UNIVERSITY OF Ibadan TOPS WEBOMETRIC RANKING

The University of Ibadan, the Premier University, remains the “first and the best” in Nigeria!

The July 2011 Webometrics ranking released at about 7.00 p.m. on 29 July 2011, by the web based world ranking of Universities (Webometrics) at http://www.webometrics.info places the University in the 1st position in Nigeria, 41st in Africa and 3,499th in the world.

The positions of some other Nigerian Universities on the July 2011 ranking table in order of ranking in Nigeria/Africa are University of Ilorin (2/42), Ahmadu Bello University (3/43), Obafemi Awolowo University (4/44), University of Lagos (5/46), University of Benin (6/55) and the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (7/60).

On hearing the gladdening news the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. I.F. Adewole stated “I thank all for making it happen. I am happy but will not be excited until Greatest UI moves from its present 41st position to one of the top 10 positions in Africa”.

However, he congratulated all for making this possible and stressed the need for all members of the University community to work together by providing the necessary information and support when needed to ensure that the University maintains its leading position and to move further up.

The University of Ibadan first appeared as one of the two Universities in Nigeria that were ever placed in the first 100 in Africa in the year 2006 and remained as the first until January 2011 when it was placed 11th in Nigeria, 107th in Africa and 8418th in the world ranking.

Webometric ranking began in 2004 as a study of the quantitative aspects of the construction and use of information resources, structures and technologies on the web drawing on bibliometric and informetric approaches. It is an initiative on the ranking of 20,000 Higher Education Institutions worldwide based on web content to improve the presence of academic and research institutions on the web and to promote the open access publication of research results.

In another development, UI also came 1st in Nigeria on the ranking for the second half of the year released early July 2011 by one of the other ranking bodies (http://www.4icu.org). The University had remained consistently in the first two positions over the last five years with this ranking body.
Whereas webometric ranking is not an absolute indicator of the academic prowess of an institution, it has a profound effect on admissions and intakes because these rankings are often consulted by prospective students.

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