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## An Orientation and Field Trip That Captured the Spirit of KASU

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Choosing to begin this piece with the excellent working relationship between the Department of Procurement and Supply Chain Management and Corporate Services is, in many ways, a reflection of the wider spirit that defines Kaduna State University.

It is a shared commitment to service: fair, faithful, and firmly aligned with institutional mandate.

Yet, beyond this collective ethos, there is something particularly noteworthy about the department and its Head, Dr. Usman Abbas. A stickler for excellence, he demonstrated not just administrative leadership but a practical understanding of coordination, quite fitting for a discipline rooted in systems and efficiency. In many ways, he “procured” the full support of Corporate Services, ensuring the seamless execution of the two day 100-level orientation and field trip for students of BSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

From the flurry of notices to the persistence of follow-up calls, nothing was left to chance. It was a reminder that at Kaduna State University, every day carries the urgency of a Monday, driven by purpose, discipline, and a relentless pursuit of academic excellence.

But beyond the logistics of organizing the event, the deeper value lay in its purpose.

The orientation programme was carefully designed to facilitate a smooth transition for newly admitted students into the academic and cultural environment of the university. It provided a comprehensive introduction to the Logistics and Supply Chain Management curriculum, professional expectations, and the diverse career pathways available within the field.



Prof Helen Afang Andow , DVC (SISD), who attended briefly, directed the Provost, College of Postgraduate studies, to address the event on behalf of Management. Pictured (right) with the Head of Dept Dr. Abbas Usman



**Prof. Sadiq G. Abdu**  
Provost, College of Postgraduate Studies

Through its partnership with LEARN Logistics, the programme went further, equipping students with essential study skills, ethical frameworks, and insights into emerging global trends. This collaborative effort ensured that students were not only academically prepared but also grounded in the values and professional identity required to thrive in a dynamic global industry.

Crucially, the programme bridged the often-wide gap between theory and practice.

The scheduled educational visit to TMDK Industries Ltd. on April 30, 2026, offered students firsthand exposure to procurement systems, inventory management processes, and warehousing operations within the agro and food processing sector. It was a deliberate step toward cultivating practical competence and professional awareness, preparing students for the realities of modern supply chain operations.

The orientation itself was enriched by a lineup of distinguished guest speakers whose presence underscored the programme's significance.

Among them was Dr. Obiora Madu, Chairman of the African Centre for Supply Chain and Founder/CEO of Multimix Group, a respected voice in strategic operations and ethical



**Dr. Usman Abbas, HOD Procurement & Supply Chain Mgt. (right)**  
with one of the guest speakers at the event

leadership. Others included Pharm. Samuel Noma; Mr. Iyke E. Igwe, a Regional Sales Leader and advocate for professional excellence; Alhaji Danjuma Buba of the Nigerian Shippers' Council, Kaduna Port Office; Isma'il Musa Rilwan; and Dr. Olusegun Austine Taiwo of the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology. Each brought depth, experience, and practical insight, exposing students to the realities and expectations of the profession.

In his remarks, Professor Sadiq G. Abdu, Provost of the College of Postgraduate Studies, who represented the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, formally welcomed the students into the university community. He congratulated them on securing admission and urged them to make full use of the university handbook as a guide to their academic journey. More importantly, he challenged them to remain focused and committed to excellence.

Similarly, Professor Gimba Victor Kyari, Provost of the College of Communication, Management and Social



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Sciences (CCM&SS), emphasized the importance of discipline and good conduct, noting that character remains a critical pillar in achieving academic and professional success.

By the end of the two day engagement, what stood out was not just the success of an event but the clarity of its impact. Students left not only informed but inspired and better equipped to navigate their academic journey and more aware of the professional landscape ahead.

Indeed, this was more than an orientation. It was a statement of intent, one that reflects Kaduna State University's commitment to producing graduates who are not only knowledgeable but industry ready, ethically grounded, and globally competitive.

In that sense, the programme did more than orienting the students it captured the Spirit of KASU

# MORE PICTURES OF THE ORIENTATION PROGRAMME AND FIELD VISIT

