



Covenant University Newsflash

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CU Launches Certificate in Leadership Development Programme for PG Students

In further demonstration of his passion for Nigeria, and indeed Africa, to look inwards for solutions to its leadership development challenges, the Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo, has initiated a Certificate in Leadership Development Programme for the university's Postgraduate students.

The initiative came barely a week following the successful hosting of the 2016 edition of the Covenant University International Conference on African Development Issues (CU-ICADI), which had as its theme, 'Driving Inclusive and Sustainable Development in Africa: Models, Methods and Policies'.

Speaking at the opening



Cross section of Postgraduate Students at the launch of Certificate in Leadership programme

ceremony of the certificate in leadership development programme, Dr. Oyedepo charged participants to show commitment in their attitude as "We live to learn and there's nothing a man cannot

learn except the interest is not there".

While acknowledging that Nigeria and Africa as a continent is bedeviled by leadership problem, the Chancellor emphasized that there must be a solution,

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CU Encourages Female Youths to Embrace Careers in the Sciences

The Covenant University chapter of African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) has launched an initiative to encourage the engagement of female youths in careers in the sciences. The event, which took place at the conference hall of the university's Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies (CEDs), was attended by students from five secondary schools in Ado-Odo Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State.

In her opening remarks at the event, Professor Nandita Dee, of the Biological Sciences Department, who represented the Management, welcomed the students and expressed the excitement of the CU Management about the event. She encouraged the students to make use of all the advice and insights received as a catalyst to their future progress in their respective

individual educational dreams and goals.

In his remarks, the Head of Department, Biological Sciences, Professor Adesola Ajayi; represented by Dr. Yemi Ayepola, appreciated the participants from various schools and enjoined them to strive for excellence in their future careers, so as to contribute to national development.

While making her presentation, the coordinator of the event, Dr. Angela Eni, who is also a senior faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences, stated that science and technology is the practical application of systemically and experimentally acquired knowledge for the good of mankind.

She enlightened the students on how much science and technology has drastically

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Engineering Body Seeks Partnership with CU

The Nigerian Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (NSEEE) has expressed its willingness to collaborate with Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, in areas of mutual growth and development.

The National Chairman of NSEEE, Engr. Emmanuel Akinwale, revealed this much on Wednesday when he led a three-man delegation on a courtesy and technical visit to the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering of Covenant University.

Engr. Akinwale had at a meeting between his team and management of the Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, said the visit to Covenant University was "borne out of respect for the institution as the foremost private university in West Africa and one of the leading universities in Africa."

NSEEE, he added, wants to partner with Covenant University in a number of ways to be identified between the two

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which means there must be a commitment to the art of leadership.

He said: "There is a seemingly inexhaustible vacancy in leadership, which we must dissect and analyse. Every man has the potential to be a leader; this involves self-training, commitment to tireless planning and taking responsibility.

"A living thing must contribute. A plant makes contribution by giving out oxygen and the animal in turn exhales carbon dioxide. When you are not making contribution, it means you merely exist."

Corruption, said Dr. Oyedepo, is a fundamental problem plaguing Nigeria, while noting that in spite of the current government's fight against corruption, people still use money to

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find their way into government.

"The problem of Africa is leadership, but who is addressing it?" he asked. "We sit down at different forums and blame everything on leadership; however nothing is being done about it.

"Our solution is in Nigeria, there's no way anybody can come from anywhere to give us a solution. That's why I have come to wake up the leadership potential in us at this time. We can do it. It doesn't have to be white to be right. With contributions here and there we can solve our problems."

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Charles Ayo, had earlier in his speech described

the gathering as symbolic to the institution, which he reckoned, was achieving another milestone in its efforts at building human capacity.

He applauded the Chancellor for his trail blazing initiatives. "Through the visionary leadership of our dear Chancellor, the university pioneered the introduction of entrepreneurial education and the incorporation of Diploma certificate in leadership development studies, among several others. These constitute a unique selling point of Covenant University. Should a student finish from CU and still combs the streets looking for job, he should have himself to blame," said Professor Ayo. ■

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increased the knowledge of the universe; opened up fascinating and improved ways of diagnosing and treating illnesses; ushered in the computer age, which has made our world a global village; and given us power to manipulate all forms of lives, including plants and animals, for the benefit of mankind.

Dr. Eni expressed the need for women to be more involved in the sciences. According to her, "Larger number of women study sciences in secondary schools than in the University. Fewer female science graduates get to the top of their careers as senior scientists compared to their male counterparts, and worse still, the number dwindles even more for black women in science."

of Covenant University of grooming professionally savvy graduates, who would not only be sound intellectually but also be able to integrate into the professional circle in their careers on graduation.

Also present at the forum were the Director, Covenant University's Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID), Professor Samuel Wara, the College Officer of the College of Engineering, Mr. Adenigba, and the NSEEE National Financial Secretary, Engr. Adeleye Adegboyega, among others. ■

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The National Chairman of NSEEE, Engr. Emmanuel Akinwole, with members of Electrical and Information Engineering Department

parties.

Engr. Akinwole, who expressed his appreciation of the warm reception accorded his team, said it didn't come as a surprise knowing the foundation of the university and what it represents in Nigeria. The achievement of Covenant University, he canvassed, should be emulated by other institutions across Nigeria.

The Dean of College of Engineering, Professor Samuel John in his remarks, commended the efforts of the NSEEE towards identifying with

Covenant University. "The university would be very glad to partner with your institute in moving forward the vision of attaining a world-class status," said Professor John, adding that the relationship would be symbiotic as the NSEEE stands to benefit immensely from such a partnership.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Head, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Dr. Francis Idachaba, said the visit of the NSEEE team was needful to the goal