



Covenant University Newsflash

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Chancellor Urged Newly Admitted Students to Stay True to the Future they Desire to See



Cross section of Matriculating students

The Chancellor, Covenant University, Dr David Oyedepo, has urged the newly admitted students of the University to stay true to the future they desire to see during their studentship in the institution. The Chancellor made this charge at the 14th matriculation ceremony where 2156 undergraduate and 293 post graduate students were formally admitted into various programmes of the University.

In his keynote address, Dr Oyedepo

stated that passing through Covenant University secures one's destiny. He also emphasised the University's strong stance on discipline and the role it plays in enabling the students to achieve excellence. "There is nothing mystical about excellence," he remarked, "it's a product of man's commitment." He commented that excellence is a deterrent to racism and sexism, and enables one to stay above others. "You will be sought after. You can't possess values the world values without the world seeking you." He reminded the students that global impact in any field has a high cost. "There are no shortcuts to any place worth going," Dr Oyedepo remarked. "One makes a living by his profession, but he makes an impact by his dedication." He

emphasised that self-discipline is a vital key to bringing out the potential in us, as it empowers the star in us to shine.

The Chancellor also emphasised the importance of time management, urging the students, "Please make the most of your time at Covenant University and manage your time in the best possible way." He reminded the students that time is an asset; some people invest it and some squander it. He encouraged them to invest their time in making news for others to watch. "Stay true to the future you desire to see," he said as he wished all the matriculants the very best at Covenant University.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, said this year's event was unique, being the first time Covenant University had had part-time students matriculating. In addition, he commented that according to Webometrics data, Covenant University has consistently been ranked the Best University in Nigeria and West Africa. He mentioned some of the achievements of the University's Eagles (graduates), stating that three had featured on the BBC and CNN this year for their outstanding entrepreneurial achievements. He also mentioned that amongst Covenant University's alumni, there are certified pilots.

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● Covenant University Set to Launch Clean and Eco-Friendly Community Initiative

Globetech Remedial Nigeria Limited has expressed interest in partnering with Covenant University to actualise her goals of creating a clean and eco-friendly environment. The Company made this known to the University management in their recent visit to the institution on Thursday, October 29, 2015.

While presenting the company's proposal, the Managing Director, Mr. Ola Oresanya, stated that Globetech has an important role to play in helping the institution to achieve its goal of becoming a world-class university in less than ten years from now. "Globetech Remedial Nigeria Limited is Nigeria's leading Waste and Resource Management Company with a proven record of providing successful services that surpass the demands of Governments, commercial and private clients. We are experts in environmental management, planning, construction and operations," he said.

Mr. Oresanya further stated that the Company was interested in providing sustainable sanitation services to the entire University and Church community, a curriculum-based recycling programme to complement the efforts so far, create

employment opportunities and sustainable business, provide a learning model for Waste Management Solutions, and good returns on investment.

He emphasised that Globetech was more interested in results than in money-making and

thus, would not exploit the University in any way if given the requested opportunity. The Managing Director expressed deep respect for the leadership of the institution, explaining that he had always longed to be serviceable to the proprietor base of the institution.

According to Mr. Ola Oresanya, the Globetech Management developed the interest to partner with the University at the recently convened Covenant University Industry Partnership Luncheon. The luncheon, which Globetech attended, was



CU Management with Officials of Globetech Remedial Nigeria Ltd in a Group Photograph

organised by the University as part of a strategic approach to finding a lasting solution to the challenges of quality education and nation building.

Responding to the presentation of the Managing Director of Globetech, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, appreciated the efforts of the Globetech team in coming all the way to express their interest and support for the goals of the institution. He stated that the University was very much interested in a CU/Globetech partnership as it stands to enhance the institution's drive towards the actualisation of its objectives for

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Professor Ayo emphasised the University's Core Values of Spirituality, Possibility Mentality, Capacity Building, Integrity, Responsibility, Diligence and Sacrifice. He reminded the matriculating students to live as commanded, not as convenient. He concluded by exhorting the students from Acts 20:32, "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun, reminded parents, faculty, staff and students of the mandate of the University to restore the battered image of Africa by raising a new generation of leaders and moving Nigeria's education system forward. "After 4 to 5 years," he commented, "the royalty in you will be made manifest to rule and reign in your area of endeavour." He expressed his gratitude to the parents for entrusting their children to the University and assured them that they would not be disappointed.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye, remarked that the University is making waves all over the world. "We are running with vision 10:2022 and 7 years from this 14th Matriculation will be the actualisation

of it," she told all in attendance. She also expressed her gratitude to God for the many unquantifiable blessings that have been achieved thus far.

In addition to the University management, a parent and Judge from Akwa Ibom State, Justice Abraham expressed his pleasure in being associated with Covenant University. As one who has sat in court for 28 years and has witnessed many young people being incarcerated, he expressed his delight in walking into a place like Covenant University and seeing young people being groomed to be leaders. "When I see young men and women brought up to excel mentally and spiritually, I see that there is hope for Nigeria to see God's glory rise to new heights," he remarked.

The ceremony concluded with the Chancellor pronouncing a word of blessing over all the matriculating students.

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the year: innovation, product development and nation building.

The Vice-Chancellor stressed that there was need for the establishment of a waste management footprint in Covenant

University, Ota and environs; noting that this would keep the environment clean and also boost the University's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR). He particularly expressed interest in the area of Carbon Credits - a carbon credit is a generic term for any tradable certificate or permit representing the right to emit one tonne of carbon dioxide or the mass of another greenhouse gas with a carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e) equivalent to one tonne of carbon dioxide; in essence, it's about reducing carbon emissions and keeping our environment, eco-friendly.

He further stated, "We are most interested in Globetech coming in as well to partner in the training aspect of the project which would require certification. Ultimately, I am eager to know what this would culminate to in the area of job creation. It would make a great impact. Altogether, institutionalising best practice in word and deed is what Covenant University stands for."

Also at the event were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye; the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; the Director, Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery, Professor Samuel Wara; Director, Industry Partnership, Professor Olawole Obembe; Head of Department, Chemistry, Professor Kolawole Ajanaku; Head of Department, Civil Engineering, Dr. David Olukanni; Dr. David Igbokwe of the Department of Psychology and members of the Directorate of Media and Corporate Affairs.

Inauguration of Nigerian Society of Engineers, Ota, Opens Doors for CU



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo with President (NSE) Engineer Ademola Olorunfemi

Tertiary education is supposed to be the bedrock for the socio political aspects of society," the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo remarked when discussing the significance of industry linkages while receiving the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE). The NSE President and his team were at Covenant University on Friday October 23, 2015, to pay a courtesy visit on the management of the University.

In his remarks, the President, Engineer Ademola Isaac Olorunfemi, expressed his appreciation to Covenant University

management for their warm reception. He outlined the history and structure of the society, commenting that it now has 20 branches across the country. "The new Ota branch will be the second branch in Ogun state," he remarked.

Engineer Olorunfemi stated the importance of industry partnership, adding that he did not take the University's support for granted. He also issued an invitation to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, to attend the up-coming national conference of the Society in November, which the President of Nigeria, Governors and other esteemed guests are expected to attend.

In his response, Professor Ayo expressed his sincere gratitude to the President and other members of the NSE for their visit. He thanked the President for being part of the industry partnership luncheon hosted by the University in June, remarking that the event had endeared the President to the University.

Professor Ayo emphasised the importance of our products (the students), exhibiting employable skills and fitting into larger society. "The expectation of the captains of industry cannot be divorced from university standards," he remarked. It is against this backdrop that he believed

tertiary education has a role to play in laying the foundations in our society.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the gathering of the University's Vision 10:2022 to become one of the top ten universities in the world in the next seven years. He also shared how he had been inspired to foster linkages with industries after an international visit where he saw engineering students in the University of Florida building cars. He subsequently discovered that many had secured jobs even before the completion of their degrees. He emphasised that industry partnerships play a key role in preparing students, providing them with role models and exposing them to industry expectations.

Engineer Olorunfemi expressed his desire to arrange regular workshops, visits and competitions to assist in providing faculty and students with industry knowledge and experience. He also emphasised the importance of collaboration in proffering solutions to issues relating to Nigeria.

Also in attendance were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye; Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Samuel John; Sub-Dean, College of Engineering, Dr Olugbenga Omole; Director of Vision 10:2022, Professor Christian Bolu; Heads of Departments in the College of Engineering; members of the College of Engineering; members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, and a member of the Directorate of Media & Corporate Affairs.