.com>;"UNILORIN inaugurates Advancement Board for sustainable growth", <https://the-reflection.com.ng>; "50th Anniversary: Unilorin to Drive Strategic Plans For Greater Growth", <https://thenewspointer.com.ng>; "50th Anniversary: Unilorin to Drive Strategic Plans For Greater Growth", <https://www.boardroom.vip>; "UNILORIN AIMS HIGH TO ACHIEVE FIRST CLASS STATUS", <https://dailyvinfolink24.wordpress.com>; "UNILORIN Unveils Billboards to herald 50th Anniversary Celebration", <https://high-profile.com>; "Unilorin Marks Golden Jubilee As Over 10,000 Benefits From NELFUND", <https://theprinting.com/index.php>; "University of Ilorin celebrates 50 years excellence and impact", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "Golden Anniversary: UNILORIN 'll actualise its strategic plans, says VC", <https://nationaltrailonline.com>; "Unilorin VC Unveils Golden Jubilee Logo, Discloses NELFUND Benefits For 10,789 students", <https://www.dailytopic.com.ng>; "10,789 UNILORIN Undergraduates Benefit From Students Loan Scheme", <https://YouTube.be/bciCMqikFo?si=URlic4GW-102qDK56>. "Golden Jubilee: UNILORIN VC Inaugurates advancement board", <https://blueprint.ng>; "UNILORIN VC Egbewole inaugurates advancement board", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; "UNILORIN moves to boost resource base - University of Ilorin VC", <https://www.unilorin.edu.ng>; "UNILORIN VC Urges Alumni Unity, inaugurates Advancement Board",

<https://crtstaleneews.com.ng>; "Unilorin inaugurates Advancement Board To Drive Growth", <https://thepositivevoice.ng>; "Golden Jubilee: UNILORIN counts blessings as 10,789 get NELFUND loan", <https://blueprint.ng>. "Golden Jubilee: UNILORIN VC Inaugurates advancement board, unveils anniversary billboards", *Blueprint*, Monday, January 13, 2025, p.29;"UNILORIN inaugurates Advancement Board for sustainable growth", *New Telegraph*, Tuesday, January 14, 2025, p.30; "10,789 UNILORIN students beneficiaries of NELFUND, says VC", *The Nation*, Thursday, January 16,2025,P.18; "10789 UNILORIN students benefit from FG loan scheme", *TVC News*, Tuesday, January 14, 2025; "10789 UNILORIN students benefit from FG loan scheme", *AIT News*, Wednesday, January 15, 2025)

➤ The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed concern over the situation of the Alumni Association of the University. ("Unilorin VC Condemns Infighting within Institution's Alumni", <https://www.thisdaylive.com>; "Unilorin VC breaks silence over alumni crisis", <https://dailypost.ng>; "Unilorin VC Criticises Infighting, Calls for united support", <https://edugist.org>; "UNILORIN VC Addresses Alumni Crisis", <https://thepositivevoice.ng>; "UNILORIN Management Clarifies Position on Alumni Leadership Criss", <https://www.boardroom.vip>; "Alumni Crisis: Unilorin VC Egbewole blames media for giving attention to Fasakin whose tenure has expired", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; "Fasakin, Vice Chancellor Trade Words over University of Ilorin Alumni Association Crisis", <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php>; "Unilorin Condemns Infighting within Institution's Alumni Association", *Thisday*, Monday, January 13, 2025, p.40; "Unilorin Alumni Crisis: Management intervenes, warns Fasakin of impersonation", <https://confidencenewsng.com>)

➤ An 18 year-old student of the Department of Accounting, University of Ilorin, Faith Aduragbemi Olabisi, has qualified as a chartered accountant. ("18 year-old UNILORIN student becomes chartered accountant", <https://tribuneonlineng.com>)

Open Ph.D. Theses Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1	IBRAHIM, Ganiyu Olayiwola	Physical Sciences/Mathematics	Numerical Solutions for Solving System of Three Dimentional Nonlinear Fractional Partial Differential Equations	Monday 3 rd February,2025 .11:30am	Computer Laboratory, Department of Mathematics (Block 1)
2	Abdulraham, Nurat Olamide	Physical Sciences/Mathematics	Some Deterministic Models of Solid Waste Management in Relation to Wealth Creation.	Mondays 3 rd February, 2025, 9:00am	Postgraduate School Conference room, PGS Building



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UNILORIN set for next level -- Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the Management of the University is working hard to ensure the actualisation of the Strategic Plan of the institution to take it to the next level.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), stated this last Monday (January 13, 2025) while speaking with newsmen at the University Auditorium Basement, shortly after unveiling the University's 50th Anniversary logo.

The Vice Chancellor explained that the 2024 to 2028 Strategic Plan is a work in progress towards placing the University on the right pedestal as well as enabling it to achieve its vision of becoming the first in Nigeria, one of the best ten in Africa and among the leading 500 at global level.

Prof. Egbewole, who is equally the Chairman of the Consortium of Kwara Universities (KU8+), said that the University is determined to push its research endeavours, infrastructural facilities and good community engagement to the next level in the new year and beyond.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that 2025 is a very significant year for the University, saying that the Institution is determined to achieve its tall dreams and put it in global limelight.

While thanking the media for their generous support to the University, Prof. Egbewole said that he had no regret whatsoever in becoming and serving as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University.

He expressed satisfaction that the University is witnessing a lot of positive changes under his watch as he explained that leadership entails facing and addressing challenges as they unfold.

Responding to a question, the Vice Chancellor said that the University is always prepared to face global health challenges.

To underscore that, Prof. Egbewole explained that a member of the academic staff of the University has been appointed into a committee put together by the Federal Government to fight the unfolding health challenge.

On the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the University, the Vice Chancellor said that the University is leaving no stone unturned towards celebrating the milestone.

He assured his audience that some projects, particularly an innovation hub worth N50 billion, that would speak to the excellent service delivery of the University would be inaugurated.

He enjoined the alumni of the University to be part of the celebration as he said that 50 distinguished alumni of the University including world class scholars would be unveiled during the golden jubilee in recognition of their contributions to national and human development.

Prof. Egbewole expressed joy over the achievements recorded by the University in the last 50 years and particularly since he took over its leadership in 2022.

While acknowledging that 2024 was a very challenging year for the University like many other institutions and individuals, the Vice Chancellor noted that the University is



■ Prof. Egbewole

working hard to put behind its challenges and work towards producing graduates that are first class employers of labour and not job seekers.

Speaking on the challenges facing the University Alumni Association, the Vice Chancellor urged members of the Association to work together in order to support the Institution towards achieving greater development.

As the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Egbewole described himself as a father to everyone that graduated from the University.

He explained that his Administration has done and would continue to do everything possible to promote unity and understanding among members of the Association for it to achieve its essence.

He appealed to the former leader of the Association, to work with the new Leadership chaired by Prof. AbdulRazaq Kilani, for the peace and progress of the University, pointing out that the real essence of the Alumni Association is to contribute to the development of the Institution.

On the National Education Loans Fund (NELFUND), the Vice Chancellor said that no fewer than 10,789 students of the University had benefited from the Federal Government intervention since its inauguration.

He expressed conviction that more students of the University would benefit from the scheme in order to grant them the privilege of acquiring education with little or no stress.

The Vice Chancellor also assured members of the immediate host communities of the University that they would benefit more from its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme in order for them to feel more impacts of the University.

In his remarks, the Chairman, University of Ilorin 50th Anniversary Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Mokuolu, said that the logo of the anniversary speaks more to the aspirations of the University.

Prof. Mokuolu, who rolled out some of the events that would be staged to mark the milestone, appealed to the press to support the University towards organising a befitting celebration.

The press briefing was attended by Principal Officers of the University and members of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee.