

INTERLINK POLYTECHNIC, IJEBU-JESA

AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE RECTOR AT THE 11TH MATRICULATION CEREMONY OF INTERLINK POLYTECHNIC, IJEBU-JESA ON FRIDAY 11TH MARCH, 2016.

The Deputy Rector,
The Registrar,
Invited Guests,
Staff Members,
Students,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted and excited this morning to witness the 11th Matriculation Ceremony of this great citadel of learning – The Interlink Polytechnic, Ijebu-Jesa.

On behalf of myself, the entire management, the staff and entire students, I welcome you to this Matriculation ceremony.

Going by the Mission of this institution that is

“To improve accessibility to quality education, training and employment by providing a variety of high quality academic, professional and vocational training courses in order to enable individuals obtain employment, career progression and International recognition. Such education will be augmented by Quality Assurance Policy and centred on Christian principles and Morals that will spun high levels of achievement and success rates”

I congratulate all the new students for gaining admission to this institution.

You may not realize how lucky you are today, but in future when you reflect back, you will appreciate your being admitted into Interlink Family, where quality education of high international standard, values and profession ethics form bedrock.

This may sound funny: Interlink does not teach Business Administration or Accountancy or Computer Engineering or Electrical Electronics Technology. We teach students on how Business Administration or whatever course you enroll for will make you successful in life. In other words, InterlinkPolytechnic is interested in you as persons. We are interested in what you do with your lives and your education.

It is very important to bring to your attention the fact that Interlink Polytechnic is a faith based institution where Christian morals form an integral part of your academic. We operate a zero tolerance for cultism. (Beloved students, I want you to raise up your hand if you are a cultist. Good, none of you raise up your hand.) In Interlink, the punishment of membership of cultism is EXPULSION. We also hand them over to the law enforcement agent for protection. Cultism is an enigma, the enemy of mankind. God condemns it in entirety. Interlink does not tolerate it.

At Interlink Polytechnic we attach great importance to decency in dressing, thought and behaviour, Fabrics that expose parts of the body are banned on campus. Alcohol consumption, drug addiction, smoking, pornographic material, fighting and other disorderly behaviours attract heavy penalties which may lead to dismissal of the culprit. The Institution has a Christian fellowship which is compulsory for all students and staff of the Polytechnic. Only professional associations are allowed to operate on our campus subject to the approval of the Rector in Council. All other societies, cultural, religious and social are prohibited on the campus. As an Institution, Interlink is to help you succeed and to avoid any distraction to your studies. We have policies and procedures in place to enable us achieve excellence.

As part of our commitment to make your learning interesting and stimulating, we have set up a Compliance and Monitoring Unit within the institution and we have a hotline on Sexual harassment to enable our students and staff to learn and co exist without fear and intimidation from anybody regardless of status, authority and position in the institution.

In honesty, I must emphasize that the new journey you have embarked on requires determination, dedication, diligence, focus and vigilance. Your previous experience is completely different in the sense that you will need to take full ownership of your education by managing your time effectively. I advise you not to see your coming out of your parent's monitoring and control as a freedom to be abused.

You have come to join the learning and skills revolution of the century. Therefore you must have the goal to acquire academic and skill excellence for which this Polytechnic is reputed and this desire requires optimizing the use of your time. If you desire distinction and upper grades that will make you to progress steadily, you must be ready to put in extra efforts in your studies.

To buttress my point on quality assurance and providing a conducive place to learn as member of Interlink family, you are guaranteed.

- A place on the right course
- Impartial advice and information
- Expert induction and teaching
- Regular tutorials to review your progress
- High quality learning resource
- Helpful staff
- Physically Challenged received adequate support
- A supportive and secure campus environment
- A response to your complaints and suggestions
- A firm action on any harassment or irrational behaviour

- Monitoring and enforcement unit to ensure cases of sexual harassment is dealt with speedily

I am delighted to restate here that our programmes have been accredited both at National Diploma and Higher National Diploma level. New programmes to be introduced soon are also being prepared for accreditation by the National Board for technical Education.

It is delightful to hear that our graduates that have served and some still serving at the National Youth Service Scheme have performed creditably. It is our pride that Interlink graduands can raise their head anywhere all over the world. We are small yet we are big.

When I look at the length and breadth of this country I become worrisome about the future of our youth and the nation. Everyday we hear stories of violence in most of our institutions at all levels. It shows the extent of decadence at basic, secondary, colleges and universities.

This is the time for the government and patriots to look at the involvement of social schemes in our institutions. The counseling system in the education sector needs reengineering. It is rife to have a turnaround institutions and agencies.

In the final note, we are committed to stop and discourage any act of violence and intimidation that has been traditionally associated with matriculation in other institutions. This is barbaric, demonic and must not happen at Interlink Polytechnic.

Thank you for listening and God bless you all.

Dr. Kanmi Alo
Rector