



## HUI HOSTS 1ST WORKSHOP ON STUDENTS' RESEARCH SOFT SKILLS

**A**l-Hikmah University hosts her maiden workshop on students' research soft skills on Monday, 21st October, 2019. The workshop which was organized by the Centre for Research, Industrial Linkage and International Cooperation (CRIIC) took place at the University Auditorium, Adeta Campus, Ilorin.

The Director of CRIIC, Prof. Sunday Silas Dada while delivering his speech stated that the students are coming into Al-Hikmah University at the right time when the institution is transforming in research. He added that if the students can pay attention to all the essential elements of research soft skills the school want to impact on them, they would be able to

compete anywhere in the world.

According to Prof. Dada "the students should take the workshop seriously as it is going to mould them to be well trained graduates with leadership qualities, communication skills, ability to proffer solutions to problems, ability to work with team and alone when necessary, work ethics, being a responsible employee, flexibility, good relationship skills and ability to multitask."

The coordinator, Dr. Yusuf Suleiman in his opening remarks stated that Universities in Nigeria should be producing skilled manpower to grow the economy and Nigerian graduates should be able to compete with other students around the globe.

According to Dr. Suleiman, "Malaysia, Singapore and South Korea have achieved a lot through inculcating soft skills research into their school curriculum and these three countries are ranked among the best countries in Asia. Their government achieved this through education, dedication and proper funding. He added that, even Ghana has achieved quite a lot in education as she has also incorporated research soft skills into her educational system."



Prof. Sunday Silas Dada  
Director of CRIIC  
Al-Hikmah University

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Taofeek Ibrahim, in his closing remarks stated that the students should be linked with the industries as soon as possible in order to practice the knowledge that they have acquired.

Prof. Ibrahim reiterated that the students were lucky as they would be exposed to skills that would enrich their knowledge and make them employable and stand out amongst their peers.

Prof. Ibrahim, therefore, urged the students to put in their best in their academic pursuit by remaining focused and dedicated to their studies.



A cross Section of Al-Hikmah University New In-take Students

## RELIGION UPRIGHT ENHANCES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - CIHCD

**A**s part of the activities to inculcate moral and academic excellence in undergraduates, the Centre for Islamic Heritage and Community Development (CIHCD) organized orientation programme for 2019/2020 freshmen on Thursday, 17th October, 2019.

One of the speakers at the occasion Dr. Nafiu Ahmed Arikewuyo while delivering his lecture entitled "my mission on campus, religious or academic", stated that academic and religion are intertwined as the performance in one determines the performance in other.

According to him, "religion and academics are intertwined, Islam also stresses this in Quran 2, verse 31, 'Allah examined Adam and the angels, Adam passed the exam and he was elevated above the angels'. In any academic setting, examinations and research are used to elevate students and staff. He added that the mission of Al-Hikmah University is for the students to be academically sound and morally upright."

Similarly, the second speaker, Mallam Haruna

Sanusi, a lecturer from Islamic Studies Department, in his speech said that the students need to ask themselves three crucial questions daily which must be answered satisfactorily by them. The questions in his words are: "what am I doing here in Al-Hikmah University, why did I choose Al-Hikmah University and how am I going to achieve my purpose of being here?" He added that if they don't get pinched by these three questions daily, they might lose focus.

According to Mallam Sanusi "knowledge keeps evolving especially in this global era. As students, you need to learn, unlearn and relearn, so as to graduate with good grades, secure a good job and live a good life." He, therefore, advised the students to steer clear of bad companionship, be time conscious, avoid unnecessary distractions and shun violence.

In a similar vein, the Acting Director, Counseling and Human Development Centre, Dr. Jemila



L-R: Dr. Nafiu Ahmed Arikewuyo, Dr. O.R. Azeez, Dr. I.J. Otuyo, Mallam Haruna Sanusi, and Bar. Onikosi A.A. at orientation programme organized by CIHCD

Yusuf urged the students to shun any form of temporary gratification as it can lead to serious problem for such student.

Dr. Yusuf, pointed out that temporary gratification includes but not limited to drugs, alcohol, premarital sex, prostitution, cultism, and so on. She, therefore, advised the students to always interact with the counseling unit.

"Conquer the angry one by not getting angry; conquer the wicked by goodness; conquer the stingy by generosity, and the liar by speaking the truth."

— Siddhārtha Gautama

