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THE UNIVERSITY HAS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR INDISCIPLINE – VC

The Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Noah Yusuf has admonished all the students, especially the newly admitted students, to abide by the rules and regulations of the University as the institution would not condone any form of indiscipline.

The Vice Chancellor stated this while addressing the newly admitted students for the 2021/2022 academic session at the University auditorium on Tuesday, 11th and Wednesday 12th January, 2022.

Prof. Yusuf assured students of staff's dedication to duty. He added that there is the opportunity for the students to lodge formal complaints on erring staff. He, however, urged the students to be of good conduct in and outside the University as the image of the institution is precious and the Management would not tolerate any act of misdemeanor that would tarnish the University's image.

The Registrar, Dr Rasheedat Modupe Oladimeji, in her address said the freshers orientation is a worldwide practice that allows new students to know what is expected of them in and outside the institution. She added that the programme is designed to enlighten the students about the institution's rules and regulations including extra-curricular activities.

The Acting University Librarian, Mr Isiaka Atunde Alao, while speaking on

a topic titled "Importance of Library in Student's Academic Performance", urged the students to maximize the benefit of the library and always ask staff for help whenever the need arises. He advised the new students to register with the Library in order to have access to the well-stocked resources, both hard copies and electronic materials.

The Deputy Registrar (Academic), Mr Sunday Sinkaye in his speech titled, "Rules Guiding University Examinations" said that Al-Hikmah University's examinations are quite different from what the students have been exposed to in the past and that eligibility of the candidates for the examinations would be based on the following criteria: mandatory 75% lecture attendance; early arrival at the examination venue; and steering clear of anything that will indict them of examination malpractice.

The Acting Director, Al-Hikmah University Health Services, Dr Bashirat Adeyemi's speech revolved around "Accessing the University Health Services". She recommended that the students should take care of themselves especially during the examination period. She added that the Health Services unit always has increase rate in the admission of patients during examinations. She advised the students not to engage in self medication and to always visit the clinic any time for any health complaint or

challenge.

The Acting Director, Counselling and Human Development Centre, Dr Jemilat Yusuf emphasised on the Dress Code in Al-Hikmah University. She said it is mandatory for female students to put on Ijab, which must not be above the knees and they should avoid heavy make-ups, crazy hairstyles and leg chains. She added that male students should not put on jean and must be on equal level low cut without dark-glasses.

According to Dr Yusuf, "you can start building your cumulative grade point average (CGPA) from today by attending lectures punctually and regularly, spending quality time on your books, submitting assignments on time, studying the students hand-book, being careful of friends, avoiding anything that can put you in trouble and always seeking Allah's guidance.

Dr Sanusi Baba, an Islamic scholar and lecturer in the University admonished the freshers to fear Allah wherever they are. He enjoined them to serve Allah being the sole purpose of creating humans. He added that the most important aspect of worshiping Allah is to fear Him and believe that He is watching us in all our dealings. In his words, "as students, you need to keep up with our daily salaah, recite the Quran every day, be in company of good and righteous people and engage in voluntary acts of Ibada".

ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS ARE PARAMOUNT IN AL-HIKMAH UNIVERSITY – VC

The Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Noah Yusuf said in line with modern trends and reality of the time, the University is poised to lay more emphasis on promoting entrepreneurial skills.

The University don stated this while delivering his speech at the 17th Matriculation Ceremony of the University on Friday, 11th February, 2022 at the University auditorium.

Prof. Yusuf added that the University through the Abdurraheem Oladimeji Centre for Entrepreneurship and Vocational Studies (AOCEVS) would provide opportunities for various trade and skills acquisition for students. He stated that the opportunity is aimed at changing the mind set of students from being prospective employees, scouting and roaming the streets for unavailable white collar jobs to creators and

employers of labour.

According to him, "through the entrepreneurial programme, every student shall acquire requisite skills in the chosen trade and register his/her enterprise with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) before graduation. He added that the University would soon commence regular "Role Model Public Lecture Series", where successful youths and university alumni would be invited to tell their success stories.

He urged the students to shun menace, disobedience to University rules and regulations, truancy, night-crawling, drug use and abuse, examination malpractice, cultism and other anti-social acts. He added the University management has zero tolerance to indiscipline and any student caught contravening the University rules and regulations shall be punished accordingly as the University is a model for others to emulate.



Cross Section of Newly Admitted Students at the 17th Matriculation Ceremony

THE STATE OF TERTIARY EDUCATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREASE IN NON-LITERATE POPULATION - DR SALAUDEEN

An Executive Director of Education, Nungu Business School, who was a guest lecturer at the maiden public lecture of the Faculty of Management Sciences, Dr Jubril Abdullahi Salaudeen, has said the present situation of tertiary education in Nigeria is responsible for the increase in high level of illiteracy among Nigerian population.

The guest lecturer said this while delivering his lecture titled, “Tertiary Education and Enterprise Development from Training to Self-Employment: Academic Perspective” on Tuesday, 8th February, 2022 at the Al-Hikmah University auditorium.

Dr Salaudeen added that the quality of tertiary education in Nigeria is disgracefully low, which makes it difficult to favorably compare Nigerian graduates with their counterparts in other parts of the world. He stated that the yearly dropout rate from across all universities in Nigeria is over 18%. This trend, as well as the lack of employability, is taking a destructive toll on the country's economy.

The Executive Director, highlighted what tertiary education ought to be, which are: to stimulate and motivate the students towards thinking out of the box, to enhance development of skills and mind set for the learners in order to be able to turn creative ideas into entrepreneurial action and to encourage students to work in near real life environment (cases, simulators, field attachments, work placements).

According to him, “key objectives of tertiary education in enterprise development are: provide framework for learning environments and assignments in

such a way that students can see the practical sides of school knowledge, recognise the substantial impact which tertiary education can have on students and introduce entrepreneurship education progressively from 100 level to final year in order to stimulate the development of entrepreneurial attitudes, skills and knowledge among students”.

He thus, recommended the following that: exchange programmes should be encouraged via a revisit of the National University Commission framework; Federal Government should provide funding for private universities; establishment of more fully equipped tertiary institutions will reduce the number of out-of-school youths and help to improve the quality of tertiary education in Nigeria; and more specialised and industry-focused tertiary institution courses should be encouraged.

Similarly, another speaker, Mr Akin Yusuf in his lecture titled, “Tertiary Education and Enterprise Development: From Training to Self-Employment: An Industry Perspective” revealed that 33.3% of all working age Nigerians are unemployed. This translates to about 30 million people. 42.5% of Nigerian youth (above 18 years) are unemployed while 22.8% of those working are under-employed (including 21% of all employable youth).

He added that the present economy situation in Nigeria is capable of aggravating the security challenge if appropriate steps are not taken by all the stakeholders to ensure decent, legitimate, sustainable and lucrative engagement for

the teeming youth population in Nigeria.

According to Mr Yusuf, “Government cannot provide enough employment opportunities for these large numbers, but it must be made a national duty to encourage, finance, nurture and monitor the generation to close the huge employment gap and one way to do this is enterprise development or entrepreneurship on a massive scale. This would enable a greater number of players to emerge in the economy to create sustainable employment opportunities through, mostly, small and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs). These will not only create employment but also grow the Nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ultimately”.

The Host, Dr Hameedat Olodo in her remarks noted that the Nigerian economy was large enough to absorb the educated into the respected white collar jobs in the olden days but with the increasingly growing population at geometric proportion and consequently outnumbering the available white-collar jobs, it becomes obvious that the age-long formal education inherited from the imperialist turned out graduates with job-seeking mindsets as opposed to job creation. She added that students lack entrepreneurial traits like self-motivation, drive and innovation needed by the employable industries and employers of labour, and these in turn have led to high rate of unemployment, crimes and cycle of poverty.

Dr Olodo said that the public lecture titled, "Tertiary Education and Enterprise Development from Training to Self-Employment" is timely and it is aimed at redressing the problems and challenges of unemployment in Nigeria.

TAP INTO TETFUND RESEARCH GRANTS – DR MUSTAPHA

The resource person for the workshop on research and development, Dr Mustapha Ayo Popoola from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has urged researchers to benefit from research grants allocated by TETFund and other agencies as these funds are meant for academic development. Dr Popoola made this appeal while speaking during the workshop organised by the Center for Research, Industrial Linkage and International Cooperation (CRIIC) titled “New Paradigm in Research and Development Funding by Tetfund” on Monday, 6th December, 2021, at the University auditorium.

According to Dr Popoola, “TETFund has over 226 beneficiary institutions across the 36 states of the federation. The agency is currently funding over 300 National

Research Fund (NRF) research projects and 10,000 physical infrastructural projects. Since inception, TETFund has funded over 1,000 grants and over 5,000 Institutional based research”.

Dr Popoola revealed that researchers can access up to 50 million naira as research grant and the grant is not limited to researchers in public schools but for every researcher that has a research that can positively impact on the country. In his words, “any research an individual intends to conduct must align with the national priority and also tackle challenges the country is facing, such an individual should collaborate with researchers outside his/her institutions because such collaborations can usher in fresh and innovative ideas”.

Similarly, the Acting Director of Center for Research, Industrial Linkage

and International Cooperation (CRIIC), Dr Kamilu Olarenwaju Muraina, in his closing remarks, stated that the University should develop a framework to establish Al-Hikmah University research and developmental foundation to attract gift, donations, resources and grants globally. He added that the entire University community should be encouraged to attract grants from TETFund and other multinational agencies. The Acting Director reiterated that the Centre is open to all researchers for further enquiries and clarifications.

Dr Muraina, thus, appreciated the Management, members of CRIIC, ICT technical staff and the entire university community for their support in ensuring successful conduct of the workshop.

SIWES IS A BLUEPRINT FOR STUDENTS- ITF AREA MANAGER

The Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Ilorin Area Manager, Mrs Temitope Quadri said the Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) was established to make students have experience of what they would be exposed to after graduation.

The Area Manager who was represented by Mr Idris Giwa said this at the Al-Hikmah University 2022 SIWES Orientation Programme on Wednesday, 9th February, 2022 at the University Auditorium.

Mrs Quadri added that social quotient which would make someone stand out in the labour market is the opportunity that every serious SIWES student stands to gain, if they take the scheme serious.

The Area Manager, therefore, urged the intended SIWES students to be modest in all ramifications and avoid pride in order to acquire industrial-based experience.

The Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Noah Yusuf in his remarks stated that SIWES is a curriculum based event that prepares students for the reality of the labour market and complements academic training with what is obtainable in the field.

The Vice Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ganiyu Olalekan Akashoro added that SIWES experience and the theoretical knowledge that students have acquired in class would allow them to easily fit in when they are employed. He, therefore, urged the students to be diligent in order to acquire practical knowledge in their chosen fields.

An ITF official, Mr Waheed Adebayo while presenting his speech, reiterated that SIWES is used to bridge the gap between theory and practical courses and that the scheme is a skill training

programme designed to expose and prepare students for industrial work situation they are likely to encounter after graduation.

Mr Adebayo highlighted the objectives of SIWES which is: an avenue for students in higher institutions to: acquire industrial skills and experience; prepare students for the industrial work situation they are to meet after graduation, expose students to work methods and techniques in handling equipment and machineries; make the transition from school to the world of work easier and enhance students contacts for later job placement; provide students with an opportunity to apply their knowledge in real work situation thereby bridging the gap between theory and practice; and strengthen employers involvement in the entire educational process.

The Deputy Director, SIWES, University of Ilorin, Mr Abdulsalam Suleiman while delivering his speech tilted, "Harmonising Theoretical Based Knowledge with Practical Skills: The Panoptic View of the 21st Century Graduate" stated that stakeholders need to come together to maximize their efforts towards human capital development in order to enhance the national growth and development.

Mr Suleiman added that skill acquisition must go beyond theoretical knowledge within the context of classroom

learning; thus, the need to promote a programme that tends to harmonise theoretical-based knowledge with practical skills which is SIWES.

According to him, "in today's world, skill acquisition, industriousness, performance and productivity are important factors for national greatness and it is worthy to mention that ITF, since its establishment, has developed and facilitated various training packages to bridge the skills gap needed in Nigerian commerce and industry".

The Acting Director, SIWES Unit, Al-Hikmah University, Dr Mansurat Falana in her remarks said the SIWES does not only satisfy the compulsory requirements for graduation but also facilitates transition from tertiary institution to the real world of work. She reiterated that the scheme bridges that the gap between theoretical knowledge acquired in the classroom and real-time practices in the outside market world.

Dr Falana, therefore, urged the students to pay adequate attention to the event of today's programme in order to appreciate the true significance of SIWES in their undergraduate programme. She thanked the University Management, resources persons, staff and students of the institution for making the event a huge success.



Cross Section of Participant at 2022 SIWES Orientation Programme

Mr. Ahmed Nuhu Arewajo	Languages	01	Mr. Ayo Ogun Akinrinle	Busay	11
Dr. Adegbe Tunmbi Suraj	Banking and Finance	03	Mr. Sa'adatu Hanmi Taiyo	Busay	14
Mrs. Yusuf R. Ujeji Temitope	Orin, Ilorin	03	Mrs. Azekele Kehinde Sidiqi	Orin, Ilorin	14
Mrs. Abduljeleem Parat Wurada	Student Affairs - Adeta	03	Mr. Ajirra Olanrewaju Nasir	Busay	16
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Mr. Owoyere Arowojo Abdul salam	Security, Igbaja	03	Mr. Sirikaye Solomon Surday	Academic Affairs	21
Mr. Saib Salimon Sulaiman	Works, Adeta Campus	04	Mrs. Kladole Babawuro Murtari	Busay	21
Mrs. Wuruda Mubasada Mansurat	Mass Comm	05	Mrs. Ozeida Riset Furtillayo	Deans Office, Natural Sss	22
Mr. Fawde Aissa Adebayo	Edu. Mgt. & Counseling	07	Mrs. Godagaba Moufati Dandaba	Computer Sci.	22
Mr. Dinkwileti Sa'ad Abdulrazak	Works, Adeta Campus	07	Mr. Adediji Adebale	Security, Ilorin	22
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Mr. Haroon Ibrahim Qunwajin	Establishment Div.	07	Mrs. Sa'ad Hissat Titilope	Student Affairs - Adeta	26
Dr. Ajala Bamidele Lukman	History & Int'l Rel.	07	Mr. Olanrewaju Aliu	Student Affairs - Adeta	26
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The Management of Al-Hikmah University on behalf of the entire staff wishes the under listed staff many Happy Returns

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