



# Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University August 24-28, 2015

## CU Vice-Chancellor Bags Excellence Award



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, receiving the Award from a leader of NANS

The Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor Charles Ayo was honoured by the National Association of Nigerian Students' (NANS) today, August 27, 2015, with an Excellence Leadership

award. While stating the purpose of their visit, Mr. Olu d a i s i A f o l a b i , N A N S ' Director of Action & Mobilisation who doubled as the team leader, said that the award was to recognise and appreciate the great job the Vice-Chancellor and his team have been doing and to encourage and challenge them to do more. He described the Vice-Chancellor as a father, an icon as well as a very caring and supportive

leader amongst leaders.

Mr. Afolabi went on to explain the objectives of the National Association of Nigerian Students were to promote peace and unity amongst Nigerian students and to promote students' rights.

In elucidating how the association select award recipients, the team leader stated, "We do not sell our awards, we give them based on merit."

He further made a request on behalf of the Association for the provision of leadership training and capacity building by the Covenant University Management for his leadership team.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor expressed his delight in receiving the award, which he said came as a huge surprise to him. He stated, "I don't see you as ordinary students, but as future leaders. I am very impressed that you did not hesitate to let me know your expectations. I appreciate the

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## CU Hosts ARCON Accreditation Team

Covenant University hosted a team from the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON) on Monday, August 24, 2015. The team which was received in the Vice Chancellor's conference room, was led by the Chairman of the Council, Architect Mohammed Jimoh Faworaja. While stating the purpose of their visit, the Chairman said that they were in CU to carry out a routine accreditation exercise in order to ascertain the state of the Architectural Department of the University and to make recommendations for improving its quality.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo appreciated the team for coming and explained that Covenant University's drive for quality and excellence came as a result of its pursuit towards a divine mandate given to its management; to be among the top ten universities in the world by the year 2022. He emphasised that CU's quality consciousness was not as a result of competition with any other university in Nigeria.

In his welcome remarks, the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun assured the ARCON team of Covenant University's preparedness for the accreditation exercise. "You would not be disappointed at the state of our facilities and you can be sure of our cooperation towards a successful exercise," he stated.

Later, in the wrap-up session, Arc. Mohammed

Faworaja commended the University for its commitment to quality and excellence. He expressed his hope to see all Nigerian universities embrace this level of commitment. In his words, "We noticed that you invested a lot in ICT, as well as the general facilities of the school. This is very good for the students of Architecture. We are very impressed with the laboratory and the number of computers there."

Arch. Faworaja stated that Covenant University is expected to set



Group Photograph of CU and ARCON Officials

the pace in other areas of Architecture, such as, Industrial Architecture, Naval Architecture, Aeronautic Architecture and Architectural Engineering. He explained that the team's extensive interaction with the students gave them a glimpse of the University's teaching quality and a very high level of staff competence. "If you continue with this quality, you will definitely have First Class students in your next graduation," he said.

Also at the meeting were the Deputy Vice-

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# CU, Health Peak Signs MoU

**H**ealth Peak Limited, under the auspices of Partnership for Preventive Health Action (PPHA), a Non-Governmental Organisation, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Covenant University on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo noted that the MoU was a welcomed development considering the need for preventive medicine in the world today. He stressed that the world is moving away from curative medicine as we know it, and embracing more strategic preventative measures. He talked about the new innovation in the area of e-health systems and telemedicine, as an untapped area with great potential in Nigeria and across Africa. He described e-health systems and telemedicine as the remote provision of clinical and healthcare through the use of telecommunication and information technologies; which reduces distance barriers and improves access to medical services to those in rural communities.

In this regard, the Vice-Chancellor said that Covenant University would be at the forefront in Nigeria ensuring that this innovation gets to the grassroots. He expressed a desire to see Covenant University take giant strides in this area in order to place Nigeria ahead of other West African nations in health care research and provision; while preparing the ground for the establishment of Covenant University's School of Medicine.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, the purpose of the MoU is to facilitate the development of collaborations, linkages and mutually beneficial activities in the areas of e-Health and telemedicine. Specifically, the collaboration would



Group Photograph of CU Management and Health Peak Officials at the event

provide opportunity for cutting-edge research geared towards addressing medical concerns in developing nations. There is so much potential for e-health and telemedicine to create a lasting impact both locally and on an international scale.”

Earlier in his comments, the Registrar, while appreciating the Health Peak team for establishing a relationship with Covenant University, expressed his confidence that the MoU would enhance the relationship between the two parties, thereby, helping them to achieve their individual and corporate goals.

While speaking at the event, the Chairman of the organisation, Dr. Samuel Oyegbile, stated that the purpose of the MoU was to establish a framework for collaboration based on mutual benefit and reciprocity; taking into account their respective needs, thereby, driving the economic growth of Nigeria and its integration into global discourse. He emphasised that the two parties shall conduct programs and activities for the development of an e-healthcare, social-consultancy, support and information system platform.

“There shall also be viable E-Renal and E-Cancer Registries, for the prevention of these conditions; an e-health system, educational seminars and a family planning centre as mechanisms to increase public awareness on the prevention of diseases,” Dr. Samuel Oyegbile said.

Also present at the event were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye; the Dean, School of Post Graduate Studies, Professor Shalom Chinedu; the Dean, College of Science and Technology, Professor

Nicholas Omoregbe; the Chief Medical Director, Covenant Health Centre, Dr. Anigbogu Chukwunonso; members of the Legal Department and members of the Directorate of Media & Corporate Affairs. ■

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challenge you threw at me and my team to aspire to do better.”

The Vice-Chancellor further stated that the focus of Covenant University this year is innovation, product development and nation building. He stressed that the responsibility of moving Nigeria forward does not rest on CU alone. “Nigeria is looking up to us to proffer solutions to the myriads of challenges facing the nation,” he opined.

He advised the student leaders to make sure they were united in their goals and visions in order to ensure focus in the pursuit of them. “Working together,” he said, “we should be able to re-write, not only the educational sector, but the history of Nigeria.”

The Vice-Chancellor also assured them that Covenant University would provide leadership training and capacity building for the association, as requested. He asked them, however, to make a formal request which would be duly processed.

Also present at the event were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye; the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; Director, Financial Services, Pastor Oladehinbo Adebayo; Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Zacheus Omogbadegun; the Deputy Director, Media & Corporate Affairs, Mr. Emmanuel Igbani and other members of the Directorate of Media & Corporate Affairs. ■

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Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye; Dean, College of Science and Technology, Professor Nicholas Omoregbe; Director, Academic Planning Unit, Dr. Justin Daramola; HOD, Department of Architecture, Dr. Ibem Eziyi Offia and members of the Directorate of Media & Corporate Affairs. ■