



Covenant University Newsflash

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Covenant University, Diamond Bank Commissioned ICT Centre



Chancellor, other Members of CU Management with officials of Diamond Bank Plc.

forth coming University/Industry Partnership Luncheon geared towards evolving home grown solutions to Africa's Challenges.

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD/CEO) of the Bank, Mr. Uzoma Dozie, explained that the project was the first to be undertaken by the bank in any part of the country. He added that like education, the banking sector now deals more with information and data than cash in its transactions.

He also explained that for the bank to execute such projects, it needs institutions of like minds to envision what the bank is trying to achieve. The MD/CEO, therefore, promised that the bank would be committed to the partnership.

The Covenant University/Diamond Bank ICT Centre has state-of-the-art e-Library, an Automated Teller Machine Gallery, a Mini-Conference Room and a 48-system e-classroom.

Also at the commissioning ceremony were the Management team and Senior Staff of both organizations.

Covenant University and Diamond Bank on Friday, March 6, 2015, commissioned a State-of-the-art ICT Centre, located on the University campus.

At the commissioning ceremony, the Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents of the University, Dr. David Oyedepo, reiterated the commitment of the University to home grown solutions to myriad of challenges confronting Africa.

"We are committed to home grown solutions. We should be able to generate solutions to our problems in this part of the world. There is nothing mystical about excellence, it's all about tireless commitment to continuous improvement", he explained. The Chancellor decried what he called casual approach to important issues, noting that the University became number one, both in Nigeria and West Africa, because of her commitment to excellence.

Dr. Oyedepo also charged the Managers of both institutions to ensure continuous commitment to excellence that would evolve solutions, thereby meeting the needs of the society. He, therefore, prayed that none of the parties involved in the partnership would be disappointed; rather, they would be proud of the products from the Centre.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, noted that the project was symbolic to the University in many respects, particularly

because of the University/Industry Partnership drive of Vision 1 of 10 in 10.

He noted that the Diamond Bank brought on board many robust ideas that would help in driving the University's Vision, part of which was the Unified Payment and Identity Card System, as well as the robust Attendance Capturing System.

Professor Ayo assured that the bank would take the front seat in the

CORBON Accreditation Team Visits CU

Officials from the Council of Registered Builders of Nigeria (CORBON) visited Covenant University on Thursday, March 5, 2015 to inspect the Building Technology Department of the University. The team, which came from their headquarters in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, was led by the Chairman of the Council, Bldr. (Prof.) Kabir Bala.

While making his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, expressed his excitement at the presence of the team. According to him, "In 2012, we were given the mandate to get the University listed as one of the best ten universities in the world by the year, 2022. If not for the business-like approach we give to the management of this university, there is little we could have actually done to have reached where we are today.

"I want to also thank you for your

kind words concerning the recent position of the University on the Webometrics Ranking. Our desire is to see all the universities in Nigeria, achieve the same feat. If we look at the age of university education in Nigeria we cannot blame other universities because there is little any university can do without having the right amount of money to develop programmes, capacity and put in place the right infrastructure. So, if government is able to live up to that, then one would begin to see our colleagues in the university system judiciously manage the fund that is there.

"As an institution, however, we see your visit as a way of benchmarking what we are doing. We know the whole essence of peer review mechanism is for you to come in from outside and see a number of things glossed over and advise us appropriately on the right steps to take in order to improve on what we are doing currently."

In his remarks, the Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, appreciated the team

CU Commissions Truck for Waste to Wealth Project



The University's Management and Members of the Waste to Wealth Committee at the Commissioning of the Waste Truck

Covenant University, on March 4, 2015, commissioned a brand new Mitsubishi truck for the upscale of its Waste to Wealth project.

While commissioning the truck, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo stated, "Today, we commission this truck, being the first of many of its kind to come, as part of the steps to make judicious use of the resources at our disposal and a vital key to driving our 21st Century Higher Education platform."

He reiterated that the University's Waste to Wealth platform has made a lot of progress since it was flagged off in 2014. Noting that both the organic and inorganic waste materials collection have been substantial, the acquisition

of the truck would help in moving them out for the next phase of process.

The Vice Chancellor commended the Chairman of the Waste to Wealth Committee, Dr. Ajanaku and other members of the team, for their dedication to the success of the project, enjoining them to stay focused and committed to seeing the project through the entire phase of its maturity process.

He emphasized that the Waste to Wealth Project was one of the many initiatives that would set the University apart in Nigeria and Africa, in terms of its novel contribution. He emphasised, "This would indeed be helpful in our drive to become one of the best 10 Universities in the world

by the year, 2022."

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, expressed joy at the prospect of moving the project processes to another level via the acquisition of the new truck.

In a later chat with the Chairman of the Waste to Wealth Committee, Dr. Ajanaku, he stated, "The project was planned to run in phases, phases 1, 2, 3 and 4. We are presently on phase 1, which involves sorting out the wastes at source and then moving them to designated areas. The organic (food) waste goes to the university farm to be used as manure for the time being, but would later also be used for the production of alternative energy. The paper and pet bottles would be recycled for the production of other products."

Moreover, Dr. Ajanaku said that the Management of the University had just approved the acquisition of Crushing Machines for the Pet Bottles to be washed, crushed and bagged for either export or local sales as the case may be, until the University sets up its own Production Plant.

Other members of the Waste to Wealth Committee present, include Dr. David Olukanni; Dr. David Omole, Dr. Ajayi Oluseyi, Dr. Daniel Olugbemi, Mr. Ayodeji Oluwalana and Ms. Obi Clara.

Also Present at the event were the Director, Financial Services, Pastor Deji Okubanjo; the Director, Media and Corporate Affairs, Dr. Lanre Amodu and other members of the directorate.

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for coming to Covenant University and said, "We have been expecting you. We are glad that you have come and we assure you that you will see all that you expect to see and even more. We trust God that the outcome of your evaluation will be a validation of our quest to become one of the top ten universities in the world by 2022. Our vision speaks in all that we do, in all our programmes, curriculums and facilities."

The Chairman of the Council, Bldr. (Prof.) Kabir Bala, while responding, stated that they were in CU to evaluate the Building Technology programme of the University. He said, "The purpose of our visit is to evaluate the Building programme with all the parameters and criteria we already sent down. The purpose of the Building Technology accreditation programme, which is a



CORBON Officials inspecting facilities at the Building Technology Workshop

quality assurance programme, is to ensure that we meet up with best practices around the world in whatever we do; our job is to benchmark. There are programmes now to formalize these benchmarking, which is called 'Tuning.' A graduate of this university should be rated same as a graduate of Cambridge and Oxford; these are top

universities in the world."

Present at the meeting were the Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Dr. Christopher Nkiko; the Director, Financial Services, Pastor Deji

Okubanjo; the Director, Systems and Information Services, Pastor Abolade Afolabi; the Director, Physical Planning and Development, Arc. Gbenga Alalade; the Director, Academic Planning Unit, Dr. Akan Williams; Deputy Dean, School of Environmental Sciences, Dr. Samuel Oloyede; Professor Tim Mosaku; HOD, Building Technology, Dr. Fakunle and a member of the Directorate of Media & Corporate Affairs.