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VC reaffirms UNILORIN's zero tolerance for cultism

...Imam urges Muslims to sustain Ramadan lessons

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed the Institution's commitment to eradicating cultism among its students, saying the most sought-after University maintains zero-tolerance for cultism.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (March 24, 2025) at a joint Iftar (breaking of fast) where he hosted journalists, members of the UNILORIN Muslim Community, the Committee of Provost and Deans, Directors of Units, as well as students of the University.

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■ Prof. Egbewole addressing the press at the iftar media interactive session last Monday

UNILORIN Chief Imam preaches reconciliation

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam, has advised Muslim faithful to reconcile their differences with fellow Muslims, tolerate their weaknesses, forgive their past and broker truce among themselves.

Prof. AbdusSalam made the call on Sunday (March 30, 2025) in his Sermon at this year's Eid-ul-Fitri prayers held at the University Eid Praying Ground.

According to the Cleric-don, "the month of Ramadan should have softened our hearts, infused tolerance, love, and sense of forgiveness into our system to reconcile the differences between you and others, among family members, old friends, and neighbours."

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Eid el-Fitri: Egbewole tasks Muslims on life after Ramadan

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated members of the institution's Muslim community and the entire Muslim Ummah on this year's Eid el-Fitri festival.

In a statement signed by the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that the occasion called for celebration as it marked the successful conclusion of the month-long fasting.

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Theatre Arts can heal wars, hunger, others -- Oyewo

By Festus Ogunyinka

An expert in the thespian arts, Prof Segun Oyeleke Oyewo, has highlighted the therapeutic qualities of Theatre Arts, saying that it "can be one means of healing the tragic situations, such as wars, hunger, and poverty confronting the world."



■ Prof. Oyewo

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UNILORIN, NISS Renew MoU

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (left), with the Commandant of the National Institute for Security Studies (NISS), Abuja, Joseph Obule Odama, after the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions last Friday

Egbewole charges Registry staff to uphold university culture

By Temitope Omoniyi

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has emphasised the importance of the Registry staff in sustaining the University's culture.

Prof. Egbewole, who stated this last Thursday (March 27, 2025) at the 2025 Registry's First Quarter In-house Seminar, noted that as custodians of the university tradition, the Registry staff should be at the forefront of championing the values of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor reminded the staff that promotions will be based on performance and competence, encouraging them to strive for excellence. He also suggested that the Registrar should consider issuing certificates to staff members who attend the quarterly seminar in recognition of their commitments to continuous learning.

The Seminar featured lectures



Mr Alfanla

from two resource persons, the Deputy Registrar (Academic), Mr. John Aiyedun, who spoke on "Speech and Report Writing", and a Principal Assistant Registrar, Mr. Oluwole Leye, who spoke on "Understanding

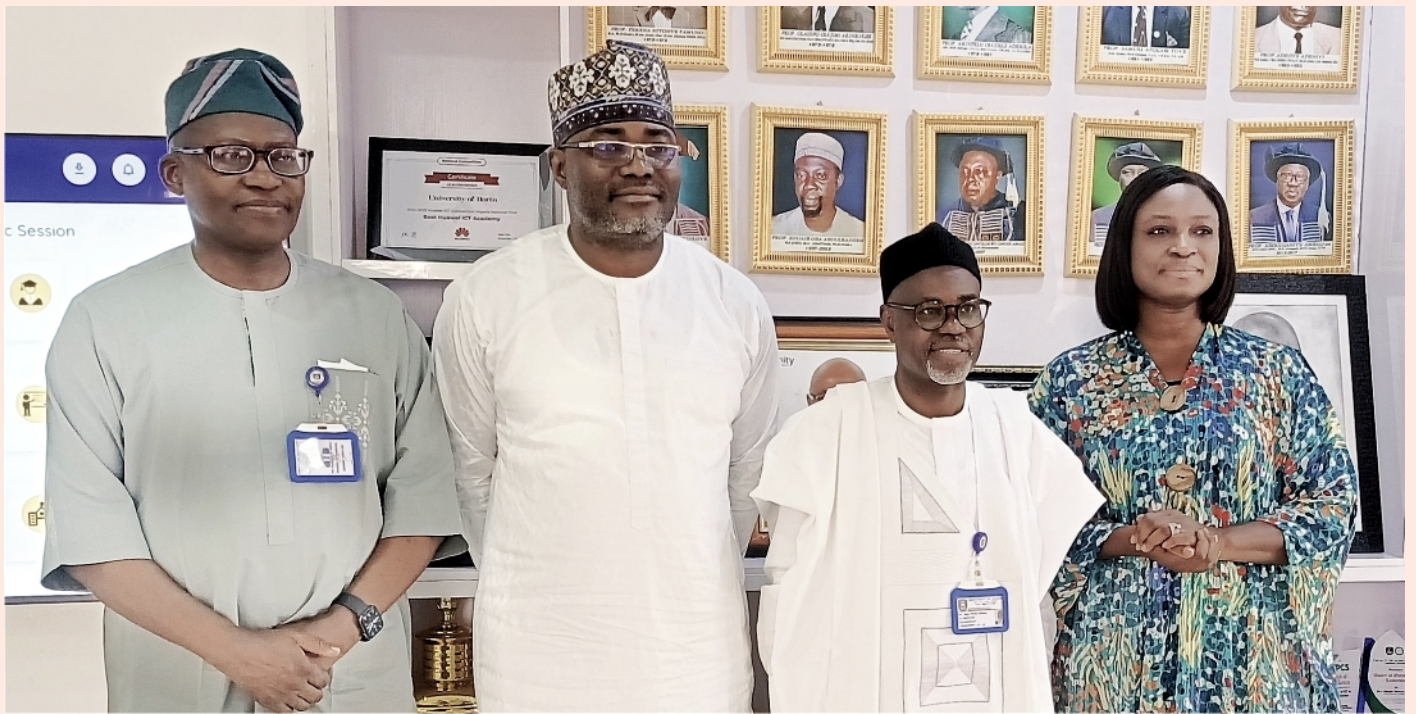
Administrative Terminologies, Usage and Implication."

In his presentation, Mr Aiyedun emphasised that knowledge acquisition is essential for personal growth and success. He stressed the importance of developing a reading habit.

On his part, Mr Leye's presentation highlighted the need for administrative staff to be well-versed in relevant terminologies. He recommended a daily review of the conditions of service book for at least 15 minutes.

Earlier in his speech, the Registrar, Mr. Mansur Alfanla, FCIML, urged staff members to embrace a culture of continuous development, stressing that up-to-date knowledge and skills are essential for remaining relevant and effective.

In his remarks, the Director of the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Prof. Abdulkarim Oloyede, praised the impact of the quarterly lectures on the performance of the Registry staff.



■ L - R: The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services, Prof. Adegboyega Fawole; the Special Adviser (Knowledge Management & Communication) to the Minister of Livestock Development, Hon. Richard-Mark Mubaram; the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole; and the Kwara State Commissioner for Livestock Development, Hon. Oloruntoyosi Thomas, after a meeting on livestock development partnership with the University last Friday

Omojasola commends Egbewole on fostering gender inclusivity

By Temitope Omoniyi

The Director of the Centre for Gender Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. Patricia Omojasola, has commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, on his efforts in promoting gender inclusivity in the University.

Prof. Omojasola made the commendation last Tuesday (March 25, 2025) when she led a group of women on a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor in commemoration of the International Women's Month.

The Director specifically highlighted Prof. Egbewole's support for women-friendly policies, gender balance in leadership, and ensuring a safe and supportive workplace. She noted that under his administration, intentional policies have been made to promote gender equity within the University.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor emphasised the importance of women's contributions, stating that it is foolhardy to think women do not matter.

He appreciated the visit by Prof. Omojasola and her team, commending the inclusive nature of the delegation, which comprised academic and non-teaching staff, as well as a student.

Prof. Egbewole pledged to provide necessary support to the Centre



■ Members of the University Management and the special delegation of women during the visit

for Gender Studies to enable it to thrive and continue to promote gender equity through education, research, advocacy, and policy recommendations.

Members of the women team on the visit included the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the President, National Association of Women in Academics (NAWACs), Unilorin Chapter, Prof. Irene Abiodun Durosaro; the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole; the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Oyebisi Mistura Azeez; the Dean of the

Faculty of Law, Prof. Nimah Modupe AbdulRaheem; Dr. Saudat Adebisi Olayide Hamzat; the Deputy Registrar (Vice-Chancellor's Office), Mrs. Azeezat Quadri-Ibrahim; the representative of the Director of Legal Unit, Mrs. Falilat Funmilayo Sheriff; and the Vice President, Faculty of Life Sciences Students Association, Miss Sharon Oluwadara.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Fawole and the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfa, FCIML, joined the Vice Chancellor to receive the delegation.

VC reaffirms UNILORIN's zero tolerance for cultism *(Contd. from front page)*

The Vice Chancellor attributed his Administration's success in maintaining a cultism-free institution and peaceful academic environment to the synergy between security personnel, management, students, and other stakeholders. He reassured the University community that the Administration remains committed to ensuring the safety of all students and staff.

Prof. Egbewole said, "As a University, we have our unique strategies. Since cultism is a security issue, our strategies remain dynamic. You will agree with me that we had exterminated cultism from our University for more than two decades, and it remains so because we have a security architecture that is working. We have a crop of responsible and responsive student bodies, a very effective Student Affairs Unit, and, of course, a zero-tolerance policy for cultism as a University".

The Vice Chancellor explained the significance of the 2025 Ramadan Iftar programme, noting its inclusivity in uniting all University stakeholders, regardless of religious affiliation. He stated that this year's event was particularly unique, as the University expanded its reach to engage not only with the media but also with the Muslim community, the Committee of Provost and Deans, Directors of various units, and other members of the University.

He stated further that the University provides accommodation for various religious groups, pointing out that "as a community, we provide accommodation for various religious divisions. Every religion is accommodated within our community, making our University unique."

Prof. Egbewole said, "I don't think there is any university in Nigeria that does what we do. Every Christmas, we felicitate with our Christian brothers and sisters, and during Ileya festival, they celebrate with the Muslim Ummah".

Speaking on the internationalisation agenda of the University, Prof. Egbewole assured his audience that the process is well on course and outlined key initiatives undertaken since he assumed office.

He mentioned efforts to sign more Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with universities across the world, strengthen the



■ **The Vice Chancellor (middle) flanked by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola (right), and the Deputy Vice Chacellor (MS), Prof. Adegboyega Fawole, at the Iftar**



■ **Dr Abdullahi**

institution's immersion programme, and upgrade the Centre for International Education (CIE). He added that the University currently has over 100 MoUs with institutions across different continents.

In a sermon at the Iftar programme, the Chief Imam of the UNILORIN Central Mosque, represented by the Deputy Chief Imam, Dr Musa Siddiq Abdullahi, urged Muslims to sustain the lessons of Ramadan, which include endurance, fear of Almighty Allah, and always providing food for the needy.

Challenging the audience to reflect on their devotion beyond Ramadan, the Imam asked, "As we move away from the month of Ramadan, are we going to be



■ **Prof. Badmas Yusuf at the event**

among those who fast only because of Ramadan, or among those who observe fasting because of their fear of Allah?" According to him, "during Ramadan, everyone observed the virtues as ordained by Allah, but true devotion is reflected in one's ability to sustain those good deeds beyond Ramadan".

Dr Abdullahi, who is a lecturer in the Department of Arts Education, urged Muslims to continue practicing self-discipline, guard their tongues, always speak what is good, share with the needy, refrain from fights, and avoid all forms of wrongdoing to ensure that their fasting is accepted.

UNILORIN Chief Imam preaches reconciliation

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Prof. Abdulsalam urged the faithful to tolerate one another's weaknesses, forgive the past and broker truce among yourselves."

He also urged Muslims not to be too joyful but be obedient to Allah, as there is no real joy in this life as compared to the joy of the hereafter awaiting the believers only.

"The only lasting joy in this life is

the inner joy of the heart whenever it discovers Allah. That explains the readiness of believers to keep on fasting, endure long standing in Qiyaamullail, recitation of the Qur'an despite the associated hardship with these acts because they hope for the joy of the hereafter. There is no joyful occasion in this life that is free from trial and tribulation", he said.



■ **Prof. Abdusalam**

Theatre Arts can heal wars, hunger, poverty, mental illness, others -- Oyewo

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Prof. Oyewo, who is the Head of the Department of Performing and Film Arts, University of Ilorin, made this submission last Thursday (March 27, 2025) while delivering the 276th Inaugural Lecture, titled “Imagine a World without Theatre and its Realities on the Stage and the Environment in Nigeria”, at the University Auditorium.

According to the renowned thespian scholar, whose lecture is the 7th from the Department, “a major rationale for theatre in both local, national and in cultural relations is predicated on the firm belief that the theatre can be one means of healing the tragic situations, such as wars, hunger, poverty, confronting the world.”

Quoting a foremost thespian, Goethe, the Inaugural Lecturer said, “An artless society is a heartless society”, pointing out that the arts in general and theatre in particular, is instrumental in bringing emotional depth, empathy, and humanity to a society”. He added that “without art, a society risks becoming soulless and disconnected.”

Prof. Oyewo, whose academic journey had been interspersed with practical professional participation, said that theatre can heal mental illness, based on his earlier study titled, “Psychometamimesis: Drama and Theatre In the Therapeutic Intervention and Management of Mental illness”. He said, “The assumption is that psychometamimesis has a strong potential for treating mental illness because the world of theatre is controlled in its own reaction to disequilibrium created in the universe”

The Inaugural Lecture further highlighted the therapeutic nature of theatre to the practitioners of Theatre Arts. According to him, “the use of physical body to present, perform and enact before an audience promotes wellness of artistes, because the use of body movement, gesture, and exercise involves muscular movement, and burning of fat among others.”

Prof. Oyewo, whose spread of contributions to the Theatre cover all areas of specialisation like dance, drama, theatre, music and the media as well as the social media, also said that theatre “is an essential



■ **Prof. Oyewo (middle) presenting the lecture notes to the Vice Chancellor (right) last Thursday**

tool for education, promoting critical thinking, creativity and emotional intelligence.”

To ensure that humanity continues to benefit from the sundry roles of Theatre, the Inaugural Lecturer made some recommendations to enhance the Stage, Environment, Arts and Cultural Management within the thespian industry, saying that “It is unimaginable for theatre to die, because its death will bring great cataclysm to the society.”

Prof. Oyewo called for the “establishment of a performing company (by universities) to compliment the academic arm and its tight academic schedule”, pointing out that this could emerge around three main concepts: teaching/academic support unit, research and community services, and revenue generation.

He also called for the establishment of finishing schools to enhance the employability of Theatre Arts graduates. This, according to him, will serve as “buffer zone between the classroom and the field after graduation.”

Prof. Oyewo also challenged Professional Theatre Associations to “exhibit proper control in enforcement of moral values beneficial to society” and to also “serve as regulatory bodies to address the issue of the liberal arts nature of conventional theatre schools to enhance the engageability and employability of Theater Arts graduates.”

The don, who is a former visiting

Professor, Pennsylvania State University, and the foundation Head of the Department of Theatre Arts, University of Africa, Toru-Oma (UAT), also stressed the need to exploit the window of cultural diplomacy offered by Theatre Arts “in exploring links and connections within the African Diaspora, for the preservation of African culture, by signing MoU among theatre departments, organising inter-university cultural and theatre competitions, making African cultural studies compulsory for all categories of students in African university curricular to make the theatre embody the spirit of unity in diversity within the categories of African diasporas.”

Prof. Oyewo, who is a former Chairman of the National Association of Nigerian Theatre Arts Practitioners (NANTAP), urged the relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations, to “regularly embark on the digitisation of theatre production resource materials and cultural festivals exhibiting them in schools, youth centres and museums of arts and antiquities to promote and transmit culture.”

The lecture, which was well attended by senior academics and friends of Prof. Oyewo, was held under the Chairmanship of the University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

Eid el-Fitri: Egbewole tasks Muslims on life after Ramadan

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Prof. Egbewole, who described the Ramadan fast as an opportunity for personal attitudinal transformation and communal rebirth, urged Muslims to always reflect the lessons learnt during the season in other aspects of their lives.

He added that the essence of the fast is to train and retrain Muslims on discipline, spirituality and observance of corporate social responsibility not just

towards their fellow Muslims but also to humanity as a whole.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged them to continue to be faithful, law-abiding, dutiful and generous as they had been doing in the last one month.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law explained that if Muslims and other Nigerians would maintain all the fascinating attitudes

they imbibed while fasting, Nigeria would regain her lost glory in no distant time.

Prof. Egbewole also assured staff and students of the University of Ilorin of the determination of his Administration to ensure their welfare and wellbeing as he urged them to continue to cooperate with the Management for the benefit of all.

NIPOST seeks enhanced collaboration with UNILORIN

By Temitope Omoniyi

The leadership of the Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST) in Kwara State has urged the University of Ilorin to increase its patronage of its products and services, particularly in the areas of courier services and transcript delivery.

At a meeting with the University Management last Tuesday (March 25, 2025), the State Postal Manager, Mr Josiah Gbenga Areo, said that the organisation is committed to staying up-to-date with the latest technological advancements in courier services. He expressed optimism that this assurance will further boost the confidence of the University in NIPOST's capabilities.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, welcomed the call for collaboration while charging NIPOST on improved services with a focus on innovation and excellence.

Prof. Egbewole challenged NIPOST to step up its game and compete with private sector companies that are currently thriving in the courier services business. He also emphasised the need for NIPOST to reclaim its position as a



Prof. Egbewole (left) receiving the Nigerian Postcodes Directory from the State Postal Manager, Mr Josiah Areo, while the Deputy Vice Chancellor (MS) Prof. Fawole (middle) looks on

leading player in the industry and to improve its turnaround time.

In a symbolic gesture, the State Postal Manager presented the Vice

Chancellor with a copy of the Nigerian Postcodes Directory, which highlights NIPOST's commitment to providing efficient and reliable services.

Red Cross commends UNILORIN's commitment to students' welfare

By Temitope Omoniyi

The Nigerian Red Cross Society, University of Ilorin Detachment, has commended the leadership of the University on its commitment to students' welfare and humanitarian efforts.

At a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor last Tuesday (March 25,

2025), the Society's Commandant, Patricia Adetuase, praised the University Management for its dedication to service, sacrifice, and vision.

The Commandant pointed out that the Detachment of the Nigerian Red Cross Society in the University has been actively involved in various University activities, including convocation and matriculation ceremonies, examination and test

invigilation, sporting events, first aid training, healthcare outreaches, and humanitarian initiatives.

She noted that the society's commitment to saving lives, alleviating suffering and responding to emergencies aligns with the values of the University.

In recognition of his unwavering support for humanitarian efforts, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, was decorated as the Grand Patron of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, University of Ilorin Detachment, by Prof. Shuaib Olanrewaju Oniyangi, the Staff Adviser of the Society. The Vice Chancellor also received a Platinum membership of the Society.

In response, Prof. Egbewole commended the leadership skills of the Red Cross Society, and assured it of continued collaboration. He pledged to support the society's activities on campus to ensure a smooth operation of its humanitarian efforts.



The Vice Chancellor (3rd right), members of his management team and officials of the Nigerian Red Cross Society during the visit

Good leadership must foster career growth, staff wellbeing -- Balogun

By Bashirat Omotosho

A Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Ilorin, Elizabeth Abidemi Balogun, has said that leadership at all levels must foster an environment that supports career growth, employee development and staff wellbeing.

Prof. Balogun made the call last Wednesday (March 26, 2025) while delivering her Vaedictory Lecture at the New Science Lecture Theatre 1, (NSLT1).

In the Lecture, titled "My Journey as a Toxicologist", the retiring don said, "By building on our strong foundation with a happy, committed and dedicated workforce, we can take our University to greater heights."

She maintained that to achieve excellence in research and training, available infrastructural facilities must be improved upon to meet with evolving global standards.

Prof. Balogun chronicled her journey from a young scholar to a respected authority in biochemical toxicology, emphasising the challenges and breakthroughs in studying the effects of toxic substances on human health.

She spoke passionately about her research on anti malarial agents and biochemical toxicology, which have contributed significantly to scientific knowledge and public health advancements. "My journey has been one of dedication, curiosity, and the desire to make a difference in the scientific world", she added.

Prof. Balogun made a case for the election of female lecturers into the University Council and urged the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, to seriously look into this suggestion.

She commended the Vice Chancellor's sensitivity to gender balancing since his assumption of office, pointing out that Prof. Egbewole has really appointed more women into positions of responsibilities in the University since he mounted the saddle.

In his remarks at the event, the Vice-Chancellor praised the retiring professor for her dedication to teaching, research, and mentorship, emphasising that "one good turn deserves another."

Prof. Egbewole noted that Prof. Balogun's impact on students and colleagues alike had left a lasting legacy that would continue to shape the academic excellence of the University.

"Your leadership and commitment have elevated not only the Faculty of Life



■ **Prof. Balogun**

Sciences but the entire University of Ilorin," the Vice-Chancellor told Prof. Balogun, noting that "many of your students, now accomplished professionals, are testaments to your unwavering dedication."

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Rotimi Arise, commended Prof. Balogun for her meritorious service to the University and humanity at large.

Prof. Arise said, "We celebrate not just the culmination of your distinguished career at the University, but the indelible mark you have left on the world of Biochemistry and Toxicology."

Also speaking, a former Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), who is also a former Deputy Vice Chancellor at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Olufemi Olaiya Balogun, appreciated the University of Ilorin for allowing his family to serve the institution.

While saying that he was very happy to be one of the pioneer lecturers of the Department of Biochemistry, Prof. Olufemi Balogun, who is the husband of the celebrant, appreciated the Vice Chancellor for all the development and transformation that the University has undergone and prayed that Prof. Egbewole's tenure remains successful.

In her goodwill message, a former Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sylvia Malomo, congratulated Prof. Balogun on her retirement, noting that her unwavering commitment to her students and invaluable contributions to the academic community will be remembered by countless students and colleagues.

Also in his tribute, the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Fountain University, Osogbo and Summit University, Offa, Prof. H. O. B. Oloyede, noted that the celebrant embodies the characteristics of a loving and supportive mother figure with nurturing and caring attitude.

Prof. Oloyede said that Prof. Balogun's mentorship and guidance, empathy and compassion, encouragement and motivation to assist all lend credence to her mother figure status.

Highlights of the event included the presentation of awards and gift items by the Faculty, Department, friends and family alike.

Other dignitaries at the event were a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Yetunde Sidikat Ijaya; a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Olayinka Buhari; the Dean, Postgraduate School, Prof. Victor Owoyele; the immediate past Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Patricia Omojasola; the immediate past Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu; the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Yemisi Fawole; a former Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. Clement Bewaji; the International Coordinator of TEC ASBE, Prof Eunice Sola-Ojo; the Ag. Head of the Department of Biochemistry, Dr Fauziyat Suleiman, and students of the Faculty, among others.

Catholic Chaplain charges religious leaders to preach 'Salvation'

By Idris Alooma

As the Lent fasting period progresses, a Chaplain at the Chapel of Light, University of Ilorin, Dr Jacob Olasupo Osaj, has urged all religious leaders to shift their focus from preaching prosperity to salvation.

Dr Osaji, who made this call last Tuesday (March 25, 2025) while featuring on a popular Yoruba programme, "Oro to n lo," on UNILORIN FM radio, said this period of fasting and spiritual reflection should be utilised for total supplication and rejuvenation.

The Cleric-don, who is also a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, emphasised the importance of emulating Jesus Christ, who fasted for 40 days and nights, as recorded in the Bible (Luke 4:1-2). He said that Christians must follow Jesus' example and observe the Lent fasting period with sincerity and devotion.

Dr Osaji cautioned that fasting



■ **Dr Osaji**

must be accompanied by prayers, purity, sinlessness, faithfulness, and focus on God. He also advised Christians to maintain their work ethic and moral uprightness during and after the fasting period.

Dr. Osaji noted that the coincidence of Lent and Ramadan fasting this year underscores the unity of purpose between

Christians and Muslims, emphasising that God is one and desires unity among all people.

He encouraged both Muslims and Christians to come together and pray for Nigeria, stressing that prayers can achieve remarkable results.

Dr. Osaji further admonished those engaging in sinful activities such as kidnapping, ritualism, and robbery to repent and make restitution during this holy month.

He attributed the peaceful atmosphere in the University of Ilorin to religious harmony, prayers, purposeful leadership, and academic excellence.

The cleric expressed pride in the achievements of graduates from the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, noting that many of them had excelled in various fields locally and internationally.

He encouraged leaders and followers in Nigeria to turn to God, seek forgiveness, and emulate the example of the Israelites, who received God's mercy after repenting from their sins.

UNILORIN student inaugurated as new NAKSS President

By Mustafa Abubakar

A 500 level student of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Ibrahim Wakeel Ayinde, has been inaugurated as the new National President of the National Association of Kwara State Students (NAKSS).

Ibrahim emerged the president-elect of the Association in a keenly contested election on February 3rd, 2025.

In his acceptance speech at the inauguration ceremony last Wednesday (March 26, 2025) at the Labour House, Ilorin, Ibrahim appreciated the University of Ilorin Management, the UNILORIN Student Union, NAKSS leadership, and the Igbomina National Students' Union for playing significant roles in shaping him into the personality he is today. He also expressed his unwavering support and commitment to students' development.

The new NAKSS President acknowledged the contributions of the organisations to nurturing student leadership and fostering unity among Kwara State students in their institutions.

He reiterated his commitment to ensuring that the interests of students remain a top priority of his administration. He also promised to work closely with relevant stakeholders to drive positive change.



■ **Ibrahim (middle), and other new EXCO members during the inauguration last Wednesday**

Ibrahim congratulated his colleagues on the new NAKSS Executive Committee and sought their cooperation to achieve the goals of the Association.

He outlined several agendas for the new administration, including promoting students' welfare, academic excellence, and entrepreneurship, among others.

In her address, the Kwara State Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Hajia Sa'adatu Moddibo-Kawu,

congratulated the new student leaders and urged them to uphold integrity and transparency.

Other dignitaries that attended the inauguration ceremony included the Special Assistant to the Governor on Students' Affairs, Mr Salami Wasiu Onidugbe; and the Special Assistant on Drugs Prevention and Control, Mr Mikail Aileru Lekan; former student leaders, and current students, among others.

UNILORIN alumnus awards scholarships to IT students

By *Abubakar Abdulquadri*

A 2016 graduate of the Department of Information Technology, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Mr Adeyinka Bakare, has awarded scholarships to three students of the Department.

The Ag. Head of the Department, Dr M. O. Oloyede, who disclosed this last Tuesday (March 25, 2025) in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, named the three beneficiaries as Soliu Abdulbasit, a 100-level student, who received ₦305,888; Soliu Rilwan, a 200-level student, who got ₦156,526; and Olukoya Seyifunmi, a 200-level female student, who received ₦163,326.

According to Dr Oloyede, Mr Adeyinka's initiative demonstrates his commitment to giving back to his alma mater and supporting students who face financial challenges due to the country's economic situation.

The Head of Department expressed appreciation on behalf of the



■ **Dr Oloyede**

Department to Adeyinka's Fellowship Foundation for its contribution to the academic pursuit of the students and for ensuring that the financial obligations of the beneficiaries are met for the academic year.

"I believe your kindness will have a lasting impact on their lives," Dr Oloyede said.

Dr Oloyede also called on other



■ **Mr Adeyinka**

alumni of the Department to emulate Mr Adeyinka's gesture by contributing their quotas to the growth of the Department, noting that such support is highly needed and would be appreciated.

The don equally appealed to the University Management not to relent in its efforts to engage with alumni of the institution globally.

UNILORIN launches Tech Innovation Challenge 2025

By *Temitope Omoniye*

The Department of Telecommunication Science, University of Ilorin, has announced the launch of the Tech Innovation Challenge 2025 (TIC2025), a cutting-edge competition designed to unleash the creative potential of its students.

The challenge, which is open to all UNILORIN students, invites participants to form teams of one to three members and develop innovative solutions to real-world problems using emerging technologies. The focus areas for the competition include Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity & Forensics, Blockchain Technology, Internet of Things (IoT), and Networking

& IT Solutions.

The winning team will receive a cash prize of up to ₦500,000 at the grand finale and award ceremony of the competition scheduled for May 21, 2025.

Registration for the competition opened last Monday (March 24, 2025) and closes on April 4, 2025.

Interested students can register at www.tichack.com and take the first step towards bringing their innovative ideas to life.

The Tech Innovation Challenge 2025 is an exciting opportunity for UNILORIN students to showcase their creativity, talent, and passion for technology.

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATION UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2025

Do you have an innovative idea that solves real-world problems?

Join the rewarding challenge and present innovative solutions that push the boundaries of technology.

Who Can Participate?

- Open to all University of Ilorin students
- Teams of 1 to 3 members
- Must include at least one student from the Dept of Telecom Science

Focus Areas:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Information Technology
- Network Security/Cyber Security/Forensic
- Blockchain Technology
- Networking
- Internet of things

Key Dates:

- Registration Opens: March 24, 2025
- Submission Deadline: April 4, 2025
- Finals & Award Presentation: May 21, 2025 University of Ilorin Auditorium

Prizes:

- 1st Place: **₦500,000**
- 2nd Place: **₦300,000**
- 3rd Place: **₦200,000**

How to Apply:

Complete the online registration form, including:

- Team details
- Project title
- Brief project overview (What, How and Why format)

For more inquiries, contact: Sakeenah; 09032611477 Seyi; 09032159553

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New Appointment

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Zainab H. Salawu	Registrar's Office	Desk Officer, Freedom of Information(FOI) Act	23 rd March, 2025

Ademola-Popoola becomes WACS EXCO member

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

The Head of the Department of Ophthalmology, Faculty of Clinical Science, University of Ilorin, Prof. Dupe S. Ademola-Popoola, has been elected Assistant Honorary Treasurer and Executive Committee member of the West African College of Surgeons (WACS).

This was disclosed in a letter by the Secretary-General of the College, Prof. F. O. Ugwumba.

In the letter, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Tuesday (March 25, 2025), Prof. Ugwumba stated that Prof. Ademola-Popoola would hold the post for the period of 2025-2027.

He wished her a highly successful period in office, adding that the Council looked forward to the positive impact her leadership would bring to the College and the region.

Meanwhile, the Vice



■ **Prof. Ademola-Popoola**

Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated Prof. Ademola on the appointment, describing it as “a remarkable honour to her and the University.”

In a congratulatory letter written

on his behalf by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfanla, the Vice Chancellor said that the appointment is “a testament to your exemplary leadership, professionalism, commitment and dedication to academic excellence and best practices.”

Also in their congratulatory messages, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. S. B. Alabi and the Dean of the Faculty acknowledged Prof. Ademola-Popoola’s efforts that have taken her this far, hoping that her wealth of knowledge and experience will be brought to bear in her new assignment at WACS.

Reacting to the election, Prof. Ademola-Popoola said that it is a great honour to the University.

In a notification memo to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola-Popoola said that her election is “certainly a great honour to our highly esteemed institution. Thank you for providing the enabling environment for a productive career.”

Udeh elected Chairman, UNILORIN Laity Council

By *Isaac Lewu*

Professor in the Department of History and International Studies, University of Ilorin, Lemuel Udeh, has been elected the new Chairman of the Laity Council at Saint Thomas De Aquinas Chaplaincy (STAC) in the University.

He succeeds Prof. U. B. Eke, who now serves as an ex-officio member.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office, Prof. Udeh pledged his commitment to enhancing the Church's aesthetic appeal and promoting the spiritual growth of Catholic members within the University.

The new Laity Council Chairman said he intends to improve the physical beauty of the church and promote spiritual development among church members. He disclosed that one of his key goals is to provide female hostels within the Chaplaincy premises, similar to the existing male hostel.

He also called on the Vice Chancellor to support his vision of recruiting more Catholic staff members into prominent positions left vacant by retirees. He believes it will strengthen the faith and encourage greater participation within the University Catholic Community.

Other newly elected Council members include Dr. Ayo Babalola, Vice Chairman; Dr. Harvert Atimuda, Secretary; Mrs. Oifa, Treasurer; Prof.

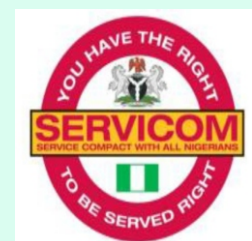
Felix Takim, Chairman, Project Committee; Dr. Sunday Ealua, Chairman, Works Committee; Mrs. Fatima Mary-Ex – Chairperson, Women's Committee, Mrs. Olanike Oyeniran, Catholic Women Organisation President.

The Chaplain of STAC, Fr. Iko-Ojo, congratulated Prof. Udeh on his new role. He praised the Council's efforts and expressed optimism about the positive changes anticipated under Prof. Udeh's leadership.

Fr Iko-Ojo said, “With the new leadership in place, the University of Ilorin Catholic Community looks forward to a promising future marked by growth and development.”

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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 21ST TO 27TH MARCH 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	25,500.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	1,516,700.00
Sundry Other Incomes	21,880,814.00
Convocation Souvenir	247,900.00
Others	1,750,490.00
Capitation -NHIS	2,764,800.00
Staff I.D Cards	5,000.00
Boarded Property	63,000.00
Contractors' Registration fees	15,000.00
Lost, Mutilated or Destroyed	200,000.00
Utility Income	91,500.00
Income from Verification /Screening	485,000.00
Refund (Salary)	700,000.00
Refund	800,000.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	957,600.00
Undergraduate School Charges	224,759.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	267,000.00
Postgraduate School Charges	5,835,450.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	219,500.00
Postgraduate Tuition Fees	1,093,400.00
Institute of Education School Charges	194,617.00
Institute of Education Application Form	765,000.00
Remedial School Charges	349,600.00
Remedial Application Form	30,400.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	30,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	75,400.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,363,801.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	30,200.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦41,982,831.00
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Zaamb Integrated Services Ltd Repair of Coaster Bus	18,214,195.31
Bilmalzeen Integrated Services Ltd Repair of Coaster Bus	18,910,075.06
Minnah El-Miraj Nig Ltd Construction of Reinforced Concrete Culverts	5,600,585.25
Waziat Global Services Ltd Repair of Coaster Bus	19,255,929.44
Rasheed Alanu Automobile Enterprises Repair of Hilux Truck	4,077,115.95
Waziat Global Services Ltd Repair of Toyota Avensis	13,280,501.63
Geeward Ventures Renovation of Walkways (CBNTETFUND)	7,543,162.34
Unique Excellence Nig Ltd Production of Jotter and Handbook	710,000.00
Zabos Intercontinental Ltd Installation of Solar Panel	4,343,803.00
Fasman Nig Ent. Renovation of Economic dept Building	214,882.33
Rastag Global Services Nig Ltd Renovation of Former Computer Training Centre for IBS	12,083,751.43
Ibadan Electricity Distribution coy Electricity bill for Feb 2025	170,515,198.96
Deen Aleem General Merchant Ltd Construction of Home Economic and Food Science Building (CBNTETFUND)	38,745,335.81
Raib Worldwide Interbiz Ltd Supply of Generator Equipment	590,000.00
Trendsville Media Ltd Supply of Letter headed paper and Official Envelops	2,862,187.50
Alim and Associates Ltd Construction and Furnishing of Blocks of Classroom (CBNTETFUND)	1,097,408.93
Shams Consultants Ltd Consultancy Fees (CBNTETFUND)	564,204.30
Prolinks Projects Limited Consultancy Fees (CBNTETFUND)	3,782,036.35
Bill Cost Development Partnership Consultancy Fees (CBNTETFUND)	844,422.33
Bislaw Engineering Ltd Consultancy Fees (CBNTETFUND)	863,960.23
APD Associates Consultancy Fees (CBNTETFUND)	1,935,011.74
Kapital Projects & Resources Associates Consultancy Fees (CBNTETFUND)	1,775,264.89
PGC Cleaners and Merchants Waste Collection	60,000.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	30,589,351.39
Purchase Advance Various	12,869,968.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	3,317,955.00
Unilorin KU8 Membership Dues	200,000.00
Nigerian Legion Salary for March 2025	5,298,000.00
Unilorin Press Printing Jobs	2,131,206.00
Total TSA Charges Various	107,930.00
Total payment for the period	₦382,383,443.17

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Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

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S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	TAIWO SIMEON AYOOLA	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	30-Mar
2	OLATINWO ABDULWAHEED OLAJIDE	OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY	30-Mar
3	OSHODI AYODELE FOLORUNSO	ECONOMICS	30-Mar
4	AIDELOJE JEREMIAH AITOLOKHAI	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	30-Mar
5	ABDULKADRI ABDULRAZAK	REGISTRY	30-Mar
6	BOLAKALE ABDUL-HAMEED	STATISTICS	30-Mar
7	SULEIMAN MUHAMMAD ROBIU	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	30-Mar
8	MIKAIL IBRAHEEM ABIOLA	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	30-Mar
9	OLADELE JUMOKE IYABODE	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	31-Mar
10	ADERINTO OMOLADE YIDIAT	MATHEMATICS	31-Mar
11	OLANIYI TAIWO AZEEZ	ACCOUNTING	31-Mar
12	ABDULSALAM AISHA TAYO	REGISTRY	31-Mar
13	SADIKU PETER OGRIMA	COMPUTER SCIENCE	31-Mar
14	JAIYEOLA TAIYE BOLAKALE	BURSARY	31-Mar
15	OYENIBI ABIODUN ESTHER	UNIVERSITY LODGES UNIT	31-Mar
16	ALIYU KUBURAT OLAYINKA	REGISTRY	31-Mar
17	IBRAHIM HASSAN KOBE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	01-Apr
18	ABDULHAKEEM LUBABAT ABIOLA	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	01-Apr
19	ADEBIMPE RAZAQ JUSTICE	PUBLIC LAW	01-Apr
20	UDDIN II ROBERT OMOTAYO	CROP PROTECTION	01-Apr
21	ABOYEJI ABIODUN PETER	OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY	01-Apr
22	ADEYEMI STEPHEN OLUSHOLA	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	01-Apr
23	BAKARE AKEEM	WORKS: ESTATE	01-Apr
24	IBRAHIM HUSSAIN KOBE	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	01-Apr
25	OBAFEMI VICTORIA YEMISI	REGISTRY	01-Apr
26	OYENIYI OYEKUNLE FEMI	REGISTRY	01-Apr
27	ADEGBINDIN IBRAHIM KUNLE	BURSARY	01-Apr
28	GARUBA ABDULLAHI TAHBAI	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Apr
29	AJIMOTOKAN HABEEB ADEWALE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	02-Apr
30	OYENIYI ADEBAYO MICHAEL	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	02-Apr
31	SHOBOLA SAMSON ODUNAYO	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	02-Apr
32	ABDUR-RAHEEM LUQMAN OYEDEJI	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	02-Apr
33	ODEDELE YEMISI ESTHER	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	02-Apr
34	AJIDAGBA ABDULRAZAQ IBRAHIM	REGISTRY	02-Apr
35	SOLIU LATEEF AMIDA	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Apr
36	AL-MUSBAHU ABDULRAHIM	MATHEMATICS	02-Apr
37	ALIU HOSENAT KEHINDE	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	03-Apr
38	ADENIYI SHOLA	TEACHING & RESEARCH FARM	03-Apr
39	SHITTU LATEEFAT SHADE	REGISTRY	03-Apr
40	AREMU MUKAILA AYANDA	MARKETING	03-Apr
41	IBITOYE EMMANUEL SEGUN	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	03-Apr
42	AHMED ABDULLATEEF ISHOWO	SECURITY DIVISION	03-Apr
43	ODETOYE TEMITOPE ELIZABETH	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	04-Apr
44	ALABI AFUSAT TITILAYO	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	04-Apr
45	ABOYEJI BLESSING OYEFUNKE	CENTRAL WORKSHOP:ENGINEERING	04-Apr
46	ABDULGANIYU SAKA BAMIDELE	SECURITY DIVISION	04-Apr
47	AJAYI EMMANUEL KAYODE	INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT	04-Apr
48	BELLO GLADYS TAIYE	REGISTRY	04-Apr
49	OLANIYAN ABDULGANIYU	BURSARY	04-Apr
50	JAWONDO IBRAHIM ABDULGANIYU	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	04-Apr
51	ADEBISI GEORGE ADENLE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	04-Apr
52	RASAQ ABDULLAHI FOLORUNSHO	BURSARY	04-Apr
53	ALABI ABIMBOLA OPEYEMI-	BURSARY	04-Apr
54	OLUREMI ADAMS AKEREDOLU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	04-Apr
55	MUHAMMED MURITALA	VETERINARY MEDICINE	04-Apr
56	MUHAMMED YUSUF	VETERINARY MEDICINE	04-Apr
57	ABDULKAREEM ABDULHAMID	LIBRARY	04-Apr
58	ODEYEMI OMOLAYO AJOKE	REGISTRY	04-Apr
59	OBATERU JANET FUNMILAYO	REGISTRY	04-Apr
60	SALIU SIKIRAT AYODELE	REGISTRY	04-Apr
61	KELANI KARAMAT AYOTOLA	SOCIAL WORK	05-Apr
62	ETUDAIYE-MUHTAR FATIMA OYEBOLA	FINANCE	05-Apr
63	ADESIYUN OMOTAYO OLUKEMI	PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH	05-Apr
64	SADIQ HANSATU	REGISTRY	05-Apr
65	ADEWUMI MATTHEW OLANIYI	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	05-Apr
66	YUSUF ABDULLATEEF ABIDEMI	TECHNICAL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE	05-Apr
67	JOHN JACOB	SECURITY DIVISION	05-Apr
68	ISIAKA BABATUNDE AKANMU	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	05-Apr
69	OLADIPO KEMI BLESSING	LIBRARY	05-Apr
70	RAHEEM MUIDEEN	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	05-Apr

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

➤ While briefing the press during the 2025 Iftar/Media Interactive Session, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed the institution's zero-tolerance policy on cultism.

("UNILORIN Maintains Zero-Tolerance For Cultism", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "Unilorin has zero -tolerance for Cultism -VC ", <https://www.westernpost.ng>; "Unilorin VC Reaffirms Ban On Cultism, Unveils Plans For 50th Anniversary", <https://solaremnews.wordpress.com>; "UNILORIN Reiterates Commitment To A Cult-Free Campus", <https://www.factualnaija.cim>; "Our mantra of 1:10:500 would be achieved by end of my administration, Says UNILORIN VC", <https://www.vanguardr.com>; "UNILORIN at 50: VC seeks support, reaffirms commitment to excellence", <https://rulersworthy.com>; "Unilorin Sets Stage for Golden Jubilee, Reaffirms Commitment To Excellence", <https://thenewspointer.com>; "Unilorin Gears Up for Golden Jubilee, Pledges More Global

Partnership", <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>; "Unilorin VC Restates Zero -Tolerance for Cultism, Highlights Golden Jubilee ", <https://choicerporter.com>; "UNILORIN signs MoU with 100 universities to enhance global standards – VC", BUSINESSDAY, Friday, 28 March, 2025, p.27)

➤ A renowned Islamic Scholar, Dr Musa Siddiq Abdullahi, has emphasised the need for interfaith harmony and mutual respect among Nigerians, urging both Muslims and Christians to embrace dialogue, invitation, and positive counsel as means of fostering national unity.

("RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE KEY TO NATION-BUILDING ... SAYS CLERIC ", <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>; "Religious Tolerance key to National Unity, says Islamic Scholar", <https://thenewspointer.com.ng>; "Religious Tolerance Key to Nation-Building, Cleric Urges Nigerians", <https://rulersworldtv.com>)

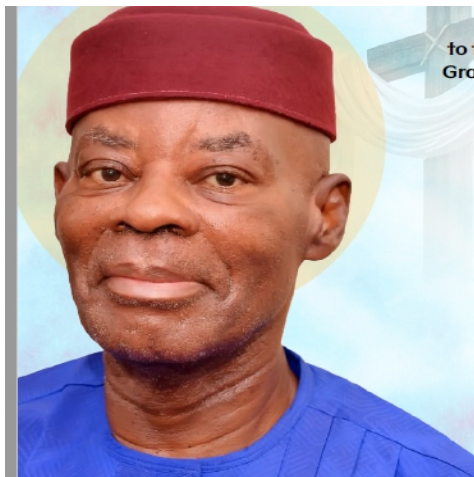
Faculty of Clinical Sciences loses don

By Bashirat Omotosho

An Associate Professor in the Department of Behavioural Sciences, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr Roy J. E. Ndom, has passed on. He died on February 15, 2025 and was buried in his home town, Katchuan Irruan, Cross River State last Friday (March 28, 2025).

In a tribute to the late academic, the Head of the Department of Behavioural Sciences, Prof. Alfred Makanjuola, described the death of Dr Roy J. E. Ndom as a great loss, which would be greatly felt in the Department, the Faculty and the University Community at large.

Prof. Makanjuola said, "I salute the departure of a great academic, senior colleague, colleague, and a perfect



■ Late Dr Ndom

gentleman.

"In spite of all, you kept it simple. Maybe you remembered your teachings on

coping strategies in the presence of difficulties."

Describing the late Dr Ndom as "a friend of students", Prof. Makanjuola said that the late don "knew many of the students by their first names and Matric numbers."

He added that the late "Dr Ndom was a man who contributed immensely to the success of students in their pursuit of academic careers."

Prof. Makanjuola stated further that Dr Ndom would be remembered for his good legacy and contributions to the University."

The Head of Department pointed out that as a former Secretary of the Faculty Evaluation Committee, the late Dr Ndom "was ever willing to offer psychological support to the students."

Ogunyinka's mum for burial April 4

The remains of the late mother of Mr Festus Ogunyinka of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, Deaconess Comfort Folayegbe Ajayi Ogunyinka, will be committed to mother earth in Ikoro Ekiti this Friday (April 4, 2025).

A burial notice made available to **UNILORIN Bulletin** indicated that the Christian Wake comes up on Thursday, April 3, 2025

at her residence, Odefunke Street, Ikoro Ekiti, while the Outing/Thanksgiving Service holds on Friday, April 4, 2025 at The Apostolic Church Nigeria, Odo Iloro Assembly, Ikoro Area Headquarters, Ikoro Ekiti.

Aged 87 years, Mama Comfort was a retired teacher.

May her soul find a peaceful repose in her Creator.



■ Late Deaconess Ogunyinka



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UNILORIN PhD student produces yoghurt from cashew nut milk

● External examiner seeks project commercialisation

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

A Ph.D student at the Department of Home Economics and Food Science, University of Ilorin, Victor Ephraim Edem, has successfully produced yoghurt from cashew-nut milk.

In his Ph.D. research project, titled "Optimisation of Extraction and Fermentation of Cashew (*Anacardium Occidentale*) Nut Milk for Yoghurt Production," Edem, who was supervised by Prof. Rowland Monday Kayode, highlighted the possibility of utilising state-of-the-art methodology to produce yoghurt from cashew kernel using indigenous starter culture of *lactobacillus* species.

The External Examiner at the Ph.D. Oral Examination, held last Tuesday (March 25, 2025), Prof. Cornelius O. Orishagbemi, urged the Management of the University of Ilorin to explore the commercial potential of the research project.

Prof. Orishagbemi, who is from Prince Abubakar Audu University, Ayangba, Kogi State, described the project work as innovative and outstanding research work that demonstrated expertise in cashew-nut yoghurt production.

According to him, "What makes it unique is the local starter culture; which Edem used to ferment cashew-nut milk to produce plant based-yoghurt".

He said, "The methodology employed mathematical equations to analyse the results, with major findings including extraction time, extraction temperature, and the ratio of cashew kernel to water", adding that "Edem optimised these variables to achieve the best results."

Prof. Orishagbemi stated further that "Edem's research also explored alternative uses of cashew-nut, including the production of chinchin and a meal that can replace Egusi soup. These innovations have the potential to generate internal revenue for the university and create export products."

Prof. Orishagbemi appreciated the University Management, including the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, the Head of the Department, and the Dean of the Postgraduate School, for inviting him to examine Edem's Ph.D. presentation.

During his presentation, Edem highlighted the significance of the product to the University community, including the provision of healthier food options for students and staff, addressing specific dietary needs, and positioning the university as a leader in research.

He recommended that optimised mixture formulations of cashew-based yoghurt could serve as a standard for industrial applications.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. Bamidele Victor Owoyele, who was represented by the Sub Dean, Prof. Sijuwade Adebukola Adebayo, congratulated



■ L-R: The Head of Department of Home Economics and Food Science, Prof. Abiodun; the Director, SIWES and candidate's Supervisor, Prof. Kayode Roland; the PhD Student, Mr Edem; the Dean of Agriculture, Prof. Fawole and the External Examiner, Prof. Orishagbemi

the Ph.D. student for a well-packaged presentation and job well done.

Prof. Owoyele attested that Edem's research work is very innovative, producing findings that would benefit the University community.

He urged students to come up with innovative findings, emphasising that research in the Faculty of Agriculture should be practical and value-adding.

The Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole, expressed excitement about the maiden oral defense. She congratulated the Supervisor, Prof. Rowland Monday Kayode, the Head of Department, and staff members for this milestone achievement.

The Head of the Department of Home Economics and Food Science, Prof. Olufunmilayo Adunni Abiodun, thanked Almighty God for the success recorded during her tenure, promising to sustain the training of Ph.D. students and describing the achievement as a landmark success for the Department, institution, and Nigeria.

In his remarks, the Supervisor of the first Ph.D. student in the Department, Prof. Rowland Monday Kayode, expressed happiness about the Department's breakthrough.

Prof. Kayode, who is the Director of SIWES, appreciated the University administration for its consistent support to the Department and announced plans to patent the work after approval of the Ph.D. result by the University Senate.