

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS AT THE STUDENT'S CULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION

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As-Salam alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu,

I am glad to address you today as the Chief Executive of this great institution, Fountain University, Osogbo. To Allah alone belongs all glory and adoration. Today, we come together to celebrate the rich cultural diversity and creativity that exists within our student community. It is a day that symbolizes the diversity of our university and our society as a whole. It is a day to celebrate our unity, togetherness and harmony.

Judging by the diverse cultural dressing here today, we cannot deny the fact that Fountain University is an institution that advocates and supports cultural diversity and inclusion. Fountain University is a citadel that grooms its students to be a respecter of cultures as well as an epitome of academic knowledge and Islamic teachings. I would like to use this medium to assure our founder, stakeholders and students present here today that the university administration, under my leadership, will continue to promote academic development as well as community development, staff and student welfarism, digitalization of our institution and community service.

The Cultural Day of Students' Week is a time when we transcend boundaries and celebrate the beautiful tapestry of traditions, customs and artistic expressions that make our institution a melting pot of cultures. It is a day to appreciate the immense talent, passion and artistic flair of our students who bring life and vibrancy to our campus. This day reminds us of the power of cultural exchange, as we embrace different perspectives, learn from one another, and build bridges that foster understanding and mutual respect. It is through events like this that we celebrate our uniqueness while recognizing our shared humanity.

Today, we witness a kaleidoscope of performances that showcase the diversity of our student body. From traditional clothing that reflects the rich heritage of various cultures, to mesmerizing language of different ethnics. I want to commend all the students who have put in countless hours of hard work, practice and dedication to make this a day success. I want to also commend the management and principal officers especially the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. R.K Alatise, for giving their unflinching support towards making our student stay in the university a remarkable one. Your passion and commitment shine through and same is deeply appreciated. May Allah (SWT) reward you all. Amin.

To our amazing students, as you revel in this celebration, always remember the importance of cultural appreciation and understanding. Our differences should not divide us but rather unite us in a shared vision of a harmonious and inclusive society. By embracing diversity, we create an environment that encourages open-mindedness, empathy and exchange of ideas. It is through these interactions that we broaden our horizons, challenge stereotypes and actualize an interconnected world.

As you continue to embrace the spirit of cultural diversity, carry the lessons learnt from this day throughout your lives. Be ambassadors of unity, tolerance and respect, not just within the walls of our institution, but in every interaction you have beyond these boundaries.

I wish you all a joyous Cultural Day celebration.

Thank you for listening.

Fountain Leads, Others Follow.

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