



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University April 18-22, 2016

Covenant University Shines at NURESDEF, RMRDC Fairs

Covenant University researchers and their products were adjudged best among others at the recently organised 6th Nigerian Universities Research and Development Fair (NURESDEF) and 12th Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC) Techno-Expo 2016 respectively.

The Director, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID), Professor Samuel Wara, who led the University's delegates to the fairs, presented the certificates from the events to the management of the University.

At a brief event held in the Vice-Chancellor's conference room, Professor Wara stated that the University won 2 Gold and 1 Silver at the NURESDEF, organised by the National Universities Commission (NUC) at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

The products presented at the Fair were the five varieties of Hebron Poultry Feeds and Vegetable Oil, as well as Vaccine



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo with other management displaying the newly received awards of the University

Administration Bag, also known as Energy Retention Bag, for Field and Extension Workers, under the Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine category.

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Covenant University, Chams Plc to Strengthen Partnership

Covenant University and Chams Plc are working towards strengthening the existing collaboration, even as the partnership enters its second phase. The second phase of the 'Confirm Me' project is to begin the issuance of transcript from Covenant University to students or institutions on request.

This was the focus of deliberations when the founding Chairman of Chams Plc, Sir Demola Aladekomo, accompanied by the Managing Director, Mr. Femi Williams and other officials of the organisation paid a courtesy visit to the management of the University on Friday, April 15, 2016.

Hitherto, the 'Confirm Me' project was used to check the authenticity of certificate or any other official document tendered by Covenant University graduates to any organisation or institution.

While stating the reason for the visit, the MD, Chams, Mr. Femi Williams, noted that they were in the University to show appreciation and give back to the University. "We are here to show appreciation to the entire management of the University for believing in our product called 'Confirm Me.' Covenant University was the first institution that singled on to the platform."

He added that the platform was functional and anyone could go to the University website to confirm the genuineness of the certificate of any Covenant

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CU Prepares for All Nigerian Universities Debating Championship

In order to adequately prepare for the upcoming 4th edition of the All Nigerian Universities Debating Championship (ANUDC), the Covenant University Literary and Debating Society (CULDS) organised a mock debating competition with Crawford University, Ota on Saturday, April 2, 2016. The event featured two team presentations from each university in two categories - Debate and Public Speaking.

Covenant University won in the two categories of debate and public speaking contest, coming out in the 1st and second places respectively, while Crawford University made it to the 3rd and 4th positions. The contest was a great success and all participants were in high spirits, challenged and ready to go for the general contest in July.

In his remarks at the event, Dr. Stephen Oluwatobi, representing the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, stated, "Words are powerful. It has been proven throughout history that empires are shaped with words. People express their authority and command via words. It is therefore pertinent for young people to learn the

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Prof. Charles Ayo and Sir Demola Aladekomo in a group photography with CU Management

VC Lauds DFS, FC on ICAN Fellowship

The Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, Professor Charles Ayo, has congratulated the institution's Director of Financial Services (DFS), Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo, and the Financial Controller (FC), Mr. Paul Uwajeh, on their induction as Fellows of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN).

Oladehinbo and Uwajeh were conferred with the ICAN fellowship during the 2016 Investiture ceremony of the institute held recently at Victoria

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the Director for Research, were presented at the RMRDC Techno-Expo 2016. The University was awarded a certificate of Excellent R&D Products. Covenant University was also presented two certificates of participation.

While responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, noted that even though the University had no Agriculture or Medical programmes, it was able to compete favourably and won prizes under the Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine category. He appreciated the Director and his team for excellent performance. ■

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ability to establish cases and back them up with facts beyond mere speech."

He explained that the ability to convince is one of the hallmarks of leadership. "This is why Covenant University supports and has chosen to host this championship debate beginning with the mock debate of today. Participants should see this as a medium to improve their capacity as well as prepare themselves for the future," he advised.

A member of the governing council

Island, Lagos. Professor Ayo had during a reception for the duo in his office, felicitated with them for attaining the glorious feat, which he described as a great milestone in the course of their careers.

"I would enjoin you not to relent in your efforts at doing well in your respective endeavours and careers," said the VC. "I wish you many more



Prof. Charles Ayo and Pst. Olamide Olusegun with the awardees - DFS and FC

meritorious achievements in the future.'

Also present at the reception was the CU Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun.

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University graduate.

The other reason for the visit, according to him, was to give back to the University by way of transferring the Research and Development unit of the organisation to the University, whereby the students would develop solutions needed in the industry and share in the proceeds from such solution.

In his comment, Sir Aladekomo, who is also the Chairman of Smart City Plc, enjoined the University to endorse the Smart City Innovation Hub Project and take strategic location within the City.

The main aim of the City, according to him, was to have the synergy of all IT Companies in a cluster to work together to drive technological advancement and contribute to the Nigerian Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The benefits, he said, would include improved technology, developed R&D education and catalyst to the fulfillment of the University's Vision 10:2022. "Smart City Technology Park will not only further the University's research efforts and generate GDP but will help make the difference in the world," he said.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, expressed belief in local content and indigenous technology. He informed the visitors that the University has been able to develop some platforms among which are e-opinion poll, e-voting, e-democracy and e-governance among others.

"We cannot be talking about Smart CU and still accommodate manually processed activities. One of the things we will be bringing on board in the next session is to see how we can completely automate our processes where everything will be done electronically. ■

of the ANUDC, who is also the Chairman, Local Organising Committee of the Association in CU, Dr. Sheriff Folarin, appreciated the University management for providing the moral, financial and spiritual support and encouragement for the success of the event. "The event of today creates a platform for us to prepare ourselves for the main event in July which we are going to be hosting."

Explaining the vision of the

organisation, Dr. Folarin stated, "The key driver is not for entertainment or information but to enable the participants increase their capacity and be able to stand their grounds, articulate their points and express their opinions with clarity."

Also present at the event were some members of the All Nigerian Universities Debating Council (ANUDC); members of the Covenant University Literary and Debating Society (CULDS) and some staff and students of the participating universities. ■