



# Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University October 26-30, 2015

## 13TH FOUNDER'S DAY: "NOBEL LAUREATE WILL EMERGE FROM COVENANT UNIVERSITY" - CHANCELLOR

**A**s Covenant University worked towards realising Vision 10:2022, when it would be listed among the 10 leading world-class universities by the year 2022, another goal has been placed before the entire faculty and staff of the University.

"Before the said date of 2022, at least one Nobel Laureate will rise from here", the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo declared at the general assembly of the University community to mark its 13th Founder's Day anniversary on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

Dr Oyedepo spoke on "Engaging the Power of Absolute Dependency on God" which, he said was the secret behind the success story of Covenant University. "Absolute dependency

on God is the platform for the rise of giants. Since everything produces after its kind, then if the Most High God is your source, you can't be the lowest in your engagement. For everything you look up to in life, there is nothing like depending on God. Everything outstanding has the great God behind it.

"You can't be a world-class university without a Nobel Laureate. All researchers here must trust Him and acknowledge Him at every point of breakthrough. Please, trust Him, don't share in His glory, then you have committed Him to



Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo addressing University Assembly during 13th Founders Day

perform," he emphasised.

The Chancellor also noted that the essence of Founder's Day was to reflect on the faithfulness of God, to acknowledge Him as the source of all the positive experiences of the University. "What we are celebrating today are not achievements but

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### CU Commissions Ultramodern Health Equipment and Postgraduate Hostels to mark 13th Founder's Day Celebration



Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo Commissioning the New Health equipment on Founder's Day

**A**s part of activities marking Covenant University's 13th Founder's Day Ceremony on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, the University's Chancellor commissioned new ultramodern health equipment and Postgraduate Halls of Residence.

Land (the proprietor base), the University's Management, faculty, staff and students.

The equipment commissioned at the University Health Centre by the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo were Computerised Tomography (CT)

The events, which took place immediately after the University's general assembly to appreciate God for His faithfulness in the affairs of the University, drew members of the Living Faith Church in Canaan

Scan, Mammography machine, Digital X-ray machine, 3-Dimensional Colour Ultrasound Scanning machine with Transvaginal and Cardiac Probes and Electrocardiography (ECG) machines.

At the School of Postgraduate Studies' Hall of Residence, the Chancellor also commissioned two blocks of hostel with 120 rooms each and a 400 seat capacity Cafeteria.

He advised the postgraduate students to study to make an impact and not only to earn degrees. He enjoined them to make the best use of the facilities available on campus and come out with solutions that the world would celebrate.

The commissioning of the PG Halls has ushered in a new phase in the operation of the University's School of

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## COVENANT UNIVERSITY, CISCO TO PARTNER ON ACADEMY

Covenant University and CISCO Systems Nigeria Limited are working out plans for partnership on the establishment of CISCO Academy on the University campus. This was the crux of the discussion when the CISCO team visited the University on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

CISCO team leader and Country General Manager, Mr Dare Ogunlade, noted that Covenant University is already doing well in the training of its students; this achievement is evident in the large number of graduates who are already CISCO Certified Internetwork Experts (CCIE).

Mr Ogunlade added that his organisation wants to work closer with the University by establishing the Academy on campus and

training the trainers. Among other benefits are certification and the possibility of being employed before graduation.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo remarked that the University was ready to partner with the organisation, noting that their coming to the University was timely. Professor Ayo said that by the certification, the University would be producing future-ready students who would not need to be retrained by their employers.

Also at the meeting were the Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Samuel John, Dean, College of Science and Technology, Professor Nicholas Omoregbe, Director, Centre for Systems and Information Services, Mr. Yinka Adeboye, Managing Partners, Softcom

Limited, Mr. Yomi Adedeji and Mr. Omoseindemi Olobayo.

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Postgraduate Studies. According to the University Management, the residency of postgraduate students on campus will enhance their academic productivity and thereby increase their speed in programme completion and research endeavours.

Also at the commissioning were the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye, Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun, Deans of the School of Postgraduate Studies and Colleges, Directors, Heads of Departments, staff and members from the proprietor base.

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'enfranchisement'. We are what we are and where we are by the grace of God."

Dr Oyedepo further reiterated his belief in the actualisation of Vision 10:2022 which, according to him, can only be realised by the hand of God "Vision 10:2022 is a done deal. I therefore congratulate you ahead of time," he said.

The Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents used the occasion to pray for the faculty, staff and students for steadfastness, continuity and productivity,

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, in his remarks itemized the successes of the University from inception and particularly, during the first three years of his administration.

He noted that the University pioneered some programmes and ideas that have been adopted by the universities regulatory agency, the National Universities Commission (NUC) and other universities in the country. Some of these, according to him, are Entrepreneurial

Development Studies, dress code, abolition of pass degrees, among others.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that the University has won many awards and accolades which stand the University out among the league of universities despite its young age. Of note was the gold awards won at the World Invention and Innovation Forum 2015 in Yanchang, China.

On the alumni platform, Professor Ayo stated that the University had produced over 13, 000 graduates, referred to as 'Eagles', and noted that a great number of them are doing well in various sectors of the economy, ICT, aviation, agriculture, oil and gas as well as business and careers.

Professor Ayo appreciated the pioneer staff for continuing till date. He said though the University started with just five professors and few others as members of the University Senate, the University had 88

professors, 66 of whom are products of Covenant University School of Postgraduate Studies.

He equally appreciated members of the Board of Regents (the highest governing body) for daring the 'undarable' and thinking the unthinkable.

There were goodwill messages from the pioneer staff, alumni base and the students' council.

Also present at the occasion were the pioneer Registrar and current Mandate Secretary, Living Faith Church Worldwide (LFCWW) Pastor Yemi Nathaniel, Education Secretary (LFCWW), Professor Bridget Sokan, Deputy Education Secretary, Deacon Olusola Bamidele, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye, Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun, other principal officers of the University, Directors, Deans of Colleges and School of Postgraduate Studies, Heads of Departments, faculty, staff and students.