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FOUNDER RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS

he Founder, Al-Hikmah University, Alh. (Chief) Dr Abdulraheem Oladimeji OFR, has received another fellowship award from the Kwara State Polytechnic.

He was honoured with the award on Thursday, 20th October, 2022 in the premises of the institution.

Alh. (Chief) Dr Oladimeji, who is an accomplished business man and philanthropist, emphasised on his

continued support for education in the state. In his words "it is through quality education we can build a better Nigeria and world at large".

The Founder appreciated the management team of Kwara State Polytechnic for the honour and pledged his continued support for the institution. He also appreciated the management team of Al-Hikmah University and other notable

individuals that graced the event.

Similarly, the Founder was honoured with an excellence award on Saturday, 29th October 2022 by Muhyudeen El-Islamiyyah College, Ilorin, Kwara State.

The award of excellence is in recognition of his immense contribution and support towards the development of education, humanity and Islam in general.







(1) Presentation of congratulatory card to the awardee by the Management of Al-Hikmah University, (2) Presentation of award to the founder and Management of Al-Hikmah University (3) Group picture with awardee (L-R: 7th position), wives and Management of Al-Hikmah University

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS THE BEDROCK OF FUNCTIONAL EDUCATION – VC

he Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Noah Yusuf has pointed out that entrepreneurship is the foundation of functional university education in Nigeria.

Prof. Yusuf said this at the "Training the Trainers on Course-Based Entrepreneurship Development in Al-Hikmah University" on Tuesday, 4th October, 2022 which was held at Hibroch Hotel and Suites, Ilorin.

According to him "even the National Universities Commission (NUC) is very serious about entrepreneurship in Nigeria as it can reduce unemployment and make graduates to be creative and innovative, rather than being a liability". He added that there is always a gap which one can fill because people are always in need of a service. One just has to find it and make money from

Prof. Yusuf noted that there is always the misconception that entrepreneurship is limited to being a fashion designer, hair stylist, mechanic to mention but a few; rather, it is about thinking outside the box and that is why this training is coming at the right time. In his words "the essence of this training is to make all academic programmes to look inward and find the business angle that students can benefit from, so they can create jobs

rather than being a job seeker.

The Director, Abdularaheem Oladimeji Centre for Entrepreneurial and Vocational Studies, Prof. Ipoola Okunlola, during his address noted that it is pertinent for everyone to know that the issue of entrepreneurship development and training has taken the centre stage in Nigeria's university curriculum because number of available white collar jobs are far too few to cope with the staggering number of graduates, 84% of employees are working for Small and Medium Enterprises (SME), Government employees in Ministries, Departments and Agencies at all level are less than 4% of the citizens, while every 30 years, our populations doubles. He stated further that Food and

Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and United Nations Food Programme (UNFP) in recent worldwide circulated report, listed Nigeria among global "hunger spot".

Prof. Okunlola said that it behooves universities to provide solutions to societal problems and this is why the National Universities Commission (NUC) is advocating for measures to tackle the problem through curriculum in the universities.

The Director urged the selected academic staff for the restructuring of entrepreneurship development to pay rapt attention as the exercise is a value addition experience that would significantly affect their personal lives and consequently, influence their interaction with students.



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PEACE CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED - DR. ADIMULA



he Acting Director, Centre for Peace and Security Studies (CPSS), Al-Hikmah University, Dr. Ruth Abiola Adimula has stated that peace is the most globally sought after aspect of life and this is why it can never be over emphasised.

The Acting Director said this while delivering her address during the 2022 celebration of International Day of Peace with Mentoring Schools, in a lecture titled: "End Racism. Build Peace". The event was held on Wednesday, 5th October, 2022 at the university auditorium.

Dr. Adimula emphasised that true peace cannot be actualised if matters of racial discrimination are not considered and addressed. Peace is beyond laying down of arms and engaging in cease-fire because true peace must also envisage a society free of racial and all forms of discriminations in all shades. She added that we should shun all forms of discrimination at national borders, job employments, sports, politics, and

educational institutions and raise our voices against hate speech.

In her words, "we can join hands to build peace by ensuring inner peace in ourselves, training our children to be peaceful and pursuing peace, living peacefully with our neighbours, treat others as you want to be treated, listening to others in patience to understand them, accepting different opinions, not fighting violence with violence, desisting from using vulgar language against another person, amongst others".

Dr. Adimula pointed out that the Centre for Peace and Security Studies joined the United Nations and the entire globe to mark the international day of peace with the sixteen mentoring schools of Al-Hikmah University. The intention of inviting these secondary school children is to catch them young and make them a part of peace agenda from a tender age.

The Acting Director revealed

that all students participating at the event shall be inaugurated as the CPSS Al-Hikmah University Peace Ambassadors and are expected to go back to their schools and lead their fellow students in peace discussions, programmes and projects. She added that CPSS will provide mentorship to them and necessary tools of engagement and invite them to important occasions of the University, in order to continuously make them conscious of their roles as peace agents in our communities.

Dr. Adimula appealed to the youths to shun every form of contract hooliganism and electoral crimes that can mar their future, especially, with the political campaign that has officially started. She also urged them to desist from allowing political stalwarts, whose children are studying and living peacefully in developed countries use them as weapons to achieve their electoral desires.



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THE ESSENCE OF MANAGEMENT IS TO ENSURE ORGANISATIONS EMPLOY THE RIGHT PERSONNEL - MR. OLADIMEJI

Senior Registry Staff of Al-Hikmah University, Mr. Lateef Oladimeji as stated that the task of any management is to employ people that are skilled, so they can help the organisations achieve their objectives.

Mr. Oladimeji said this at the workshop organised for Registry Staff titled "Management of Registry Personnel" held on Friday, 7th October, 2022 at the E-Library Complex.

He pointed out that the task of a manager is essentially peopleoriented, and as such, there must be some understanding of effective and efficient people management to achieve success and this is why the

skills needed to manage Registry Personnel cannot be over-emphasised.

Mr. Oladimeji highlighted some steps in Registry Personnel management, which includes but not limited to, identification of goals, understanding personnel, match tasks with staff, documentation of team activities, setting standards (including drawing rules and regulations) and reward performance (positive or negative). He also added some traits of a good registry manager, which are self-motivation, dependability/reliability, optimism, confidence, calmness, flexibility, leadership, communication and interpersonal skills, planning, problem

solving skills and being a good team player.

According to him tips for successful leadership are, "lead by example, always reward performance, be fair but firm, treat similar cases alike, demonstrate authority in words and action, set clear and measurable job standards, try to see things through the eyes of others and be visible and accessible".

He urged all registry personnel managers to be effective personnel that would help develop the strengths of their subordinates which would enhance their ability to contribute to the accomplishment of organisational goals.





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MEN ARE ALSO PRONE TO BREAST CANCER - DR. ADEYEMI



he Acting Head, Al-Hikmah University Health Services Dr. Bashirat Adeyemi has revealed that men also have breast cancer and the mortality rate is higher and aggressive than that of the female, even though it is very rare.

She made this revelation during an interactive session with the information crew of Al-Hikmah University in her office on Thursday, 20th October, 2022.

Dr. Adeyemi pointed out that breast cancer is an abnormality in the breast which can be confirmed by test and about 5% cases of breast cancer could be hereditary. She added that the causes of cancer is actually not known but there are certain risk factors that

can be prevented in other to reduce breast cancer. These include: taking of alcohol, smoking, engaging in some indiscriminate hormonal therapy, plastic consumption and high intake of smoked food.

The medical doctor noted that early detection also reduces the rate of mortality. Adults, especially, females should do self breast examination at least once a month and check for lumps, skin with different colors, retracted nipple, discharge from nipple of a female that is not breastfeeding and swelling in the armpit. Also, females between age of 35-40 should go for mammogram test at least once every two years to check for breast abnormality.

According to her "majority of people that come for treatment of cancer come at the advanced stage and that is why the mortality rate is high. If cancer is quickly detected, the possibility of the person surviving it is high because it would be treated on time". She added that though there are 3 different treatments for cancer, namely: radiotherapy, chemotherapy and surgery, however, the stage of the cancer and the oncologist would determine which treatment to use.

Dr. Adeyemi also emphasised that for every cancer case treated, there is 5% chance of reoccurrence within the first 5 years of removal. However, when lymph node is detected the chance of reoccurrence is higher.

She, however, urged the government to increase the taxation of cigarette and alcohol, to reduce their level of intake which would eventually reduce breast cancer. Dr. Adeyemi also appealed to the government to subsidise mammography test or even make it free, so money would not be a hindrance in checking for breast cancer. She added that self examination is paramount and if an individual detects any of the aforementioned symptoms, such individual should seek medical expert's advice.

BARRISTER JABAJE ADVISES LAWYERS TO FOCUS ON SERVICE TO HUMANITY

Senior Staff in Al-Hikmah University Postgraduate School who doubles as a practicing lawyer, Barr. Ayuba Jabaje has appealed to all lawyers to give priority to serving humanity rather than focusing on riches.

He made this appeal during an interactive session with the information crew after he was appointed the financial secretary of Muslim Lawyer's Association of Nigeria (MULAN).

Barr. Jabaje pointed out that every lawyer is a law officer that is expected to contribute his/her own quota to the development of the society and not just to make money and forget about his/her dignity and service to humanity.

The lawyer who has been practicing since 2007 said he was surprised when he was appointed to serve in that capacity because he has also just been appointed to serve as the alternate chairman of dawah committee, MULAN, Kwara State Chapter. In his words "it was Allah's will because if not for Him, how can I out of hundreds of Muslim lawyers in Kwara State be picked to serve in that capacity at the national level".

Barr. Jabaje, who has one time served as publicity secretary of MULAN, Kwara State Chapter and has also held different administrative positions in the association, emphasised that he would serve and build on existing platform to make a difference during his tenure as the financial secretary of MULAN.

Barr. Jabaje, however, urged all lawyers to be up and doing and should be truthful because every human would account for their deeds on the judgment day. He added that lawyers should develop themselves in the area of information communication technology (ICT), so as to be relevant within and outside the shores of Nigeria.

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DR. OLADEMJI CELEBRATES 60TH BIRTHDAY



he management team of Al-Hikmah University joined the Founder, Alh. (Chief) Dr. Abdulraheem Oladimeji to celebrate Dr. Rasheedat Modupe Oladimeji's 60th birthday and 10 years stewardship as the Registrar.

The event took place in the Founder's residence at Adewole Housing Estate, Ilorin, on Friday, 28 th October, 2022.

The team, which was led by the

Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Noah Yusuf prayed for long life and prosperity for Dr. Oladimeji and her entire household.

Dr. Oladimeji, during her remarks expressed her joy for the huge turnout and prayed for sound health and wealth for everyone present. She thanked the Management, staff, students and well-wishers of the University for their hardwork, prayers and dedication to the growth of the faith-based University.

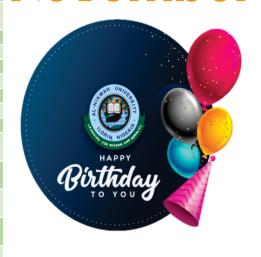




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