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UNILORIN Senate elects Odunola-Bakare, Etudaiye new DVCs

By Tajudeen Babamale

...names Oloyede, Obafemi, Akanji Emeritus Professors

The Senate of the University of Ilorin has elected Prof. Taibat Odunola-Bakare of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Prof. Mukhtar Adeiza Etudaiye of the Faculty of Law as Deputy Vice-Chancellors. The duo will succeed Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotosho and Prof. Sulaiman Folorunsho Ambali, whose tenures as Deputy Vice Chancellors expired on December 20, 2024.

The University's highest decision-making body equally approved the appointment of Professors Is'haq Oloyede, Olu Obafemi, and Musbau Akanji as Emeritus Professors. The three were picked from about 28 applications received from the various Faculties.

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■ Prof. Odunola-Bakare



■ Prof. Etudaiye



■ Prof. Oloyede



■ Prof. Obafemi



■ Prof. Akanji

Encomiums, as VC, others celebrate Omotoso as he retires at 70

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has joined well-wishers, including the University Principal Officers, Council Members, Senate Members, mentees, and associates of Prof. Ayodele Babatunde O. Omotoso, to celebrate the distinguished academic and researcher as he retired from the services of the University, having attained age 70.

At a reception organised for the renowned cardiovascular health and hypertension expert by his trainees and associates last Tuesday (January 21, 2025), the Vice Chancellor praised Prof. Omotoso for his passion, dedication, humility, and hard work, and urged everyone to emulate these qualities in their respective professions.

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■ Prof. and Mrs. Omotoso

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Owoyele commends VC on payment of PG teaching allowance

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof B.V. Owoyele, has appreciated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on the payment of staff teaching allowance.

In a memo to the Vice Chancellor last Wednesday (January 22, 2025), Prof. Owoyele expressed profound gratitude and appreciation for the commitment of the Management to the welfare of the academic staff, "as exemplified by the recent payment of the postgraduate teaching allowance."

Prof. Owoyele said, "The gesture, which has been unprecedented in recent years, is a testament to your visionary leadership and the Vice Chancellor's unwavering dedication to enhancing academic excellence in the University",



■ **Prof. Owoyele**

adding that this "has been widely acknowledged as a significant morale booster, inspiring renewed enthusiasm and commitment to their teaching responsibilities."

The Dean described the payment as the first time in recent memory, which underscores Prof. Egbewole's understanding of the critical role postgraduate education plays in advancing the University's mission of excellence in research and training.

He said, "By addressing this longstanding concern, you have not only alleviated a source of frustration but also provided a strong incentive for our teachers to rededicate themselves to their academic and mentorship roles with greater zeal and dedication.

"As we strive to maintain and exceed the high standards our University is known for, I assure you of the Postgraduate teachers' continued commitment to ensuring that the goals and objectives of postgraduate education are achieved under your leadership", the Dean stressed.

ODUNA partners UNILORIN to facilitate linkages with US institutions

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin and the Offa Descendants' Union North America (ODUNA) have formalised a partnership agreement with the signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at facilitating staff and student exchange programmes, as well as facilitating linkages with institutions in the United States of America.

The MoU signing, which was witnessed by Principal Officers of the University and ODUNA Executive Committee members, held last Tuesday (January 21, 2025) at the Committee Room of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed his gratitude to ODUNA for initiating this collaborative relationship.

Prof. Egbewole said that the goal of the University is to bridge the gap between the academia and industries, adding that the partnership with ODUNA has the potential to benefit the students, staff, and the entire university system.

According to him, "Even if the exchange facilitates relationship with hospitals in the US, our students and staff will gain exposure to advanced facilities and opportunities. I encourage us all to be deliberate in our decisions to maximise the benefits of this collaboration".

The Vice Chancellor also praised ODUNA for its long-standing contributions to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), as he shared optimism that the MoU would lead to fruitful outcomes for all parties involved.

Speaking earlier, the Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibraheem Lateef Onireti, outlined ODUNA's vision

for the partnership.

He revealed that the MoU includes plans to facilitate the involvement of renowned US-based academics as resource persons for the annual special Faculty Lecture at the Faculty of Clinical Sciences; establish linkages with US-based academic institutions and professional bodies to provide adjunct

lecturing opportunities for qualified ODUNA academics; create exchange internship and research fellowship opportunities for qualified students of the University of Ilorin, among others.

Speaking during the meeting, the President of ODUNA, Mr Abdulmajeed Lawal, explained the Association's goals of supporting initiatives that benefit the University of Ilorin, ODUNA, and the communities in Kwara State.

Mr Lawal noted that ODUNA has been providing healthcare services through annual outreach programmes for the past decade. He said, "The impact has been significant, and we are now expanding our scope. Collaborating with the University of Ilorin, a 'Better by Far' institution, is a step towards achieving our broader goals."

In his own remarks, a former President of ODUNA, Dr Adegboyega Abdulkadir, explained the importance of engaging Nigerians and Kwarans in the Diaspora to contribute to the development of the country. He said there are many



Nigerians, particularly Kwarans, who can bring valuable resources and expertise back to the country, pointing out that "this is an area where we think we can combine our ideas to improve society".

Dr Abdulkadir further explained that ODUNA has maintained an MoU with the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) for the past nine years, during which they have achieved significant milestones. "Through cooperation, we've had staff from UITH and the University of Ilorin volunteer in our outreach programmes. We've also donated equipment, medications, textbooks, and other essential items. We believe it's time to build on these achievements and take our efforts to the next level," Dr Abdulkadir stated.

Other members of the ODUNA delegation were Mr Nasiru Akanmu, Treasurer; Mrs Lola Mustapha, past Vice President; Dr Tolani Abdulkadir, member; Dr Odunola Rasheed, President, Offa Doctors; Dr Oyewole Sariyu, Dr H.U. Omokanye, and Mr M. M. Abdulkadir.



■ Prof. Fawole



■ Prof. Omotesho



■ Prof. Ambali

UNILORIN Senate elects Odunola-Bakare, Etudaiye new DVCs

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The two crucial decisions were the major highlights of the 304th Special Meeting of the University Senate, held last Thursday (January 23, 2025).

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, announced that the current Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, will be recommended to the University Governing Council for confirmation as the next Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services). He also disclosed that Prof. Odunola-Bakare would serve as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) while Prof. Etudaiye would serve as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), subject to the Council's approval.

A renowned Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Odunola-Bakare is currently the Director of the Centre for Management and Leadership (CML). She is also the immediate past Dean of the Postgraduate School.

Prof. Etudaiye, on his part, is a Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law and current Chairman of the University Admissions Committee.

Prof. Egbewole commended the outgoing Deputy Vice Chancellors, Prof. Omotesho and Prof. Ambali, for their dedication and loyalty. He said, "I am saying this with a full sense of responsibility, these gentlemen are very loyal to the system, and when you talk about loyalty to the system, you are talking about loyalty to the leader. I do not take this for granted. Their commitment has never been in doubt for even a second. They have the courage to express their views, even when the leader proposes or suggests something they do not accept for valid reasons. They never shy away from explaining their position or disagreement, despite their loyalty".

The Vice Chancellor said that "the

Principal Officers have worked as a team from the day they joined this administration until this moment. Whenever we had disagreements, we sat down to resolve them, and when we agreed on issues, they pursued these matters even more vigorously than the originator of the idea, even when they initially disagreed. They are workaholics. By nature, I am impatient, restless, and always on the move, yet they have kept pace with me all along. I say thank you".

Prof. Egbewole stated further, "They see the leader as someone who can do no wrong, and that has sustained us this far. Ultimately, this approach has brought us the accolades we are receiving all around. They give honest, uncoloured, and selfless advice to the leader. They never provide advice with ulterior motives. On behalf of the Senate, I thank them. They are appointees of the Council, and the Council will organise a befitting send-off for them as Deputy Vice-Chancellors."

Also paying tribute to the outgoing Deputy Vice Chancellors, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, said both men have diligently served the University, and their efforts will forever be appreciated.

According to him, "Prof. Omotesho is a detribalised Nigerian who works equally and effectively with Muslims and Christians. I even met him at the Ilorin Forum. Prof. Ambali, on his part, is a prominent member of Tripartite, an informal organisation that has been stabilising the University system over the years. What transpired in this Senate is part of the Tripartite agreement. I wish both of you the best of luck".

On her part, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Adedoyin Jolaade Omede, appreciated Prof. Omotesho's sense of humility. She said, "When I came in, it felt like we were going into war with the Administration, but with the conversation I had with Prof. Omotesho, I was reassured,

and the matter of dispute was resolved. Prof. Sulaiman Ambali, on his part, is an expert in diffusing tension. I remember how he facilitated the repair and maintenance of our Faculty car. He gives you hope and assures you of better results. He is the kind of man women admire because he makes serious issues look simple".

Also in his own tribute, the Director of the Computer Services and Information Technology Unit (COMSIT), Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, said he would miss Prof. Omotesho more than anyone else in the system because of the way he supported his office. He added that whatever the institution has achieved as a university in terms of digital transformation, the credit should go to Prof. Omotesho as Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic.

Prof. Jimoh said, "Prof. Omotesho will call you in the middle of the night; he will not allow you to sleep until the issue observed is resolved. As a university, we underwent two migrations: one from the hosting platform and another from the old portal to the new portal. These are exercises that could destabilise the University if mishandled. But because of his commitment and passion for this system, Prof. Omotesho works as if he is a graduate assistant to achieve results. He is someone qualified to be a mentor because he has served as Dean, HOD, and Director of Academic Planning. But when he is working, you wouldn't know he is our senior. He is the epitome of humility, so committed to the University, and passionate about its progress."

While paying tribute to Prof. Ambali, the Director of COMSIT said, "I see him as a loyal lieutenant because the moment the Vice Chancellor gives a directive, Prof. Ambali is already executing it. What I have seen in him is that he is a committed and loyal lieutenant who follows the principal's instructions without hesitation."



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Prof. Egbewole said, “There was a time when the University came back to him to serve as Dean. Ordinarily, the position of Dean is belittling for someone who had served as Provost, but because of his love for the system, he agreed. And that is one of the things I want us to learn from him. Since becoming Vice Chancellor, he has always regarded and respected me because of the office that I occupy. What that teaches is humility par excellence. Because whatever you are, you must recognise authority, and that is what Prof. Omotoso symbolises and preaches”.

While reflecting on his personal connection with Prof. Omotoso, the Vice Chancellor said, "My being here today is divine. Whether I am Vice Chancellor or not, I would still be here because of my deep connection with my brother, mentor, and advisor. Prof. Omotoso is a supporter of positive values, and for those who have worked with him, I pray that God continues to honour you”.

Describing Prof. Omotoso as "a wonderful human being", Prof. Egbewole highlighted his calm demeanor and thoughtful contributions during meetings. He said, “When he joins a discussion, everyone in the room is sure to agree with him. He is an encyclopedia of knowledge, always remembering dates, circumstances, and intricate details from

past meetings”.

In his tribute, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, who is also the President of ILUMSA Alumni Association Worldwide, said his first encounter with Prof. Omotoso was in 1982 as a medical student. He said Prof. Omotoso, who was a young and brilliant teacher, taught him prescriptions in medicine, and since then, he has developed a love for him because the honouree made what seemed difficult at that time very simple.

Prof. Fawole described his retired teacher as “friendly, a good listener, and someone with a good and gentle smile”, adding that “Prof. Omotoso handles his patients with such gentility, worthy of emulation.”

The Deputy Vice Chancellor said that Prof. Omotoso demonstrated passion and thoroughness, adding that he is “a versatile administrator, a team player, who believes in inclusiveness with everyone partaking as stakeholders and contributing meaningfully with wise cracks, jokes and proverbs to make you say something. I held up my hands and he has led me on since, through the years, for this I am forever grateful”.

As a social scientist, Prof. Fawole said Prof. Omotoso understands human behavior. “He walked us through the challenges of administration. He broke into administration with his appointment as the CMAC during the era of Prof. Olurotimi

Omoniye Fakeye (my main mentor), and from then on, he reached higher grounds through experience and commitment, most probably from native intelligence. Native intelligence can be acquired (abiso) or genetic (abimo). In the case of Prof. Omotoso, it is abimo. May you continue to enjoy the goodness and mercies of God.”

On his part, a former Member of the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin and past Registrar of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, Prof. Bababode James Bojuwoye, praised Prof. Omotoso for his firm commitment to the University of Ilorin and to Nigeria. Prof. Bojuwoye stated that although Prof. Omotoso had opportunities to leave the country for greener pastures, he chose to remain in Nigeria, specifically at the University of Ilorin, due to his deep love for the institution, the university community, and his concern for the health needs of Nigerians.

While acknowledging that Prof. Omotoso had played a pivotal role in the advancement of the College of Health Sciences, by bringing innovative ideas and expertise that helped propel the College forward, the retired medical practitioner, academia, and administrator further expressed appreciation for Prof. Omotoso's loyalty to the University and his exceptional critical thinking skills.

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UNILORIN TEC hosts innovation summit

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged students participating in the TEC ASBE summit to make use of the opportunity given to them wisely.

Prof. Egbewole made the call last Monday (January 20, 2025) while declaring open the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre ASBE Innovation Summit 2.0, held at the University Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, disclosed that the Summit was a remarkable journey of innovation, collaboration, and progress.

He maintained that the theme of the summit, "Entrepreneurship for Everyone: Breaking the Barrier of Opportunities", aligns with the core values of the institution, which shows that "we are committed to fostering an environment that not only nurtures academic excellence but also inspires groundbreaking ideas and practical solutions to societal challenges."

Prof. Egbewole urged the participants to engage fully in the sessions, discussions, and networking opportunities as the summit is a space where ideas flourish and collaborations are forged.

"I commend the organisers of the TEC ASBE Summit and I urge participants to make use of this opportunity wisely", he said.

He also charged the organisers to use performance indicators to measure the success of what has been done in the programme.

The Vice Chancellor expressed his profound appreciation to the organisers, sponsors, and all those who have contributed to making the event a reality, adding that "your dedication and vision are commendable, and your efforts are paving the way for a brighter future for our students".

Earlier, in his remarks, the Director of the Technical and



■ **Prof. Fawole**

Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem, noted that the mission of TEC is to bring out ideas of participants that may contain business prospects, train them to fulfill the requirements for pitching and expose them to contest for small grants as a caricature of competing for limited financial resources in the outside world.

Prof. Raheem added that the process had been thorough and rigorous, leveraging standard and globally acclaimed procedures mid-wifed by the conduit of ASBE Webinars conducted by a UK based expert on Entrepreneurship Development, Dr Irene Brew-Riverson of the University of Westminster, United Kingdom.

He explained that TEC had painstakingly trained and engaged 72 trainers, 14 Collaborators, 20 Evaluators, 128 Panelists, 10 Judges and 15 observers; including online evaluations of applicants from ASBE programme affiliated Institutions.

The Director appealed to the University Management to accept and embrace TEC ASBE Innovation Summit annually as a modest contribution to the actualisation of the Administration's generic vision 1:10:100.

Prof. Raheem noted that "the good work of TEC has been adopted by friends of our University with student participants coming from Fountain University, Osogbo; Ladoke Akintola University of Technology,



■ **Prof. Raheem**

Ogbomoso; Federal University, Oye Ekiti and University of Beau, in faraway Cameroon".

In her submission, the International Coordinator of TEC ASBE, Prof. Foluke Eunice Sola-Ojo, appreciated the Vice Chancellor and his management team for their continuous support for the programme and the Centre.

She appreciated the founders of ASBE under the chairmanship of Prof. Peter Oladapo Adeoye and other partners for their continuous support of the programme.

Highlights of the one-week programme, attended by students across Faculties of the University and other sister universities, included panel discussion comprising of Director, Academic Planning, University of Ilorin, Prof. A. A. Adeoye, Prof. Yunusa from Obafemi Awolowo University, Dr Oladele from Fountain University and Prof. Olushola Akande from Ladoke Akintola University, Ogbomoso, on how to be a successful entrepreneur.

Among those that attended the programme were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services, Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali); the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal; and the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Omopupa.

Adekilekun to deliver 273rd Inaugural Lecture

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Two hundred and seventy-third (273rd) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor M. T. Adekilekun LL.B (Ilorin); BL (Abuja), LL.M (Ife); Ph.D. (Malaysia), MISS (NDA Kaduna)

Department: Business Law,

Faculty: Law,

Topic: "Devils and Saints in the Legal

Landscape of Public-Private Partnerships in Africa"

Date: Thursday, 30th January, 2024

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

Chairman: Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN

Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar



■ **Prof. Adekilekun**

Ex-DVC, Ijaiya, appointed into FG panel on prerogative of mercy

By Abubakar Imam

The Federal Government has appointed a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Nike Yetunde Sidikat Ijaiya, into the Presidential Advisory Committee on Prerogative of Mercy.

The renowned academic and administrator would work with 11 other members selected from across the country on the Committee headed by the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Prince Lateef Olasunkanmi Fagbemi, SAN.

The Committee, which is tasked with the responsibility of recommending individuals eligible for pardons from criminal convictions, was inaugurated penultimate Wednesday (January 15, 2025).

Other members of the Committee include the Permanent Secretary, Special Duties and Governmental Affairs, representatives from the Nigeria Police Force, Nigerian Correctional Service, National Human Rights Commission, Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), and the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN).



■ Prof. Ijaiya

Also included on the Committee are Justice Augustine Utsaha, Prof. Alkasum Abba, Chief Akinlolu Olujinmi (SAN), and the Director for Special Duties and Intergovernmental Affairs, who will serve as the Committee's Secretary.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, commended the Federal Government on Prof. Ijaiya's appointment, which he said was

well-deserved.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the appointment of the former Deputy Vice Chancellor, who is also the first female Professor from Kwara State, is a honour to the University.

The Vice Chancellor noted that Prof. Ijaiya possesses relevant skills that would enable her to discharge her responsibilities to the fullest.

He expressed conviction that the retired Professor of Educational Management would work earnestly with other members to achieve the objectives of the Committee.

Meanwhile, the Offa Descendants Union (ODU), under the leadership of Alhaji Olaniyi Muyideen Azeez Salako, has congratulated Prof. Ijaiya on her appointment.

In a statement issued by its National PRO, Mr Taofeek Olalekan Olaosebikan, the Union wished the retired Professor of Educational Management great success in her new national assignment.

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Welcoming Prof. Omotoso into the fold of retirees, Prof. Bojuwoye congratulated him, noting that although Prof. Omotoso's formal tenure had come to an end, his legacy would continue to inspire future generations at the University and beyond.

In his tribute, the Chief Medical Director (CMD) of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Prof. Abdullahi Dasliwa Yussuf, who spoke through the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Sulyman Biodun Alabi, lauded the honouree for his exceptional contributions to both the medical and academic communities.

The CMD described Prof. Omotoso as a master strategist with an unparalleled attention to detail, emphasising his significant role as an outstanding administrator in the medical school and across Nigeria's academic landscape.

In his response, Prof. Omotoso expressed gratitude to everyone for their kind words and love for him and his family. He thanked his trainees for being wonderful students. He also thanked the staff of the University of Ilorin, the College of Health Sciences, and the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UIH), as well as the managements of these institutions for the trust and opportunity given him to serve in various capacities.

The honouree used the occasion to request that the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole help him express his appreciation to his predecessors, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede and Prof. Abdulganiyu Ambali, for their support for the College. "The

University authority gave us the freedom to construct the clinical building, which we supervised ourselves. Prof. Oloyede approved the construction of the project, and when Prof. Ambali assumed office, he supported the project and supplied the funding. The project has continued to yield dividends. TETFund has recommended that other medical schools come and see the wonders happening here. This is truly fulfilling," he stated.

Prof. Omotoso stated that he was retiring with joy and a sense of fulfillment, knowing that the Medical School of the University of Ilorin, with which he has been involved for over 40 years, has made significant contributions to manpower development in Nigeria.

He said, "Three months ago, I was in Abuja for an assignment with the Federal Ministry of Health. At that event, I met some alumni of the College. One of them is now a permanent secretary, while another one is a director in the ministry. They spent several minutes talking about how the medical school at the University of Ilorin shaped their careers. We are already reaping the fruits of being teachers".

While urging the students of the College of Health Sciences to uphold the values of the Institution, the former Provost urged them to behave well. He said that the University of Ilorin is known for excellence, and the students are not just being trained to become doctors but to excel in both character and learning.

Reflecting on his personal journey, the Oluomo 1 of Ijirin-Ekiti in Ekiti State said, "If I had not gone into Medicine,

perhaps I would have studied History or Law. I did History with all modesty in secondary school, and it turned out to be my best subject with an A1. History is part of me because you can't know or plan for the future if you don't understand where you are coming from. It is even good that the Federal Government has brought back History in our schools. Wherever you go, always remember the University of Ilorin."

Prof. Omotoso, who applauded his family for their unwavering love and support, said UNILORIN will forever hold a special place in their hearts. "I have children at the University of Ilorin. I started with three, which has now grown to six, and eight more have been added, with more on the way. This means that the University of Ilorin has a special bond with our family. We thank the University for giving us the opportunity to educate our children, from primary school to Unilorin Secondary School and finally, to the University of Ilorin for their higher education. In our house, we talk Unilorin, we eat Unilorin, and we enjoy being better by far. Thank you for this great honour," he concluded.

Others who spoke at the event were the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotosho; the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Registrar of the University, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal; and the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; among others.

Law Faculty takes possession of smart buildings

By Bashir Dawodu

The Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, has taken delivery of the newly constructed Moot Court, Professorial Suites, and Law Library.

The buildings, which are the first on campus to incorporate renewable energy technology, were conceived to significantly reduce electricity costs, were officially handed over to the Faculty last Tuesday (January 21, 2025) by the contractors. The Moot Court and Law Library are also equipped with CCTV cameras.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sidelines of the handover ceremony, the Director of the Physical Planning Unit, Mr Toyin Jimoh, said that the projects are a testament to the commitment of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, to the growth of the University.

Commending the Vision 1: 10: 500 initiative of the Vice Chancellor, Mr Jimoh described it as a strategic move to elevate the Institution's educational standards to new heights.

The PPU Director commended the contractors for their adherence to specifications and quality finishes, and urged users of the facilities to ensure their adequate maintenance.

He also advised them to report any damages within the next six months in order to ensure that repairs are carried out

at no additional cost.

In her own remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Nimah Modupe AbdulRaheem, expressed gratitude to the University Management for the completion of the facility.

She said, "This building is the best so far, and we are delighted it is dedicated to the Faculty of Law. It will advance legal education not just at UNILORIN but across Nigeria."

She also appreciated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the entire Management Team for giving the Faculty the edifice, which she said will assist the Law lecturers in contributing their quota.

Prof. AbdulRaheem also assured the University Management that the building would be optimally utilised.

She said that the Moot Court, Professorial Suites, and Library mark a



significant milestone in the University's pursuit of excellence, aligning with the goals of Vision 1: 10: 500 to create a world-class institution.

In his remarks, the Head of the Fire Service Unit, Mr Ibrahim Olanrewaju AbdulRasaq, noted that the fire safety measures in the new buildings were satisfactory, with only three minor adjustments required.

He urged users to always switch off electrical appliances before leaving their offices and familiarise themselves with fire extinguisher use.

Make History a compulsory subject in schools -- Jawondo

By Abubakar Imam

The Director, Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ibrahim Jawondo, has urged the Federal Government to rejig the nation's academic curricula and make the study of History in schools compulsory for every student.

Prof. Jawondo stated this penultimate Saturday (January 18, 2025) while speaking on a radio programme monitored by *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

The don, who is a former Director, Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), said that regardless of area of specialisation in academic pursuits, the study of History, as a subject, must be made compulsory to avoid distortion.

Prof. Jawondo pointed out that History should be an independent subject on the timetable for students.

He said, "I am begging government that they should not pair History with any other course on the



Prof. Jawondo

timetable. Let everybody, whether you are doing Science, Commerce, Engineering, whatever you are doing, History is very important. So, I think they should make it compulsory so that everybody will learn it."

The renowned academic, who is a former Head of the Department of History and International Studies at the University, alleged that those who were responsible for the removal of History from the academic curricula were enemies of the country.

He added that the anti-History study elements did so to discourage people from knowing about the history and formation of the country and cover up their past.

He said, "You are discouraging people from knowing who you are, knowing what your community is all about, how you came about, how Nigeria is made up, how Africa is made up, what is the relationship between Africa and other continents. For those who did it, I think they meant to destroy this country. Only God saved us.

Going further, he said, "The reason is because the governance in Nigeria shifted significantly from those that you can say are 'born to rule' to those who became charismatic due to Western education or through another means and they found themselves in governance, and so they want to clear that area of their history that looks to be a little bit dirty, and they feel that the only way is to stop people from studying History so that people will not know their past".

Over 1,000 UNILORIN staff benefit from international opportunities -- Onireti

By Idris Alooma

More than 1,000 staff members of the University of Ilorin had benefited from international scholarships, seminars, and conferences in the last one year alone.

This was disclosed by the Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), Prof. Lateef Ibrahim Onireti, last Tuesday (January 21, 2025) while fielding questions on a special interview programme on UNILORIN FM 89.3, titled "Oro To n lo." The programme was anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma.

Prof. Onireti said that CIE was established in 2009 to internationalise the University of Ilorin and make its staff and students global scholars. He emphasised the importance of using the Centre's resources to seize scholarship opportunities and get internationalised, thereby avoiding being "local champions".

The Director said that the University has indeed become a hub for international collaboration, with over 70 top universities worldwide partnering with



■ Prof. Onireti

it. "The Institution has also won numerous grants, including over N1 billion in research grants", he disclosed, adding that "Unilorin has been recognised as the most sought-after university in Nigeria, with the highest number of international students".

Prof. Onireti highlighted the successes of Unilorin students in international competitions, such as the X Culture problem-solving competition established in Japan. Out of 79 Unilorin students that participated in the

competition recently, 41 excelled, and one of them ranked among the top 14 globally.

The University's achievements have not gone unnoticed, as it recently won the JAMB N500 million prize for being the most sought-after university and having the highest number of international students.

As the University prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary, Prof. Onireti revealed that numerous dignitaries will be invited through the Centre, and several programmes are in the pipeline to make the celebration a special one. With all faculties having visiting lecturers and numerous memoranda of understanding signed for mutual benefits, the University of Ilorin is indeed poised for continued global excellence, he said.

The Director appreciated the University Management, headed by Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for its invaluable support for the Centre, which has made it easy for the Centre to thrive under his pacesetting leadership.

.Agric takes possession of new Home Economics building

By Bashirat Omotosho

The newly completed building for the Department of Home Economics has been handed over to the Faculty of Agriculture.

The facility was handed over to the University last Monday (January 20, 2025) by the contractor, Messrs Olatundun & Co. at the project site along Bank Road.

In his remarks at the hand-over ceremony, the Director of the Physical Planning Unit, University of Ilorin, Mr Toyin Jimoh, urged the officials in charge of the facility to maintain and protect it in the interest of the University.

The Director explained further that the building was a request from the Faculty of Agriculture to the immediate past Administration and brought to reality by the current Administration.

He urged the Department to occupy the building as soon as possible to enable the University to ascertain the comfortability of its structural formula.

Also speaking at the ceremony, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Olyemisi Fawole, appreciated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for ensuring the completion of the building project. She also commended the contractor for a good job.



In her remarks, the Head of the Department of Home Economics, Prof. Nasirat Yusuf, described the project as one of the most significant facilities on the University campus.

She promised to make sure that the Department moves to the building as soon as possible.

Earlier, while handing over the project, the Contractor expressed his

profound gratitude to the University for the opportunity given to his firm to execute the job.

The new Departmental building has fully air-conditioned offices and laboratories, CCTV Cameras, stores, fire extinguishers and fire alarm panel and changing rooms, fans and toilets, among others.



Egbewole tasks PG students on responsible use of AI

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged the postgraduate students of the Institution to embrace the responsible use of technology in their academic pursuits, saying the University is committed to academic integrity and innovation.

Speaking during the orientation programme for new postgraduate students organised by the Postgraduate Students Association (POGSASS), last Tuesday (January 21, 2025), Prof. Egbewole pointed out the dual nature of technology, noting that while it offers immense benefits, it also comes with potential risks.

The Vice Chancellor specifically cautioned the students against the misuse of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, saying, "Technology has positive values, and we want you to imbibe those positive values. However, it also has its downside, which is why we are appealing to you to avoid negative practices such as the misuse of AI. Artificial Intelligence is beneficial, but as Africans, we are still catching up with the rest of the world, which is already experiencing artificial general intelligence and artificial super intelligence. Meanwhile, we are still grappling with basic AI applications".

Prof. Egbewole warned that inappropriate use of AI could undermine the students' academic integrity. He said, "The way this technology is being used is creating problems for studentship, and that is why I am appealing to you. At

UNILORIN, we have mechanisms in place to detect plagiarism, including whether you have copied your theses. We recently awarded a contract to procure an advanced plagiarism detection system to reinforce our stance on academic honesty."

While reaffirming the commitment of the University to excellence, Prof. Egbewole said that the "University of Ilorin appreciates excellence. Unilorin is built to be the best in Nigeria, and you are indeed very fortunate to be part of this great institution. We are driven by values encapsulated in the acronym INJECT: Integrity, Networking, Justice, Excellence, Commitment, and Teamwork. If you imbibe these values, your stay here will be meaningful, fruitful, and productive for you and the University".

In his remarks, the Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. Bamidele Victor Owoyele, said that the unilorin postgraduate programme is the best in Nigeria as he reaffirmed the commitment of the University to academic excellence and student success.

While noting the University's achievements, the Dean revealed that during the last academic session, the Institution produced 375 Ph. D. graduates, alongside numerous Master's degree and postgraduate diploma recipients. "In the 2023, 2024, and 2025 admission cycles, we admitted about 1,700 postgraduate students, which represents over a 100% increase compared to the 2022/2023 academic session. The remarkable growth is due to the transformative changes introduced by the Postgraduate School,

made possible by the University Administration in line with our vision," he added.

Prof. Owoyele said that the Postgraduate School under his stewardship takes the processing of PG documents seriously, ensures that students' matters are attended to appropriately and on time, and works closely with the Department to ensure that academic calendars are followed as approved by the Senate. Speaking earlier, the President of POGSASS, Mr Abdulquadri Ademola Ajasa, congratulated his colleagues on securing admission into the University that is renowned for academic excellence and research innovation.

Mr Ajasa said, "As you embark on this postgraduate journey, you will realise that it requires more than just academic competence; it demands discipline, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence. This phase of your education will challenge you to think critically, conduct groundbreaking research, and contribute meaningfully to your chosen field of study and the society at large".

He said that members of the Executive Committee of POGSASS are committed to ensuring that all postgraduate students have productive and fulfilling experiences in the University. According to him, "Our Association serves as the voice of postgraduate students, advocating for your welfare, academic support, and social integration. We encourage you to actively participate in our various programmes, workshops, and networking opportunities, as they are designed to help you thrive in your academic and professional pursuits."

Egbewole greets *ThisDay* Newspapers @ 30

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the *ThisDay* Newspaper on its numerous contributions to national and human development, describing it as a reliable and dependable partner in progress.

In a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, last Thursday (January 23, 2024), the Vice Chancellor said that the management and staff of the media outfit deserve to be congratulated as the newspaper marked its 30 years of robust journalism and impactful service to the nation and global community.

The Vice Chancellor specifically congratulated the founder and publisher of the media enterprise, Prince Nduka Obaighena, on sustaining the glittering legacy of the publication, which has been discharging its functions continuously in the last three decades despite several challenges.

He noted that the newspaper is one of the most respected publications in the country, adding that it has always provided quality information, education and entertainment for its readers.

Pointing out that *ThisDay* is noted



■ Prof. Egbewole

for unbiased reportage and rich contents, Prof. Egbewole thanked the newspaper for always supporting the University of Ilorin, saying that it is one of the greatest friends of the institution.

He also thanked the newspaper for producing the University spokesman, Mr Kunle Akogun, who, he said, had been passionately and professionally serving the institution in the last 13 years.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law also expressed his appreciation to the newspaper for serving as a training ground for students of the



■ Prince Obaighena

University pursuing media related courses, saying that many alumni and students of the institution either undertook their industrial attachment or mandatory youth service programme at the newspaper house, as many also cut the professional teeth at the media organisation.

While wishing the newspaper more years of quality services to the nation, the Vice Chancellor expressed hope that the newspaper would continue to support the University in the years ahead.

Ex-Unilorite, Okinbaloye, donates N2m to Performing Arts Dept

By Olatunde Agboola

In a heartwarming display of philanthropy, a distinguished alumnus of the Department of Performing Arts and Film Production, University of Ilorin, Mr Seun Okinbaloye, returned to his roots penultimate Friday (January 17, 2025), donating a sum of N2 million to the Department from where he graduated in 2004.

The renowned Channels Television anchor was the Chief Guest of Honour (Chief Priest) at the induction ceremony for new students of the Department, a ritual that marks their transition into the world of Performing Arts.

Mr Okinbaloye, who earmarked the donated fund for facility upgrades at the Department, was treated to a captivating performance by the inductees, titled "Once upon an Elephant," which lasted for an hour and a half. Following the show, the veteran broadcaster performed the traditional induction ritual and offered prayers for the new students.



■ Mr Okinbaloye (3rd right) in the midst of the inductees and some of their lecturers

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including the Director of Academic Planning and member of the University Governing Council, Prof. Abdulrasheed A. Adeoye, and lecturers in the Department, including Dr Taiye Shola Adeola, Dr Felix Akinsipe, Dr Shuaib Peju,

and Dr Arinde Tayo.

Parents of the inductees were also in attendance, beaming with pride as they watched their children take their first steps into the world of the performing arts.



Sports Unit organises fitness programme to promote healthy living

By Bashir Dawodu

The Sports Unit of the University of Ilorin has organised a fitness programme aimed at promoting health and wellness among the University community.

The event, organised in collaboration with the Exercise is Medicine Club, a student fitness club, took place penultimate Saturday, (January 18, 2025) at the Main Bowl of the University Stadium. It drew participants from across the campus.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sidelines of the programme, the Director of the University Sports Unit, Prof. T.O. Ibraheem, highlighted the objectives of the programme, which included fostering physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being through regular exercises.

Prof. Ibraheem said, "Exercise is medicine. It's not just drugs that enhance healthy living. Many doctors recommend physical activity for their patients. Move more, live more."

The Director pointed out that regular exercises contribute to an increased lifespan and called on staff and students who missed the event to integrate physical activities into their routines.

He reminded members of the University community of the designated sports hour every Wednesday from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., saying that it is open to all and at no cost.

Prof. Ibraheem also expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his continuous support for the Sports Unit through the provision of necessary facilities.



■ **Prof. Ibraheem**

On her part, the Chairman of the University Sports Council, Prof. Omodele

Eletta, urged members of the University community to prioritise their health amidst their busy schedules. "Exercise is fun," she said, encouraging participants to find joy in staying active.

Also in her remarks, the immediate past Director of Sports and Matron of the Exercise is Medicine Club, Prof. O.L. Dominic, reiterated the importance of regular exercises as a key to maintaining good health and looking youthful.

According to her, "The human body is meant for movement, not prolonged inactivity. Many people now rely on machines even for domestic tasks, but physical activity is essential."



■ **The new Director of Academic Planning, Prof. A. A. Adeoye (left), receiving the hand-over note from his predecessor, Prof. Arosanyin (right)**



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 16TH TO 23RD JANUARY 2025

| RECEIPTS: | AMOUNT |
|--|------------------------|
| Academic Transcript | 185,200.00 |
| Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges | 4,616,600.00 |
| Sundry Other Incomes | 950,000.00 |
| Convocation Souvenir | 1,581,300.00 |
| Boarded Property | 29,400.00 |
| Capitation -NHIS | 36,000.00 |
| Staff I.D Cards | 5,000.00 |
| Income from Verification /Screening | 720,000.00 |
| Student I.D Cards | 3,000.00 |
| CCSCA Application Fees | 25,200.00 |
| CODL Undergraduate Charges | 683,400.00 |
| Utility Income | 247,400.00 |
| Clinic Registration (Staff) | 15,000.00 |
| Rent on University Property | 2,896,800.00 |
| Rent on Staff Accommodation | 145,000.00 |
| Disciplinary Fines | 3,000.00 |
| Refund (Non Salary) | 6,300.00 |
| Refund (Salary) | 61,203.00 |
| Publication | 129,300.00 |
| Refund | 15,000.00 |
| University of Ilorin fees | 10,000.00 |
| Others | 10,000.00 |
| Undergraduate School Charges | 795,262.00 |
| Undergraduate Transcript Payment | 774,800.00 |
| Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation | 100,867.00 |
| Undergraduate Examination Fees | 10,000.00 |
| Undergraduate Convocation Charges | 1,040,900.00 |
| Postgraduate School Charges | 20,193,050.00 |
| Postgraduate Acceptance Payment | 80,300.00 |
| Postgraduate School Transcript Payment | 405,000.00 |
| Postgraduate Application Form | 375,000.00 |
| Postgraduate Convocation Charges | 241,500.00 |
| Postgraduate Add/Drop Payment | 1,150.00 |
| Institute of Education School Charges | 1,650,600.00 |
| Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation | 25,200.00 |
| Remedial Application Form | 60,800.00 |
| Remedial School Charges | 3,023,200.00 |
| Remedial Acceptance Payment | 60,800.00 |
| Ilorin Business School Acceptance | 50,400.00 |
| Ilorin Business School Charges | 1,068,600.00 |
| Ilorin Business School Application Form | 25,200.00 |
| Ilorin Business Hostel Accommodation | 75,600.00 |
| JUPEB School Charges | 12,216,000.00 |
| JUPEB Acceptance Payment | 121,200.00 |
| Total Receipt for the Period | ₦54,769,532.00 |
| PAYMENTS | |
| PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS: | |
| Digma Integrated Services Ltd Construction&Furnishing Of Fac of Social Science Building (CBNTETFUND) | 22,946,726.16 |
| Meem Solar Solutions Maintenance of University ground | 1,229,062.50 |
| Funbas Engineering Nig Ltd Maintenance of University ground | 1,408,500.00 |
| Keemsek Global Ventures Maintenance of University ground | 1,211,287.50 |
| Rabfak Autofarm Maintenance of University ground | 1,282,500.00 |
| Clean Consults Integrated Services Maintenance of University ground | 1,349,512.50 |
| Kam Global Engineering Ltd Maintenance of University ground | 1,167,210.00 |
| Gatasuak Nigeria Enterprises Maintenance of University ground | 1,231,125.00 |
| Mukbanah Greenlands Ltd Maintenance of University ground | 1,235,295.00 |
| All-B Consult Ltd Maintenance of University ground | 1,479,750.00 |
| Blessing Fumigation and Pest Venture Maintenance of University ground | 1,370,040.00 |
| Al-Haqq Model Multi-Investment Ltd Maintenance of University ground | 1,378,125.00 |
| Humaj Tafida Enterprises Maintenance of University ground | 1,059,240.00 |
| Badaj Steel Structures Maintenance of University ground | 1,188,250.00 |
| Bofat Cosult Nig Enterprise Maintenance of University ground | 1,363,425.00 |
| Greeneco Consultancy Ltd Maintenance of University ground | ₦ 790,125.00 |
| Rajab and Amid Nig Ltd Maintenance of University ground | 1,150,275.00 |
| Metroplus Nigeria Ltd Maintenance of University ground | 741,300.00 |
| Dabb Contractors and Allied Maintenance of University ground | 923,925.00 |
| Zaahfat Investment Services Maintenance of University ground | 1,085,850.00 |
| Yasbam Royal Global Consults Maintenance of University ground | 1,086,157.50 |
| Febab Nig Ltd Construction of Anatomy Laboratory (NEEDS) | 5,593,023.52 |
| Yejooh Grand Coral Main Gate Beautification | ₦ 2,537,480.00 |
| IS Tech Solid Construction Company Ltd Renovation of Faculty Buildings Block 4 (CBNTETFUND) | 20,002,662.06 |
| Sammorf Agro Consult Ltd Renovation of Faculty of Social Science Building | 3,942,325.98 |
| Victoria Ikubanni Multibiz Ventures D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation. | 680,410.50 |
| Vieni Engineering Services Ltd Construction of four Bedroom Bongalow (CBNTETFUND) | 1,135,591.84 |
| Trendsville Media Ltd Production of File Jacket | 86,750.00 |
| Musty Grapix Dress Printing Jobs | 757,000.00 |
| PGC Cleaners and Merchants Waste Collection | 60,000.00 |
| Lapeju Sulead Service Ltd Renovation & Upgrading of Counselling and Human Development Building | 9,251,956.13 |
| 2White Dove Global Service Renovation of Labtop Building | 374,946.56 |
| Princess Luxury Hotels Accommodation and Feeding | 2,928,746.25 |
| Agolfa Nig Ltd Construction of Chemical Engineering Building (CBNTETFUND) | 6,214,923.27 |
| Noab Global Concept Ltd Supply of 200AH Batteries | 698,750.00 |
| OTHER PAYMENTS: | |
| Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c | 65,195,513.05 |
| Purchase Advance Various | 1,619,700.00 |
| Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel | 14,877,846.15 |
| Unilorin Guest House Catering Services | 6,850,151.00 |
| National Housing Fund Deduction for Nov and Dec 2024 | 38,285,919.28 |
| Unilorin Researchers Lodges Hospitality | 2,200,000.00 |
| Federal Mortgage Bank of Nig NHF Remittance December 2024 | 26,412,089.52 |
| Staff Training Oversea Conference (CBNTETFUND) | 5,729,950.00 |
| Nextra Innovation Oversea Trip | 9,611,200.00 |
| Association of West Africa University 10 th Annual Conference | 2,826,000.00 |
| Staff Training Sponsorship for 10 th Anniversary Conference of AWAU | 14,667,768.00 |
| Total TSA Charges Various | 85,032.00 |
| Total payment for the period | ₦289,303,416.27 |

Signed
Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)
Bursar



| S/N | Name | Department | Birthday |
|-----|---|--|----------|
| 1 | Abiola, Olasunkanmi Samuel | Civil Engineering | Jan 26 |
| 2 | Adekunle, Oluwasegun Adetokunbo | Agric Extension & Rural Dev | Jan 26 |
| 3 | Oni, Marion Olabisi | Unilorin Staff School (Upper Basic School) | Jan 26 |
| 4 | Abiodun, Olufunmilla Adunni | Home Economics & Food Science | Jan 26 |
| 5 | Ogunjumilua, Mosunmola Abeke | Registry | Jan 26 |
| 6 | Adeyinka-Ajiboye, Olabamibo Victoria | Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering | Jan 26 |
| 7 | Babamale, Suraj Mohammed | Registry | Jan 26 |
| 8 | Suleiman, Mulikat Arinola | Security Division | Jan 26 |
| 9 | Agbojologun, Muritala Shehu | Security Division | Jan 26 |
| 10 | Abdurraheem, Abdulhafiz Olanrewaju | Registry | Jan 26 |
| 11 | Yayi, Timothy Opeyemi | Social Science Education | Jan 26 |
| 12 | Olarinoye, John Kola | Medicine | Jan 27 |
| 13 | Jibril, Umar Nda | Nursing Science | Jan 27 |
| 14 | Otonekwu, Florence Onyeisi | Library | Jan 27 |
| 15 | Abdulkabi, Oba | Bursary | Jan 27 |
| 16 | Atiku, Monsurat Alatemeji | Registry | Jan 27 |
| 17 | Belewu, Kafayat Yemisi | Agric Econs & Farm Mgt | Jan 27 |
| 18 | Ojulari, Lekan Sheriff | Physiology | Jan 27 |
| 19 | Adebisi, Adebayo | Security Division | Jan 27 |
| 20 | Jimoh-Abdulghaffaar, Hidaayan Oluwamayowa | Physiology | Jan 27 |
| 21 | Ogunlela, Olayide Olajumoke | Health Services | Jan 28 |
| 22 | Isyaku, Ibrahim Bichi | Security Division | Jan 28 |
| 23 | Ayinla, Sulyman | Security Division | Jan 28 |
| 24 | Ariyo, Olufemi Adewumi | Registry | Jan 28 |
| 25 | Jimba, Abdulhameed Ishola | Registry | Jan 28 |
| 26 | Salman, Tawakalitu Kemi | Registry | Jan 29 |
| 27 | Amuda, Abiola Yahaya | Works: Works/Maint. Office | Jan 29 |
| 28 | Issa, Abdulkadir | Security Division | Jan 29 |
| 29 | Egbewole, Muibat Adeola | Registry | Jan 30 |
| 30 | Asaju, Musa | Works: Works/Maint. Office | Jan 30 |
| 31 | Ishola, Beatrice Oluwafunmilayo | Registry | Jan 30 |
| 32 | Abdulrahman, Abdulfatah Idris | Registry | Jan 30 |
| 33 | Saka, Luqman | Political Science | Jan 30 |
| 34 | Okoro, Tawakalitu Aderonke | Registry | Jan 30 |
| 35 | Olumo, Bolanle Adama | Bursary | Jan 30 |
| 36 | Usman-Hamza, Fatima Enehezei | Computer Science | Jan 30 |
| 37 | Zubair, Marili Funmilayo | Industrial Chemistry | Jan 31 |
| 38 | Abdulkarim, Umma Abdulkadir | Registry | Jan 31 |
| 39 | Saka, Aliyu Olodo | Registry | Jan 31 |
| 40 | Uthman, Lateefat Arinola | Arabic | Jan 31 |
| 41 | Sa'Ad, Muhammed Junaid | Registry | Jan 31 |
| 42 | Ademola, Oluwafunmilayo Abosede | Registry | Jan 31 |
| 43 | Obayomi, Joseph | Registry | Feb 01 |
| 44 | Atoyebi, Joel Adebare | Ling. & Nig. Languages | Feb 01 |
| 45 | Afolabi, Timothy | Security Division | Feb 01 |
| 46 | Sanni-Suleiman, Afsat | French | Feb 01 |
| 47 | Ogunyinka, Festus Olubunmi | Directorate of Corporate Affairs | Feb 01 |
| 48 | Awoyiola, Taiwo | Works: Electrical/Telecom | Feb 01 |
| 49 | Alabi, Raphael Ayodele | Registry | Feb 01 |
| 50 | Tunde, Victoria Lola | Registry | Feb 01 |
| 51 | Ibrahim, Aliyu Olowo | Registry | Feb 01 |
| 52 | Oguntoye, Stephen Olubunmi | Chemistry | Feb 01 |
| 53 | Oyeniya, Olatunji Michael | Registry | Feb 01 |
| 54 | Alamu, Akiti Glory | Religions | Feb 01 |

New Appointments

| NAME | FACULTY/DEPARTMENT | APPOINTMENT | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|-----------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Prof A.A.Adeoye | Art/Performing Art | Director,Academic Planning Unit | 7 th January, 2025. |
| Prof A.O.Issa | Communication and Information Sciences | Chairman, Library and Publications Committee | 13 th January,2025. |

Open Ph.D. Theses Defence

| S/N | NAME | FACULTY/DEPARTMENT | TITLE | DATE&TIME | VENUE |
|-----|------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1 | Arotiba, Kehinde | Management Sciences/Finance | Economic Freedom, Macroeconomic Factors and Stock Market Performance in Africa | 23 rd of January, 2025.10:30am | Faculty of Management Sciences Board Room. |

- The University of Ilorin has emphasised the need for students particularly those in institution of high learning, to harness the positive potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI). ("University of Ilorin Emphasises Positive Use of Artificial Intelligence among Students", <https://radionigeriaharmonyfm.com>)
- The Management of the University of Ilorin has donated tricycle to the Centre for Students with Special Needs (CSSN) to ease transportation challenges. ("Unilorin donates 2 tricycle to students with special needs", <https://quickNews.africa.net>)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reiterated his commitment to equipping graduates of the Institution for 21st century through entrepreneurship. ("UNILORIN graduates will be equipped for 21st century through entrepreneurship –VC", <https://medium.com>; "UNILORIN graduates will be equipped for 21st century through entrepreneurship –VC", <https://newsverge.com>; "UNILORIN graduates will be equipped for 21st century through entrepreneurship - VC", *The Herald*, Wednesday, January 22, 2025, p.1)
- While delivering the 272nd Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, a Professor of Medicine, Ayodele Babatunde Omotoso, has lamented that non-communicable diseases (NCDS), including

cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes and chronic lung challenges are contributing to a substantial burden of morbidity and mortality in the country

("UNILORIN Don Laments Rising Non -Communicable Diseases in Nigeria", <https://newtelegraphng>; "UNILORIN don laments rise in non-communicable diseases in Nigeria", <https://nationaltrailonline.com.ng>; "Medical Expert Raises Alarm on Rising Menace of NCDS", <https://tribuneonlineeng.com>; "Prof. Omotoso Tasks Govt on implementation of policies on Non-communicable Diseases to promote healthy lifestyles", <https://choicereporters.com>)

- The University of Ilorin has observed that it is an uncommon display of intelligence as an 18 year-old student of the University, Faith Olabisi, becomes a chartered accountant as an undergraduate. ("Faith Olabisi Unilorin undergraduate becomes chartered accountant at 18", <https://businessday.ng>; "How software helped 18 year old undergraduate become chartered accountant", <https://businessday.ng>)
- The University of Ilorin was mentioned among other universities that urged federal government not to sacrifice Nigeria educational system to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) policies. ("ASUU to FG: Don't sacrifice Nigeria's education system to IMF policies", *Blueprint*, Monday, January 20, 2025, p.8)

Egbewole hails Olabisi, 18-year-old chartered accountant

(Contd. from back page)

While appreciating the Vice Chancellor for honouring her and her family, Mrs Olabisi said, "We are so honoured to be invited to this meeting, and we appreciate it very much. If people who engage in immoral acts are being celebrated, I appreciate the fact that the University of Ilorin leadership deemed it fit to initiate this meeting. I believe that when young ones are celebrated, it serves as motivation and encouragement to their colleagues. I call her my succession plan because I didn't qualify until I was 39 years old. I didn't have the opportunity. My parents were not educated but were supportive in their own ways".

Mrs Olabisi said her daughter developed an interest in Accounting while she was a Business Studies teacher. "I would give her some scripts to mark, and from there she became familiar with the field. It hasn't been easy, but I always encouraged her because there was a point when she got discouraged. Combining schoolwork with ICAN was too much for her, but she scaled through".

The visibly elated Mrs. Olabisi, however, used the meeting to urge parents to look out for their children, especially when they are young. She said, "Not all mothers have the capacity to do what they need to do. My parents were well-to-do but, not literate. As a



mother, look out for the best in your child in every aspect. Always look out for what will benefit the child and make sure that child is aware of it. Even if we don't have awareness as parents, let us start exploring every opportunity that is out there for these kids and let us instill it in them as early as possible. When they grow with this mentality, they will be programmed to pursue great things. Children need to be encouraged from time to time. Lecturers and teachers are doing their best, but parents have a greater role to play in shaping the careers of their children".

Meanwhile, the Head of the Department of Accounting, Dr Abogun Segun, described Miss Faith Aduragbemi Olabisi as very industrious, hardworking,

and humble, always ready to learn. He said, "As HOD, I have a lot of students who are doing their professional examinations. What stands her out is that she was able to achieve this at the tender age of 18. She is very industrious, hardworking, and humble, always ready to learn".

Dr Abogun also said that he felt excited that this happened during his time because it has brought the Department into the limelight. He added, "This is a recognition of the work that the lecturers are doing in the Department and the conducive environment provided by the Management of the University, because when someone attains such a height, there is a whole lot involved".



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Egbewole hails Olabisi, 18-year-old chartered accountant ... Now I know why UNILORIN is called 'better by far' – Mother

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has celebrated Miss Faith Aduragbemi Olabisi, an 18-year-old student from the Department of Accounting, Faculty of Management Sciences, who recently passed the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) examination, qualifying her as a chartered accountant.

Miss Olabisi's feat was reported in last week's edition of the *UNILORIN Bulletin*, a report that has received widespread praise across the country. Her success was also celebrated by the Governor of Kwara State and Chairman of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRasaq.

During a meeting at his office, to which Miss Olabisi was accompanied by her mother, the Vice Chancellor shared the pride felt by the University of Ilorin community, including its Governing Council, Management, Staff, and students, in her remarkable achievement.

Prof. Egbewole noted that the University takes great pride in Miss Olabisi's success, especially as it coincides with the Institution's Golden Jubilee celebrations, scheduled for this year.

While acknowledging the challenges that come with becoming a chartered accountant, especially at the age of 18, the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law praised Miss Olabisi's determination to continue her education and pursue her degree despite her professional success. He said that this explained the importance of her passion for continuous learning.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged her to harness her talent and consider mentoring others who may share her aspirations, adding that her expertise as a chartered accountant could be a valuable resource even while she is still a student.

Speaking during the meeting, the youngest chartered accountant and a 300-level student, Miss Faith Aduragbemi Olabisi, dedicated her achievement to all those who supported her dream and aspirations, including her mother, lecturers in her Department, and the Management of the University of Ilorin.

While appreciating her mother for her unwavering support and encouragement, especially during challenging times, Miss Olabisi also thanked her lecturers for their understanding and support, particularly when she missed tests. She praised their generosity in allowing her to retake tests, which was vital to her success in the ICAN examination.

She said, "Every week I was calling her, crying. During the end of the second semester of my 200-level, I didn't go home for the entire two months. This is where I want to appreciate the management of the University of Ilorin, because while it is a tradition that hostels are locked when the School is on break, I was allowed to stay in the hostel, which assisted me a lot in achieving the feat".

When speaking about her motivation, Miss Olabisi revealed that her interest in accounting began at a young age. According to her, "I took interest since I was a little girl. I was determined to beat my mummy's record because she became a chartered accountant at 39, and I was determined to achieve the feat earlier than her. I always told her that I would love to be the youngest chartered accountant in Nigeria. A few years ago, I



■ Faith Olabisi (middle) and her mother (left) during the meeting with the Vice Chancellor last Tuesday

heard a young person became the youngest. And that discouraged me a little bit. But my mummy motivated me. I failed one paper at my Skill Level, I was discouraged, but I did not let that weigh me down. Here we are today, celebrating my success. This is the beginning of many more professional exams that I plan to write. I wish to achieve more before my graduation".

To her fellow Unilorites and all who might be inspired by her story, Miss Olabisi urged them to start working towards their goals and stay committed. She observed that if she could do it, they could do it even better. "Just start, read, stay focused, and continue to hope," she encouraged, sharing her belief that with determination, anyone can achieve their dreams.

On her part, the mother of the youngest Chartered Accountant, Mrs Titilayo Olabisi, appreciated the lecturers of the Department of Accounting at the University of Ilorin for being wonderful people who supported her daughter's dream. She said, "When some lecturers see their students pursuing something great, instead of encouraging and supporting such students, they make them their enemies. However, the lecturers of the Department of Accounting are very wonderful people. They conducted makeup tests for Faith when she missed them, and they don't schedule exams when there is an ICAN exam. I am especially grateful to her Level Adviser, Dr Yahya, who gave us the privilege to call him at any time. This is how a university should operate. They made me love Unilorin more, and I am happy that I chose the School for her. It is like home away from home for her. This is a school where you can leave your child and sleep with two eyes closed because you know they are in good hands. Thank you so much for making the peace of parents a priority".

While affirming that the University of Ilorin is, indeed, "Better by far," Mrs Olabisi said, "More so, I check her portal from time to time, and I have been encouraging my friends whose children are here to monitor their children's academic progress through their portals. Now I understand why you are called "Better by far". You are indeed better by far. I also love the bond among alumni of the University. They celebrate my daughter's success online as if they all know her somewhere before. This is a spirit that I love to see".

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