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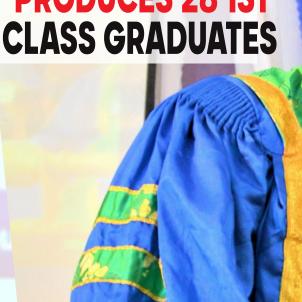
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# UNIVERSITIES MUST TRAIN GRADUATES THAT WILL CREATE JOBS - PROF. GBADEGESIN

he guest lecturer at the 11th convocation ceremonies of Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Adeniyi Sulaiman Gbadegesin, has urged Nigerian universities to train graduates that are job creators through the promotion and development of curriculum that is relevant to the needs of the society in order to reduce unemployment rate in the country.

Prof. Gbadegesin stated this while delivering the 11th Convocation Lecture titled "Entrepreneurial Education and Sustainable Human Development: A Priority for Nigerian Private Universities" on Friday, 3rd December, 2021 at the university auditorium.

The guest lecturer, who is also a former Vice-Chancellor of Ladoke Akitola University of Technology (LAUTECH) Ogbomoso, pointed out that the perpetual cuts in public spending by governments at all levels on education has continued to create setback in the provision of facilities and equipment for teaching and learning practical-related courses. He cautioned that the trend should be addressed by all stakeholders in education.

According to him, "more than 25 million graduates of formal institutions are unemployed with more than 1.5 million graduates joining the labour market every year. Using the indices of high unemployment rate and low per capita income, a recent statistic of World

Bank listed Nigeria as one of the five poorest nations in the world. Some of the factors that contribute to unemployment in Nigeria are: failure of tertiary institutions to train graduates as job givers than being job seekers, high demand for university education, faulty manpower planning and low entrepreneurial knowledge and activities, high rate of rural-urban migration, population explosion and lack luster performance of the industrial sector".

Prof. Gbadegesin reiterated that there is urgent need for universities to equip the youths with the knowledge and skills of vocational education, technical education and entrepreneurship. He added that Nigeria should be planning towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 4) by 2030 which stipulates that education at the university level

should be equally accessible and affordable to all women and men, irrespective of regional, political or religious affiliations. He added that quality technical, vocational and university education would substantially increase the number of youths and adults who have relevant skills needed to promote sustainable development.

In his words: "Nigeria should adopt the triple helix factor which allows multiple reciprocal relationships among institutional sectors whereby the government, institutions and industries are partners in development and none of the sectors is a subsidiary to the other". He added that partnership between universities and industries is critical for skills development, adoption of knowledge innovation, technology transfer and the promotion of entrepreneurship.



The founder, Alh. Chief (Dr.) Abdulraheem Oladimeji (2nd position from left), presenting award to the convocation lecturer Prof. Adeniyi Sulaiman Gbadegesin (3rd position from left) along with Al-Hikmah University Management

#### RESTORATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY- DR ABUBAKAR



he Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council Al-Hikmah University, Dr Mohammed Dahiru Abubakar has charged everybody to take the issue of security serious as restoration of peace and security remains a non-negotiable responsibility that must be executed by

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council stated this during the 11th

Convocation Ceremonies of the University. Dr Abubakar who was represented by a Council member and former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics) University of Ilorin, Prof. Nike Yetunde Sidiqat Ijaiya, said that the issue of insecurity that is ravaging the Nigerian society today is a consequence of our actions and inactions and this attitude of ours is inimical to government intervention in restoring the much desired peace and stability.

In her words: "university authorities must ensure that they take proactive measures to ensure the safety of the staff and students by setting aside reasonable funds as security votes". Dr. Abubakar, therefore, appealed to the entire Nigerian populace to assist government in stemming the tide of

insecurity in our nation.

Dr. Abubakar congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Noah Yusuf on his achievements in less than two two years in office which range from: high number of students' enrolment to commencement of new academic programmes, improvement in the internally generated revenue, expansion of the university ventures, establishment of conduct of human resource development, consistent support for regular academic workshops, seminars and conferences, etc.

Dr. Abubakar urged the graduating students to imbibe the culture, norms and traditions of the faith-based University and impact the world positively as good and worthy ambassadors of Al-Hikmah University.

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### **AL-HIKMAH UNIVERSITY PRODUCES 28 1ST CLASS GRADUATES**



Al-Hikmah University produces 28 first class honours, 282 second class upper division, 532 second class lower division, and 97 third class honours at the undergraduate degree level, 97 at the postgraduate level and 43 at diploma level at the just concluded 11<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremonies of the university on Saturday,

4th December, 2021 at the university auditorium.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Noah Yusuf, while delivering his address, revealed that the institution is not only positioned to teach and research alone but also saddled with the responsibility of positively impacting on the masses. In his words "the effect of banditry, terrorism and farmer-header conflict are taking toll on food security. Meanwhile, the medium and long-term solutions by the government should be implemented by all stakeholders in order to ensure food security in Nigeria. The University is determined to contribute her quota to food security by engaging in intensive agriculture. He added that the institution would gladly welcome any collaborative effort from any interested agency.

The Vice-Chancellor also revealed that another notable contribution of Al-Hikmah University, especially on resolving security challenges is the establishment of a full-fledged Centre for Peace and Security Studies to engage in programmes and activities that will ameliorate security challenges within and outside the state.

Prof. Yusuf, therefore, urged the graduating students to continue to seek knowledge as graduation is not the end of learning and that whatever knowledge they have acquired should be judiciously used to proffer solutions to emergent problem that confront them as individuals and as a nation at large.

#### WE ALL HAVE A ROLE IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF NIGERIA- PROF. RASHEED



Prof. Yahuza Bello

he Executive Secretary of National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed has charged Nigerians to contribute their quota to the New Nigeria Project which is intended to shape the future of the nation.

Prof. Rasheed, who was represented by Prof. Yahuza Bello, made this statement at the 11th Convocation Ceremonies of AlHikmah University on Saturday, 4th December, 2021 at the University auditorium.

Prof. Rasheed emphasised that we are all stakeholders in selfless commitment to produce competent and resourceful manpower that will drive the much desired development in the nation. He stated unequivocally that no sacrifice will be too much to salvage the palpable nose-dive of our education system.

In his words, "impact of Covid-19 on our educational system has made us combine physical learning with online mode which has been a huge achievement in our education though there is still need to improve on general e-learning system requirements". He added that NUC with its occasional accreditation exercise has made universities to keep up their quality control and keep up with global best practices.

However, the NUC is faced with some challenges such as proliferation of unlicensed universities, while some professional bodies outrightly violate extant rules and academic procedures stipulated by the NUC.

Prof. Rasheed assured everyone that the NUC would not relent its effort in ensuring strict compliance with the quality assurance requirements of all academic programmes. He, therefore, advised parents and guardians to verify their children choice of university before their enrolment.

He appreciated the graduating students and urged them to contribute their quota to the development of education in the country as what the nation needs now is a collective efforts of young and old in order to take the country to a greater height.

Dr. (Mrs.) R. M. Oladimeji



Cocktail/Light Refreshment in honour of Prof. L. F. Oladimeji and his family comes immediately after the lecture.



#### SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE IS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM - DR. YUSUF

he Acting Director, Counselling and Human Development Centre, Dr. Jemilat Yusuf has revealed that sexually transmitted disease is an issue that needs to be quickly addressed before it turns to crisis. The Acting Director stated this in a sexual health awareness campaign that was held within the school premises on Wednesday, 15th December, 2021.

Dr. Yusuf noted that adolescents in Nigeria form a substantial proportion of the population that are prone to sexually transmitted diseases (STD) because of the influence of peer pressure and the biological urge to experiment sexual activity. She added that research has shown that more than one million people are infected with STD daily and more than five hundred million people become ill with one of these sexually transmitted diseases.

In her words "adolescents in tertiary institutions engage in pre-marital sexual behaviours because they are free from the control of their family and this freedom provides opportunity for risky sexual behaviours". The counsellor highlighted some reasons adolescents engage in pre-marital sexual behaviour which include peer pressure, external stress, physiological changes and feeling of independence. She catalogued some forms of sexual behaviours in a dolescent of sexual partners, sex for money, sex and drugs and sex for grades, etc.

According to the Acting Director, "we have different types of sexually transmitted diseases. These include HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, Human Papilloma Virus, Bacteria Vaginosis, Herpes, Chancroid, Lymphogranuloma Venereum, Gonorrhoea, Mongonoccocal Urethristis, Chlamydia, Syphillis, Mycoplasma Genitalium, Trichomoniasis, etc".

She said some sexually transmitted diseases can lead to serious

long-term complications, which include male and female sterility, blindness, bone deformities, damage to major organs (heart, kidney, brain), cervical cancer, cancer of the vagina, penis, anus or throat, pelvic inflammatory disease, tubal pregnancy, painful urination or intercourse, persistent flu-like symptoms, birth defects, discharge from penis or vagina, blisters in genital areas and death. She added that some sexually transmitted diseases cannot be totally treated. Among these is unwanted pregnancy, infertility due to abortion, loss of reputation, promiscuity, repeated pattern of poverty, unstable relationship, guilty conscience, loss of self esteem, having a child out of wedlock, premature marriage, depression, lack of trust, etc.

Dr. Yusuf therefore, urged the students to abstain from illicit sexual behaviours.

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