

**BEING THE TEXT OF ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE OPENING
CEREMONY OF THE ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR 2014
SIWES/INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT STUDENTS
HELD ON 2ND APRIL 2014 BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR
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The Area Manager Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Ibadan Area Office and his team,

Management Staff, Osun state University

Deans of Faculties

Directors of Programmes and Units

Heads and Coordinators of Departments/Units

SIWES Departmental Representatives

Students

Ladies and gentlemen

On behalf of the Management, staff and students of Osun state University, I welcome you all to the 5th Orientation Programme for the proposed students' 2014 SIWES/Industrial attachment. This type of orientation was last held on 15th January 2013. We thank God that makes it possible to have another series of orientation for this year. In 2010, Seventy-Three (73) students were sent for IT, while Three Hundred and thirty Seven (337) were sent in 2011, in 2012 it was Four Hundred and Thirty five (435), in 2013 it was Four hundred and sixty

eight (468) but this year 2014 we have about Six hundred and thirty 630 students.

SIWES AS A TOOL FOR DEVELOPMENT

SIWES is believed to be an important tool and the nucleus of scientific and technological programmes. This is simply because learning can never be effective if adequate provisions are not available for the practice of what is learnt, both in the classroom and in the laboratory/workshop environment. As at today in Nigeria there has not been any other educational programme that has better exposed our undergraduates to this highly needed practical experience than SIWES

IMPORTANCE OF THE ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Orientation is a period during which varieties of events and vital information to guide students before, during and after the SIWES programme is given to them and this is compulsory. The orientation is a period when students are able to know the do's and don'ts of the activities ahead of them. At the SIWES orientation students will also know about dressing codes to work, Punctuality, Attendance at work,

penalty for lateness. They will be informed about the Completion and immediate return of the Assumption of Duty Form to enable the SIWES office know the exact location of the student in order to facilitate supervisory visits by members of staff of the institution and completion and submission of ITF SPE 1 forms to nearby ITF office to the primary location of student to facilitate ITF supervisory visits.

At the orientation students are also told about the importance of the log-book for recording of his/her daily operations. This should be signed by the industrial based supervisor(s) of individual sections in which he worked. The students' log-book should be signed by the industry's Training Manager or Officer after completion of the programme.

The ITF Form 8 (End of the programme) form should be completed by the employer at the end of training to enable assessment of the student's performance.

During the orientation students will also know the consequences of running against the rules and regulations governing the conduct of a successful SIWES program. Students should undertake whatever work they are given, although it is hoped that the training aspect will be borne

in mind in selecting suitable tasks by the industry. If the student fails to avail him/her-self of the opportunities provided or does not comply with time keeping and other regulations, he/she would be sanctioned and the industry is expected to communicate same to the institution's SIWES Coordinator. Students should normally contact their Institution's SIWES office if faced with challenges. They should be armed with the contact number(s) and email address of the SIWES unit staff.

REQUEST FOR MORE COOPERATION WITH ITF AREA OFFICE

Lastly, before I take my seat, I want to solicit with the ITF and other allied agencies for more cooperation, most especially in the area of funding and the supervisory allowances which are stated below:

1. Payment/Balance of 2010 Supervisory Allowance.
2. Payment/Balance of 2011 Supervisory Allowance.
3. Payment/Balance of 2012 Supervisory Allowance.
4. Full Payment of 2012 Students Allowances
5. Vetting of 2013 Students logbooks and full payment of 2013

Students allowances

It will be an injustice if I fail to commend the leadership and the staff of the SIWES Unit Osun State University for effective management of the office and Coordination of the SIWES programme.

Finally, I wish you all happy stay in Osun State University for the Orientation programme and safe homeward journey back.

Thank you and God Bless.

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