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**MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR KAYODE OYEBODE ADEBOWALE, mni, FAS, fspsp, ON THE OCCASION OF THIS YEAR'S EID-EL-KABIR (SALLAH) CELEBRATION**

Dear Members of the University of Ibadan Community,

I bring you warm greetings and best wishes on this auspicious occasion of *Eid-el-Kabir (Sallah)*, a significant moment in the Islamic calendar.

This festival commemorates the profound act of faith, obedience, and sacrifice demonstrated by Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham). As we celebrate, let us reflect on the core values of unwavering submission to the will of Almighty Allah, selflessness, compassion, and love for one another. The true essence of this season lies not merely in feasting, but in the spirit of sacrifice (*Qurbani*) and devotion.

In the spirit of Sallah, I urge every member of our University community—staff, students, and other stakeholders—to embrace peace, tolerance, and harmony. Our great institution, the First and Best, has always been a microcosm of Nigeria's rich religious and cultural diversity. Let us use this period to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood across all faiths, remembering that our shared humanity and commitment to excellence bind us together more than any differences.

This celebration reminds me of the sacrifices we all must make to elevate our University. The road to restoring our premier position demands collective sacrifice, hard work, and resilience. I encourage you to offer prayers for the continued progress of the University of Ibadan, for peaceful coexistence in our host community and Oyo State, and for the peace, stability, and prosperity of Nigeria.

As we celebrate, I appeal to all to celebrate responsibly—observe necessary safety measures, show kindness to the less privileged by sharing with neighbours and the needy, and avoid any form of excess or actions that could threaten public safety.

On behalf of the Council, Senate, and Management, I wish you all a joyous, peaceful, and blessed Eid-el-Kabir. May the Almighty Allah accept our acts of sacrifice and devotion, and may He continue to guide, protect, and prosper the University of Ibadan.

*Eid Mubarak!*

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