



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University December 21-25, 2015

Covenant University Rules Invention Exhibitions in Brazil, South Korea



CU Management, Researchers and Nigerian Association of Inventors (NAI) displaying the Grand Awards won in Brazil and South Korea

Retention Bag,' by Professor Samuel Wara.

A team of researchers from the Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID), together with officials from the Nigerian Association of Inventors (NAI), made the formal presentation of the awards to the University Management on Friday, December 18, 2015.

The President of NAI, Prince Shaka Momodu, who attended the invention fairs, stated that the awards were won by Covenant University at the Seoul International Invention Fair, held in November 2015, in Seoul, Korea, and the UniAmerica, Global Exhibition of Inventions For Creative, Happy Human and Smart Cities, held in December 2015, in Foz Do Iguacu, in Parana, Brazil. He said that the two products of the

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Covenant University's research products have once again dominated research and invention exhibition fairs in faraway Brazil and South Korea where the University bagged grand awards for invention of latest technologies that promote creative, happy human and

smart cities.

The awards, which were won by products of researchers from the College of Engineering, include a 'Solar Powered Weather Station,' developed by Dr. Anthony Adoghe, 'Green Luminaire,' by Dr. Hope Orowode, and an 'Energy

CU Fosters Local Content Development with Tower Group

To consolidate Covenant University's effort towards achieving its great vision to join the league of world-class universities by 2022, a team from Covenant University's Directorate of Industry Partnership, visited Tower Group, a pioneering leader in aluminum production in Nigeria and West Africa. The purpose of the visit which took place on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, was to explore a possible collaboration with the group.

The team leader and Director, Industry Partnership, Professor Olawole Obembe, made it known to the officials of Tower Group that the motive behind the visit was to

build industry linkages that would narrow the gap between theory and practical experience for the students.

According to Professor Obembe, "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 would like to establish a symbiotic relationship with Tower Group where CU students could gain practical knowledge.

Applauding the initiative, the

Group Managing Director, Tower Group, Chief Jamesh Dugad, expressed the interest of the group to work with the University to develop local content, leading to the employment of fresh graduates.

In attendance were the Dean, College of Engineering Professor Samuel John; Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Chinedu Shalom; Director of Vision 10:2022, Professor Christian Bolu; Director of Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery, Professor Samuel Wara; Head of Department, Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Ajayi Oluwaseyi and other members of the Directorate of Industry Partnership.

Covenant University Alumni set pace through Business Networking



Cross section of CU Alumni present at the Business Network

Covenant University alumni and friends gathered at the Victoria Crown Plaza Hotel in Victoria Island, Lagos, on December 5, to build a powerful and influential network of business men and women in an interactive session.

The event, tagged “Breakfast Business Roundtable”, organised by the Covenant University Alumni Association, was a lively breakfast time with networking sessions, followed by presentations and discussion during the breakfast roundtable.

President, Covenant University Alumni Association, Mr. Reginald Bassey, opened the event with insightful remarks and a warm welcome, stating that the purpose of

the Breakfast Business Roundtable was to empower Covenant University Alumni to the new developments of the 21st century and the world at large by making a difference in their different endeavours.

Mr. Harold Nwariaku, Senior Manager Procurement at MTN Nigeria, kicked off the event with his presentation titled, “Business Engagement with Big Companies: Pros and Cons of the Nigeria Business Environment.” He urged participants to always create value, be more concerned solving their customers' challenges and never to compromise standards.

According to him, “You must create value because value defines who you are. Be more concerned about solving customer challenges and find a way of reaching them”.

In addition, Mr. Vincent Egbe, General Manager, Heinz, charged Covenant University alumni to see every problem as a business opportunity and urged them to make a living by creating an impact in their different fields of

endeavour.

Egbe used the parable of the talents in the Bible to describe a life of taking risks to become successful saying, “wickedness is the unwillingness to invest your talent. The problem you want to solve should be the drive behind the kind of jobs you want to get.”

The crux of the event was the presentation delivered by the former Lagos State deputy governor, Otunba Femi Pedro, who shared from his 35 year-work experience with the participants.

Addressing the Eagles at the event, Otunba Femi Pedro urged the young minds to humble themselves, and to pick a mentor to learn from.

Buttressing the points made by previous speakers, Pedro said; “Principles and values are universal and timeless; never compromise. You cannot create wealth without investment.”

The former Deputy Governor concluded his presentation by urging the graduates of Covenant University not to aim beyond their capacity but rather, take time to build capacity. He also added that there is no substitute for integrity. In his words, “Integrity is integrity; you live it and act it.”

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University, the 'Green Luminaire,' and the 'Solar Powered Weather Station,' won grand prizes of Gold and Bronze respectively.

The Director of CUCRID, Professor Samuel Wara, stated that the same products have been winning awards in different exhibitions based on different ratings. “This,” he said, “simply lends credence to the value of the inventions in relation to meeting needs across different geographical locations.”

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, congratulated the research team involved in the development of the various products, and noted that within three months, the Research Cluster headed by Professor Wara, through the leadership of the Nigerian

Association of Inventors, has never represented the University anywhere without having proofs to show, of the quality of research in the institution.

The Vice-Chancellor emphasized the significance of the award to expectations of the University for the coming year. He pointed out that the management of the University desires more of this level of research success in the New Year; stating that all hands must be on deck to move the University further in its desire to reach its goal of becoming a world class university in less than 8 years from now.

Professor Ayo also stressed the need to move towards product commercialization in order to get

the public to enjoy the university's inventions. He stated that this would be in line with the institution's short term goal for the academic year, which is “Innovation, Product Development and Nation Building.”

Present at the event were the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; the Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; the Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Samuel John; the HOD, Electrical and Information Engineering, Dr. Francis Idachaba; Members of the EIE research cluster, Dr. Anthony Adoghe and Dr. Hope Orowode and other members of the Department of EIE. Also present were the members of the Directorate of Media and Corporate Affairs.