



# Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University September 7-11, 2015

## CU, Redeemer's University Sign Pact



CU and Redeemer's University Vice-Chancellors displaying the Signed Pact

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, between Covenant University (CU), Ota, Ogun State and Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State.

The MoU is to cover areas such as

faculty and students exchange opportunities, joint sponsorships of conferences and workshops as well as joint research and scholarly publication

establishment of a formal collaborative relationship. He said that the new relationship status with the Redeemer's University would enhance Covenant University's efforts towards the achievement of its vision to become one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022.

Professor Ayo further said, "We have two universities coming together today and it is one of the best things to happen in the Nigerian University system. We expect to see a development of ideas from this relationship in the form of research and collaborations. There is need to put on our thinking caps in order to create solutions to the myriad of issues facing Nigeria. We need to cultivate development focused education in order to address these issues, advance the cause of Nigerian Universities and harness the essence of our education."

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While making his remarks at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor Charles Ayo, expressed his excitement over the series of deliberations between the two universities that culminated in the

## Covenant University Management Inspects CUCRID Building Project

In order to ascertain the progress of Covenant University's Centre for Research, Innovation and Development (CUCRID) building project, the Management of the University inspected the structure on Monday, August 31, 2015.

The Director of Physical Planning and Development (PPD), Pastor Azubuike Nwoke and the immediate past Director, Architect Gbenga Alalade were on hand to conduct the inspection. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo and other principal officers of the University round the magnificent project.

The Vice-Chancellor appreciated God for divine supplies and protection of workers at the site. He also expressed gratitude towards the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo and other members of the Board of

Regents for their constant support and provision for the all-round development of the University in its quest to attain its vision.

While explaining the level of work completed, Pastor Nwoke noted that the edifice was over 90% complete and promised that the final

aspect of the work involving the installation of a lift and painting would be completed before the end of November 2015.

While conversing with the Media and Corporate Affairs Directorate, the Director of PPD explained that the edifice is a 7-



Pastor Nwoke leading CU Management to inspect the CUCRID Building Project

floor building with a pent-house. He added that each floor would have two large laboratories, 12 offices for professors and staff, a seminar room, meeting room, kitchenette and other conveniences.

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Pastor Nwoke remarked that the 3rd and 4th floors would be partitioned to 12 laboratories and would be dedicated to a High-Tech Research Centre. He emphasised that the quality of the construction could compete with any world-class structures.

In addition, Pastor Nwoke noted that the building was designed and constructed by the Covenant University Construction Agency (CUCA) which is also about to deliver two Postgraduate hostel blocks and a cafeteria.

He remarked that the construction agency is also handling the construction of a new estate comprising 4-blocks of 3-bedroom flats and 5-blocks of 2-bedroom flats.

Each block will have six flats to accommodate staff of both the Living Faith Church Worldwide (the proprietor base of the University) and Covenant University. ■

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In his own remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Professor Debo Adeyewa stated, "The two universities have been brain storming on the areas to partner in for a while, and I thank God today that it is all coming to pass. I thank God for the giant strides that Covenant University has been making since inception. It is widely known that you are very consistent with your goals, policies and culture. The two universities will not compete, but rather, complement each other."

In his welcome remarks, the Registrar of Covenant University, Pastor Olamide Olusegun stated that the signing of the MoU between the institutions would engender an enduring relationship between them.

Also present at the occasion were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Taiwo Abioye; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Professor K. S. Adekeye; the Registrar, Redeemer's University, Mrs B. A. Oloketuyi; Immediate Past Registrar, Covenant University, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo; the Director, Financial Services, Covenant University, Pastor Adebayo Oladehinbo; the Acting Bursar, Redeemer's University, Mr. Emmanuel Momodu; the Director, Academic Planning Unit, Covenant University, Dr. Olawande Daramola; the University Librarian, Redeemer's University, Dr. E. L. Adebayo and other officers of both institutions. ■

## Covenant University Authors to Embrace e-Publishing

To further consolidate its leadership in the Information Communication Technology and e-learning platform, Covenant University's authors are to publish electronic versions of their books with potential authors encouraged to do likewise.

The University's authors accepted the decision at a meeting held on September 8, 2015 at the instance of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo and coordinated by the Director, Academic Planning Unit (DAPU), Dr Olawande Daramola.

Speaking on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Daramola noted that the University's Management wants to encourage greater use of e-books and enjoined the authors to prepare the e-version of their books in order to adapt to the e-learning platform of the University. The intention is for these e-books to be downloadable on the students' tabs. He added that the books would be cheaper for the students and the authors alike because the cost of printing would be abolished.

Dr Daramola equally advised authors who are still working on their books to



Director, Academic Planning Unit, Dr Daramola speaking on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor at the meeting

also patronise recognised academic publishers, particularly the Covenant University Press, so that their books can be accorded the recognition they deserve. He added that the terms for publishing and payment of royalties are still being decided.

He further explained the benefits authors stand to enjoy when their manuscripts or books are submitted for publishing at the University Press. Aside the fact that the manuscript would go through the normal peer review, Dr Daramola also noted that there would be technical input as well as printing and marketing, the cost of which would be borne by the Covenant University

Press.

Also making his contributions, the Chairman of the University Publications Committee, Professor Aderemi Atayero, advised that the authors should always publish their papers in reputable journals. He informed them that his committee has recommended that a token should be paid to both external and internal reviewers in order to improve the quality.

The Director of the Centre for Learning Resources, Dr Chris Nkiko in his submission, emphasised the need to index the University's journals and highlighted the steps required which include regular publishing and maintaining the caliber of the editors amongst other things. He also advised the authors to always update their books in order to maintain their currency and relevance.

While rounding off the deliberations, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo pointed out that there would be a time frame for peer review by internal and external reviewers. He enjoined the authors not to be in haste even as the University would speed up the editing process. ■