



Covenant University Newsflash

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Homegrown Products set to Emerge in the new Academic Session-VC



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo

After revealing the University's goal for 2015/2016 Academic Session—"Innovation, Product Development and Nation Building",

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Charles Ayo has further stressed that the 2015/2016 Academic Session would witness new products through the University's research base that would solve the challenges facing the country and the continent.

Professor Charles Ayo revealed this recently in an interview with Cyber Africa of the African Independent Television (AIT), adding that the institution would also collaborate with the industry to develop commercialized products that would be beneficial to humanity and lead to national development.

According to him, "By the grace of God, in the 2015/2016 Academic Session, homegrown tangible and intangible products shall emerge from the University to solve the myriad of problems that the nation is faced with.

"To us in Covenant University, we believe it is high time we start solving the problems faced in Nigeria and Africa. Come this session, we want products to be produced in collaboration with the industry that will meet the required standards for consumers," he added.

The Vice-Chancellor also stated that in-line with the goal for the new academic session, the University has commenced series of innovations that would continue to bring exposure to her students, thereby raising the new

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British Council Seeks Partnership with Covenant University

A team from the British Council, through the Higher Education Academy, has expressed interest in partnering with Covenant University to improve her standard of teaching and enhance the learning experience of students by improving the quality of teaching they receive.

Making the intention known at a courtesy visit to the Covenant University Management, the International Development Manager, Higher Education Academy, Mr. Doug Pearce, said that the purpose of the collaboration was to widen the research base of both institutions internationally in order to provide solutions to African educational issues.

He, however, noted that it would be important for them to know more about the faculty. That was because

training the faculty would be based on what they considered required to achieve the vision of the institution, and Higher Education would gladly support that. He also added that the agency works with universities in different ways but specifically for curriculum development, curriculum design, and feedback assessment, with a view to focusing and developing them.

In his words, "Higher Education Academy is committed to enhancing the quality of teaching and learning in universities. It is part of our international strategy to collaborate with the university with our consultancy service, to help with staff development and enhance your university's teaching qualities."

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant

University, Professor Charles Ayo, in his remarks stated that the drive of Covenant University is to proffer solutions to existing African problems by producing graduates who are agents of change, and who would restore the lost dignity of the black man.

Professor Ayo said, "Looking at our long term vision to be one of the top ten universities in the world by 2022 and raising a new generation of leaders, we are sure the proposal from the Higher Education will help to work towards the attainment of the vision the institution is currently running with. Undoubtedly, the skill will also be beneficial to the institution". He added that the University was currently in partnership with some other international bodies.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo stated, "Covenant University is running with a vision to become one of the top

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Covenant University empowers Women through Entrepreneurship

Running on the vision of raising a new generation of leaders, Covenant University has kicked off Covenant University Women Development Centre (CUWDC) Project at the Multi-Purpose Hall, Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies, with the aim of empowering over a hundred women within the institution's environs to develop skills that would make them play significant roles in the society.

In her opening remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, represented by an Associate Professor from the Department of Biological Sciences, Dr. Abiodun Adebayo, said that the main aim of the project was to educate women to be responsible and be able to make impact in the community.

In her words, "The University is committed to raising leaders that will be impactful in national development and through this project, Covenant University is set to empower, train and stir up the gifts in

women that will give them a voice in the society".

The Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, in his welcome remarks, said that the women development project was born out of the University's passion to compliment the efforts of the government in entrepreneurship and to fulfill the mandate of the Proprietor-base to liberate mankind from all

is able to close the gap between the government and the public i.e. those that cannot be reached by the government," he said.

Welcoming the participants, The Director, Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies, Dr. Chinonye Moses emphasized the vision and mission of the Centre, saying that it was in line with the Millennium Development Goals. The aim was to unleash the potential in every individual to make him/her productive and contribute significantly towards national development.

"The main thrust of the Center is to develop entrepreneurial spirit, skills and knowledge in the students of Covenant



Cross section of Women during the programme

oppressions of the devil such as poverty, idleness, etc.

"The Covenant University Women Development Centre (CUWDC) Project is established to compliment the efforts of the government, where the University

University and others in the external context so as to empower them to become wealth creators. We also aim to empower the entire community in a bid to alleviate poverty in its entire ramification.

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ten universities in the world by the year 2022 and we are confident that we will be able to achieve it through the help of God and laudable partnerships."

According to him, in a bid to attain the vision, the Management welcomes partnerships that have the potentials to move the institution in that direction.

The team from the British Council

include the Project Manager, SIEM, British Council, Ms. Sephora Imomoh, and Project Officer, SIEM, British Council, Ms. Maria Williams.

Also at the meeting were the Chairman, Committee on International Office and Linkages and Deputy Dean, School of Natural And Applied Sciences, Dr. Olawande Daramola; representative from International Office and Linkages, Mrs. Akinyemi Okubanjo; Director, Financial Services, Pastor Deji Okubanjo and Director, Academic Planning Unit, Dr. Akan Williams.

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generation of leaders that would change the country.

In his words, "The University has started a monthly seminar in all departments that involves interaction between the institution and the Industry. Also, at the end of every session, each student goes on a compulsory internship to further expose them to the happenings in the industry".

Professor Charles Ayo, concluding his interview session, urged the government to be more proactive in education by adopting Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for the delivery of educational services.