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KASU, LASU PARTNER INDUSTRY TO BRIDGE THEORY–PRACTICE GAP AT INDUSTRY 3.0 WEEK 2025



The Department of Procurement and Supply Chain Management, Kaduna State University (KASU), in collaboration with the School of Transport, Lagos State University (LASU), has successfully concluded a 6-Day Industry 3.0 Week 2025 Programme for BSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management students, reaffirming the growing importance of industry-academia collaboration in preparing work-ready graduates for Africa's evolving logistics sector.

The programme, fully sponsored by Learn Logistics by Kuehne Foundation, Germany, brought together students and faculty from both universities for an intensive blend of classroom learning, industry exposure, debates, career mentorship, and cultural immersion.

Activities commenced on Day One with the grouping of students from KASU and LASU into interdisciplinary teams and the allocation of debate topics, fostering collaboration and peer learning across institutions. The programme officially opened on Day Two with the introduction of dignitaries, followed by a keynote lecture titled "International Trade and Port Operations," delivered by Dr. Obiora Madu alongside Mr. Kingsley. The session provided students with foundational insights into port operations ahead of their field exposure.



On Days Three and Four, participants undertook a two-day industrial field visit to APM Terminals, Apapa, where they observed real-time terminal operations, gaining first-hand understanding of container handling, port logistics, and operational workflows—an experience many described as transformative. The focus shifted to career development on Day Five, with seasoned professionals from diverse logistics and supply chain organizations delivering career path lectures. In his opening remarks, Dr. Usman Abbas, Head of the Department of Procurement and Supply Chain Management, KASU, emphasized the necessity of exposing students to practical industry experience at an early stage of their academic journey.



“Universities must go beyond theory. Early exposure to industry realities and career pathways equips students with clarity, confidence, and competence,” Dr. Abbas noted, while commending Learn Logistics by Kuehne Foundation for its sustained commitment to logistics education in Africa, including its pivotal role in curriculum development and the establishment of logistics programmes across Nigerian universities.

In his remarks, the Country Coordinator of Learn Logistics by Kuehne Foundation, Mr. Stephen Akut, underscored the critical role of industry collaboration in reshaping graduate outcomes.

“We must change the narrative about the type of graduates produced by our universities. Students should graduate ready for work. This is achievable through early industry exposure, structured partnerships, and strong professional affiliations,” he stated, while pledging the Foundation’s continued support until these goals are fully realized.

The day featured a high-level panel discussion on emerging career paths in logistics and supply chain management, followed by a student debate on the motion:

“For the next generation of African logistics and supply chain leaders, soft skills are a greater determinant of success in the AfCFTA era than technical competence.”

Six student teams participated—three in support and three against—while industry experts served as judges. The debate highlighted the importance of leadership, ethics, stakeholder engagement, and adaptability in Africa’s integrated trade future. Winning teams received ₦500,000, while runners-up received ₦200,000, all sponsored by Learn Logistics by Kuehne Foundation. The day concluded with student presentations reflecting on lessons learned from the APM Terminals field visits.



On Day Six, students and faculty embarked on a historical and cultural excursion to Badagry's Point of No Return, tracing the trans-Atlantic slave route. Before crossing the water, faculty members and the Country Coordinator paid a courtesy visit to the Mobee of Badagry, who offered his blessings and reflected on the historical role of the Atlantic Ocean—from slavery to today's global logistics networks.

On Day Seven, KASU students and faculty safely returned to Kaduna under security escort, marking the close of a landmark programme.

The Industry 3.0 Week 2025 stands as a strong model for experiential learning, demonstrating how strategic partnerships between universities and industry sponsors can accelerate skills development, career awareness, and professional readiness among students. Kaduna State University reiterates its commitment to producing globally competitive graduates through sustained industry collaboration and innovative academic programmes.

