



Covenant University Newsflash

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CU Partners Bank of America Merrill Lynch on Internship Opportunities



Officials of Bank of America during their visit

Covenant University and Bank of America Merrill Lynch discussed the notion of taking their collaboration to a new level by opening up opportunities for Covenant University students to embark on an internship programme with the bank. A delegation of the bank drawn from its different international branches paid a

two-day official visit to the University, which concluded on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

In his welcome remarks, the Registrar, Dr Olatamide Olusegun, stated that he looked forward to having a beneficial relationship with Bank of America Merrill Lynch and expressed his gratitude for the opportunities it would present for Covenant University students.

The Recruitment Co-ordinator for Ghana and Nigeria, Ms Carmen Wan remarked that the delegation had visited Covenant University with

the purpose of sharing their vision and passion with the University Management. She commented that Bank of America Merrill Lynch had employed a number of CU students and they are looking forward to the prospect of training and employing more students for their branches.

Director of International Office & Linkages, Dr Omotayo Osibanjo, extended his welcome to the guests and expressed his desire for Covenant University to collaborate with the bank in order to move our students forward. "Students will be privileged to be able to take part in an internship," he remarked.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Zacchaeus Omogbadegun praised CU students saying, "We believe we have something to offer you, and you won't be disappointed."

"We believe the collaboration will be beneficial to both parties," the Director of Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo

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CU, Nigeria Foundries to partner on Local Content Development

In a quest to realise Covenant University's goal of innovation, product development and nation building for the session, a team of faculty from the Department of Mechanical Engineering visited Nigeria Foundries Limited to explore the possibility of collaboration with the foremost private Foundry in Nigeria, on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

The leader of the team and Director, Vision 10:2022, Professor Christian Bolu, made it known to the officials of Nigeria Foundries Limited that the motive behind the visit was to build industry linkages which would narrow the gap between theory and practical experience for our students.

According to Professor Bolu, who is an expert in Mechatronics Engineering, "The collaboration would help Covenant University students have practical knowledge of current practices and issues in the industry, giving them a

competitive advantage in the labour market." He further stated that the University wanted to establish a symbiotic relationship with Nigeria Foundries Limited where CU students could gain practical experience in foundry engineering. The company could also provide assistance in laboratories facilities, while CU assists the organisation in areas of research.

Applauding this initiative, the Managing Director, Nigeria Foundries Limited, Mr. Vassily Oye Barberopoulous, noted that the visit was a welcome initiative that would develop the local content of the country and lead to the employability of fresh graduates. He, therefore,



CU Officials being conducted round a workshop at the Nigeria Foundries Limited

expressed his interest in working with the University to make the initiative a reality.

In addition, Mr. Barberopoulous stressed the need for Nigeria to promote more locally made products to develop and sustain the economy. According to him, this would be made possible by allowing

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remarked. "We're proud of our students and they will add value to your bank."

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, in his response thanked the delegates from Bank of America Merrill Lynch on behalf of the Chancellor. He shared the University's long term vision to be a world-class University committed to raising a new generation of leaders; and the short term vision to become one of the top ten universities in the world by 2022. The Vice-Chancellor shared his passion to see the gap between universities and industries closed; a notion CU has addressed through its

Town & Gown seminars. He recognised the place of industry partnerships and expressed his desire to rekindle the old memories of industries coming to universities to recruit students. Professor Ayo offered his sincere appreciation to the delegates for their visit.

Also in attendance were members of the International Office & Linkages and two members of the Directorate of Media & Corporate Affairs.

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students of higher institutions to gain practical industry experience.

"One of the major challenges facing Nigerian industries is the high

level of dependence on foreign products which has led to unemployment. This collaboration with Covenant University will help produce employable graduates. In addition, to solve the challenge of unemployment in the country, government must promote and give priority to locally-made products over foreign products, in order to develop and sustain the economy," he remarked.

Giving the vote of thanks, the Assistant Registrar, Directorate of Industry Partnership, Covenant University, Mr. Olumuyiwa Vincent, thanked Nigeria Foundries Limited's team for the warm welcome and the innovation both parties are implementing to make the country better.

In attendance were the Head of Department, Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Ajayi Oluwaseyi and seven other staff members of the department.

Ideas Rule the World at Dreamers' Night



CU Management with the Dreamers

The much-awaited Dreamers' Dinner was held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Covenant University's Cafeteria 2. The 'Dreamers' is the Vice-Chancellor's project and comprises individuals or groups of faculty, staff and students of Covenant University with ideas, products or services capable of promoting the University and contributing to the achievement of Vision 10:2022.

At the event, various projects and products were presented to the audience. Among them were CU Vocational School, Pozzolan Binder Project, Cooperative Society Model Development, Electric Engine Car

that the projects were seeds sown which would be nurtured to fruition. "As an institution, we are interested in the entire project," he added, even as he commended all the Dreamers for their efforts.

The immediate past Registrar, Dr Olumuyiwa Oludayo, noted that with the projects, the Dreamers would be the next generation of entrepreneurs in the subsequent five years. He promised that the Alumni Association was ready to work with some of the Dreamers immediately.

The Director, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and

Project, Drone Project, C-Mobi, Food Delivery and Compliant Response System.

The related Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, remarked

Discovery (CUCRID), Professor Samuel Wara, explained that his directorate was already working with the Bank of Industry to assist in developing the products.

Also in his remarks, the immediate past Director of CUCRID, Professor Louis Egwari, said he was impressed by the project and expressed his hope that the University was prepared to turn the dreams to reality. Another past Director of Research in the University, Professor James Omoleye, wanted the University to set up a group to monitor the projects and their development into tangible products. He also advised that projects with similar ideas should be brought together to avoid duplication of efforts.

Others in attendance were the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Dr. Chris Nkiko; Director, Physical Planning and Development, Pastor Azubuike Nwoke; Chaplain, Pastor Charles Ehekwaba; Director, Centre for Systems and Information Services (CSIS), Mr Yinka Adeboye; Deans and Heads of Units as well as the President, Covenant University Chapter of Young African Entrepreneurs, Mr Ano Igwe.