



Welcome Address

BY PROF. NOAH YUSUF, VICE-CHANCELLOR,
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3RD MEETING OF KU8 CONSORTIUM
HELD AT AL-HIKMAH UNIVERSITY, ILORIN,
ON SATURDAY, 1ST APRIL, 2023



GREETINGS

The Distinguished Chairman of KU8 and Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, other Executive members of our great Consortium and eminent Vice-Chancellors of KU8. Good day Sirs and Ma.

INTRODUCTION

I have great pleasure to welcome you all to the third meeting of our Consortium which is holding today, Saturday, 1st April, 2023. I count it as a great honour to have the privilege of hosting eminent Vice-Chancellors of KU8 in our University. This gesture is well appreciated. I must also convey similar appreciation of the Founder, Alh. Chief (Dr) AbdulRaheem Oladimeji, OFR, FNAEAP, fSPSP who was very supportive of the idea of the Consortium as well as the choice of Al-Hikmah University as the host. To demonstrate his appreciation, he indicated his willingness to come around and offer prayers for members and the success of KU8.

KU8 IDEAL

I consider it highly imperative to appreciate the Initiator and Convener of KU8 - our distinguished Chairman, Mentor, Senior member of the Bar and accomplished academic, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, Senior Advocate of Nigeria, the Vice-Chancellor of University of Ilorin, for his initiative and foresight. On behalf of other KU8 Vice-Chancellors, I hereby forward our words of sincere appreciation to you sir. Jazakhumullahu Khayran. (Meaning: May God Bless you).

As rightly echoed by our distinguished Chairman during the maiden meeting, we stand to achieve more, make more progress, give better quality education to our students, serve the community better and overall, make more local, national and international impacts, when we collaborate! This dictum is the central ideal of our Consortium and it is an ideal worthy of pursuit.

I wish to admonish all members of KU8 Consortium to give our best to the realization of this ideal.

KU8 AND AL-HIKMAH UNIVERSITY

To us at Al-Hikmah University, we value KU8 Consortium in view of the benefits the collaboration stands to have for our students, who would have the opportunity to interact with their colleagues from other Universities through student exchange and other inter-University

programmes; academic staff, who would similarly share knowledge with their counterparts in other Universities; the management, who also stand to benefit from academic and administrative experience from the Chief Executive.

PROPOSAL TO KU8

As I mentioned at the maiden meeting, KU8 should endeavour to explore the following, in addition to its current activities:

1. Inter-University Sports fiesta;
2. Literary/Debating Programme;
3. Visit to some selected Universities for high impact standard for KU8 Universities;
4. Initiating staff and students exchange;
5. International research grant conglomerate through contribution of research seed fund;
6. Competitive ranking to be done by a committee comprising of Directors of Academic Planning of KU8 Universities; and,
7. Constituting Research and Training (R&T) Unit in the Secretariat for quarterly training programmes for Academic and non-teaching staff.

CONCLUSION

I wish to conclude this address by, once again, appreciating members of our great Consortium and welcome all to Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin.

Thank you all.



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