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UNIVERSITY OF ILESA HOLDS SECOND MATRICULATION CEREMONY FOR 2024/2025 FRESH STUDENTS



A section of the Matriculating Students

The University of Ilesa, Ilesa, Osun state held its second matriculation ceremony for the 2024/2025 academic session Wednesday 11th December, 2024. Welcoming a new cohort of students into its growing academic community. The event, held at the University's Multi-Purpose Hall, was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Olufemi Asaolu, Ph.D., FCA, who delivered an inspiring address to the fresh students, their parents, and other distinguished guests.

In his speech, Professor Asaolu expressed his joy at the progress of the nascent institution, describing it as a testament to resilience and commitment. "When we started about 18 months ago, it was like a child's play in the eyes of many. But today, the University of Ilesa has come to stay," he remarked.

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the new students on their successful admission, highlighting the significance of their achievement in overcoming the challenges of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) examinations. He commended the students' determination and also acknowledged the sacrifices of their parents and guardians, assuring them that their efforts would not be in vain.

Professor Asaolu emphasized the importance of discipline, attendance, and active participation in lectures, tutorials, and practical sessions. He reminded the students that a minimum attendance of 75% was mandatory to qualify for examinations. He also introduced the University's core values, such as "Insight with Integrity" and "Enterprise with Excellence," as guiding principles for their academic journey.

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The Vice-Chancellor and the Matriculating Students



The VC and the Registrar



The cross section of the Matriculating Students

The Vice-Chancellor assured students of the University's commitment to providing adequate facilities, including libraries, laboratories, and sporting equipment, to ensure a conducive learning environment.

Highlighting the importance of student welfare, Professor Asaolu noted that the University has upgraded its security measures and provided modern sporting facilities. He shared the achievements of the institutions at competitions, including a bronze medal won by a 200-level student, Mr. David Oluwaseun Ajibola, at the National Sewing Competition.

Professor Asaolu reiterated the University's zero-tolerance for cultism, bullying, and other inappropriate behaviours. He encouraged students to join only duly registered groups and report any pressure to join outlawed groups to the authorities.

The Vice-Chancellor also reminded them to adhere to the University's dress code, warning that improper dressing would attract sanctions. He also instructed all students to wear their identity cards at all times for easy identification within the campus.



The Registrar, UNILESA

Students were advised to take advantage of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), a Federal Government initiative aimed at supporting tuition and living expenses for tertiary education. Professor Asaolu urged students to seek guidance from the Acting Dean of Student Affairs for assistance with applications.

The ceremony concluded with the administration of the Matriculation Oath, marking the official integration of the students into the University community. The Vice-Chancellor charged them to uphold discipline, integrity, and excellence throughout their stay.

Concluding his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor expressed hopes for the students' future, praying that they would become sources of pride and actualize God-ordained dreams for themselves, their families and society. "Once again, I congratulate and warmly admit you into the University of Ilesa as worthy members and stakeholders," he said.

The event was attended by the University's principal officers, faculty deans, Heads of department, parents, and well-wishers.

STAFF HONOUR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, DONATE MORE MATTRESSES

The University of Ilesa's principal officers were honoured with awards on Monday, February 10, 2025, recognizing their outstanding contributions since the university's inception. Dr. Olusogo Odekunle, spokesperson for the three categories of staff, praised the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Olufemi Asaolu, for promoting peace and progress among the university's workforce.¹

The Vice-Chancellor expressed gratitude for the recognition and emphasized the importance of sustaining the existing peaceful atmosphere. He also



The Bursar receiving an award

urged staff representatives to collaborate with the university management to promote proactive and sensitive work habits.

Some notable achievements highlighted during the ceremony include provision of basic essentials, ensuring staff have the necessary resources to thrive, conversion of temporary staff to permanent positions, providing support services for students, securing approvals for 67 academic programmes, promoting staff welfare and development, and fostering robust community relations, among others.

The Vice-Chancellor appreciated the staff for their cooperation and hard work, attributing the university's success to God's providential faithfulness and support from the State Government and the University Governing Council.

Further donation of mattresses towards the development of the students' hostel was made by the Staff to the University at the event. It would be recalled that Staff of the University had earlier donated 150 mattresses to the University



The VC receiving an award



The Registrar receiving an award



The University Librarian receiving an award

UNILESA: A HUB FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT



Soccer Team

Under the visionary leadership of Professor Taiwo Olufemi Asaolu, the University Management has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to promoting sports development within the institution. This effort has transformed UNILESA into a thriving hub for sporting activities in Osun State.

The University's emphasis on sports has fostered a culture of work-life balance among staff and discouraged students from engaging in antisocial behaviour. To support this initiative, the University has procured an array of sports equipment for various games, including football, volleyball, basketball, and chess while equipment for judo game, including Judo tatami mats, have also been provided. Additionally, competent coaches have been engaged to provide expert training and guidance for students.

Notably, the University has also established a golf course, attracting golf enthusiasts from across the southwest. The Vice-Chancellor's personal

passion for sports has been instrumental in driving this initiative, and his commitment to sports development is worthy of recognition.

As a result of these efforts, UNILESA students have begun participating in inter-institution competitions, proudly representing UNILESA. Furthermore, the University's athletes have commenced training for the upcoming Nigeria Universities Games Association (NUGA) event, scheduled to take place at the University of Jos.



UNILESA GYM

OFFICIAL HANDING OVER OF ULTRA- MODERN NURSING SCIENCES LABORATORY COMPLEX

Words would not suffice to ventilate the amount of joy and ecstasy that pervaded the atmosphere on Friday 3rd January, 2025 at the official handing over of an ultra- modern Nursing Sciences Laboratory built and donated by the BOT members of the Endowment Committee.

The laboratory, whose groundbreaking and Foundation laying ceremony took place on 2nd March, 2024 was strictly supervised by qualified and astute Engineers employed on purpose.



Hon. Olugbenga Onigbogi, FCA (Pro Chancellor)

In his welcome address, the pioneer Vice- Chancellor of UNILESA, Professor Taiwo Olufemi Asaolu, Ph.D; FCA lauded the donor community led by the High Chief Akinola, the Sawe of Ilesa, for being so magnanimous, stressing that, the task of raising and maintaining a world- class University could not be single handedly undertaken by Government, 'there was a need for optimal collaboration', he remarked.



The Vice- Chancellor equally appreciated the State government, ably led by Senator Ademola Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke for being a vehement pillar upon which the progress so far made has been built. He recalled, with a deep sense of indebtedness, the overwhelming support the University had so far garnered which metamorphosed into approval of 67 academic programmes presented to NUC by the University.

Reeling out yet other academic programmes, intended for the next academic session, the VC remarked that there would be need for more collaborations by well- meaning individuals, who doubled as critical stakeholders in the academic enterprise.



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The Interiors of Ultra-Modren Nursing Sciences Laboratory



The Vice-Chancellor



The Nursing Sciences Laboratory

UNILESA UNVEILS 2025 PROJECTIONS

The University of Ilesa (UNILESA), Osun State, has outlined its strategic goals for 2025, as revealed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Olufemi Asaolu during an interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Session organized by the University.

Professor Asaolu announced plans to introduce new academic programmes, including Medicine and Surgery, Chinese studies, French Language and Agricultural Science. He also disclosed the upcoming launch of JUBEB and Sandwich programmes, enhanced staff welfare initiatives, and further renovations of campus facilities.

To address energy challenges, the University intends to gradually deploy solar power solutions, ensuring improved electricity supply. Additionally, UNILESA plans to foster collaborations with both local and international institutions to boost its academic reputation.

Reflecting on the University's achievements in 2024, Professor Asaolu highlighted the successful conclusion of the 2023/2024 academic session and the seamless commencement of the

2024/2025 session. Over 3,000 new students were admitted, raising the total student population to over 5,000.

Infrastructure development was also emphasized, particularly the construction of internal road networks, made possible through the support of Governor Ademola Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke. Moreover, temporary staff inherited from the former Osun State College of Education, Ilesa, were granted permanent appointments, and all outstanding peculiar and hazard allowances were fully settled.



Principal officers of the University

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A cross section of staff members



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Taiwo Asaolu, FCA

The University expanded its academic programmes from 32 to 67, employed additional staff, and secured approval to commence its Law programme with an initial admission quota of 50 students. Accreditation exercises were conducted successfully, with 23 programmes under review by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

In terms of human resource development, 13 academic staff members were promoted to Associate Professorial cadre, while numerous non-teaching staffers received career advancements.

The Vice Chancellor praised an award winning student, David Oluwaseun Ajibola for winning a bronze medal at the National Sewing Championship in Abuja. Sporting activities within the university also received a boost with the acquisition of new equipment.

Asaolu highlighted notable donations, including an Entrepreneurship Development Centre funded by Dame Yinka Obaleye and a Moot Court donated by Otunba (Mrs.) 'Debola Osibogun. The Pro-Chancellor, Hon. Gbenga Onigbogi, contributed ₦7 million for the revitalization of the university dam.

Other contributions, including books, sporting equipment, scholarships, and agricultural supplies further enhanced the University's facilities and resources.

The Vice Chancellor called on staff to remain committed, loyal, and professional, emphasizing punctuality, teamwork, and quality teaching. He urged everyone to uphold the University's core values and strive for excellence.

Professor Asaolu expressed profound gratitude to Governor Adeleke, the Governing Council, the donors, and the University community for their continued support. He concluded by praying for a successful 2025, reaffirming UNILESA's dedication to academic excellence and innovation.

CAREER SERVICE CENTRE ORGANIZES ITS MAIDEN CAREER TALKS

The multipurpose hall of the University of Ilesa was on Tuesday 14th January, 2025 filled to capacity by students' representatives scrupulously drawn from across all the faculties for the sole purpose of being exposed to challenges that could broaden their horizons to explore career paths and choices.



The VC (Prof. Taiwo Olufemi Asaolu, FCA)



Dr. Idayat Bakare (Ag. Director, Career Service)

The Career Fair Talk Day, solely organized by the University was aimed at providing a platform to inspire, connect with mentors, discover internships and equip the students with the necessary knowledge and tools to navigate the ever-evolving career landscape.

Present at the event were Principal Officers of the University, ably led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Olufemi Asaolu, the Director, Career Centre, Dr. Monisola I. Bakare, the Faculty Deans, the Director, IQA and Servicom amongst others.

Other notable figures in attendance were Industry leaders and experts who had been invited to share their wealth of experience and expertise in their chosen fields of endeavor.



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UNILESA 200-LEVEL PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENTS HOLD CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The 200 level students from the Department of Public Health on Thursday 30th January, 2025 organized a Cervical Cancer Awareness Campaign with the theme, "Closing the Gaps in Cervical Cancer Care". The initiative was intended to educate the University community about the disease.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Olufemi Asaolu, FCA, lauded the students for their proactive stance and encouraged them to extend such activities to the surrounding community for broader impact. He assured the students that the University Management would continue to support events that promote a positive image of the institution.

UNILESA STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FROM THE NIGERIAN ARMY

Miss Christianah Oyindamola Obadare, a student from the Faculty of Education, has been awarded a prestigious scholarship grant by the Nigerian Army under the Chief of Army Staff Special Scholarship Scheme. This remarkable achievement was officially recognized at a grand reception held on December 10, 2024, at the 2 Division Headquarters of the Nigerian Army in Ojoo, Ibadan.

The General Officer Commanding, Major General O.O. Onubogu, presented the scholarship on behalf of the Chief of Army Staff, highlighting that the award is part of the Nigerian Army's efforts to support quality education in Nigeria and complement the Federal

Government's initiatives on NELFUND.

To maintain the scholarship, Christianah must uphold excellent academic standards, as the award will be disbursed annually until she completes her studies. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Olufemi Asaolu, praised the Nigerian Army's initiative, emphasizing its potential to promote academic excellence both within the University and across the country.

As part of the agreement, the University will provide regular reports on Christianah's academic performance. She was encouraged to make the most of this opportunity and make both the Nigerian Army and the University proud.



BUILDING PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION



ANOTHER LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT RECORDED

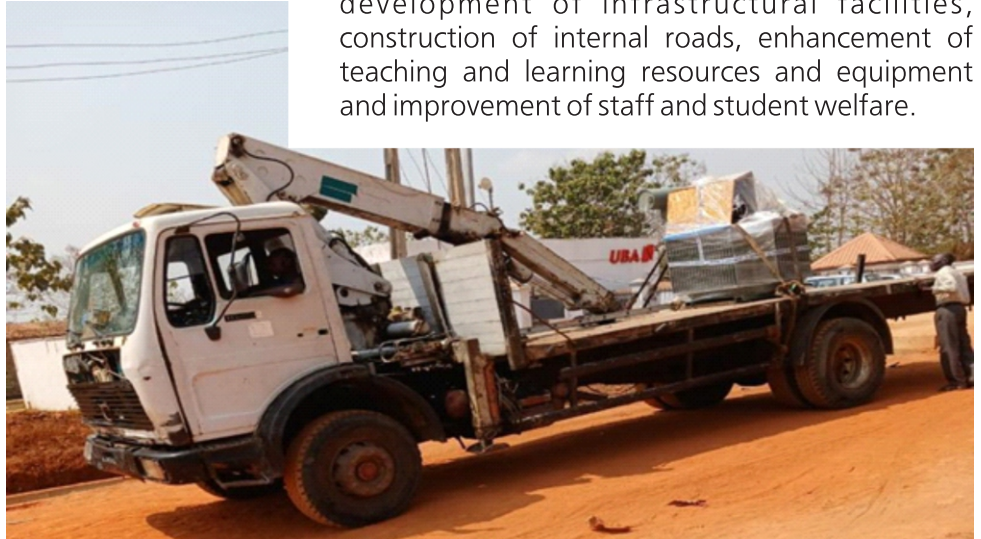
The University of Ilesa (UNILESA) has secured the release of a brand new 500KVA transformer from the Osun State Government, ably led by Senator Ademola, Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke. This donation is expected to significantly boost the University's power supply, enhancing teaching, learning,

research, and administrative functions. The transformer donation is a testament to our dear Governor's commitment to supporting UNILESA's growth and development.

The Governor's various interventions have had a profound impact on the University, with significant improvement evident in various areas such as the development of infrastructural facilities, construction of internal roads, enhancement of teaching and learning resources and equipment and improvement of staff and student welfare.



His Excellency,
Sen. Ademola Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke
Governor of Osun State



BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY'S ADVANCEMENT CENTRE INAUGURATED

The University's Governing Council has taken a significant step towards securing academic support and generating funds by inaugurating a Board of Trustees for the University Advancement Centre. This move is aimed at mobilizing revenue and support for the University's academic and physical development, ultimately ensuring the institution achieves its strategic objectives.

The Board of Trustees boasts an impressive lineup, with Mr. Supo Shadiya, a renowned business magnate, as its Chairman. Other notable members include Professor Taiwo Olufemi Asaolu, Vice-Chancellor of UNILESA, Professor Oyewusi Gureje, Sir Isaac Dipo Komolafe, and Mr. Akingbade Latilo, Director of



Mr. Supo Shadiya

the Advancement Centre.

During the inauguration, Pro Chancellor and the Chairman of the Governing Council, Hon. Gbenga Onigbogi, emphasized the importance of the Board's role, urging the members to approach the task with selflessness and dedication. He expressed confidence in the Board's

ability to deliver on their mandate, assuring them of the Governing Council's support.

Mr. Supo Shadiya, speaking on behalf of the Board, assured the University community of their readiness to serve and contribute to the institution's development. This development is a positive step towards the University's growth and success.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First International Conference of the Faculty of Sciences tagged FOSC 2025 with the theme
“Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Development: Addressing Emerging Challenges in Science, Health, Education, and Technology”

Arrival: 10th March 2025

Opening Ceremony: 11th March 2025

Departure: 14th March 2025.



Maiden Edition of the Faculty of Arts International Conference with the theme
‘Creativity Unbound: Contemporary Studies in Arts, Humanities and Intellectual Security’.

Arrival: 22nd April, 2025

Opening Ceremony: 23rd April, 2025

Departure: 24th April, 2025.

First International Conference of the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences with the theme

‘Navigating the Intersection of Business, Governance and Society for Sustainable Development: The Roles of Nigeria’s Diversity and Artificial Intelligence (AI)’.

Date: Tuesday, 13th - Friday, 16th May, 2025.



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