



Covenant University Newsflash

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"Covenant is a University to Watch" – Chancellor



The Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo

The Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo has stated that Covenant University is a university to watch out for, even as he once again affirmed his belief that the institution would attain the set vision to become one of the top 10 world-class universities by the year 2022.

Dr. Oyedepo made the affirmation on Friday, August 5, 2016 at the Wrap-up Session of the week long 2016/2017 Executive Advance for Faculty and Senior Non-Teaching staff.

Speaking on, "Impartation of the Spirit of Excellence," Dr. Oyedepo noted that he had achieved so much by the grace of God but quickly added that the grace is transferable to as many that desired it.

"There is nothing that will match grace," he stated, adding that, "no matter the effort, it is grace that makes great."

Impartation, according to him, is the tangible transmission of the power of God through an anointed vessel to others who may be interested. "That is why I know that Covenant University is not just a university, it is a University to watch because, by divine connectivity, the unusual will start happening in our midst," he stated.

He enjoined faculty and staff to possess a certified thirst and desperation of heart in order to encounter the power of God. He also advised the participants to beware of pride, "No matter where you get to in life, there will always be people ahead of you."

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CU Positions for Renewed impact through Research

Covenant University has unveiled its focus for the 2016/2017 academic year. The announcement was made by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at the Executive Advance programme of the institution, in Canaan Land, Ota. The news came amidst a lot of excitement and vibrant expectations of great accomplishments by the Management, staff and faculty, in the new academic year.

The central focus of 'ReCITe' is to fulfill Vision 10:2022 by evolving a World-Class Research University through the 'ReCITe' method which is an acronym for Research, Citation, Innovation and

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Vice Chancellor, Prof. AAA. Atayero

Covenant University can Provide Solutions to World Economy

Covenant University can be one of the solution providers to the world economy if it refocused its engineering research. This was the general agreement among the faculty and staff of the University at the just concluded 2016/2017 Executive Advance.

The Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Christian Bolu, had posed a question, "Can Covenant University become one of the solution providers?" during his presentation titled, "Engineering Research Principles for Attainment of Vision 10: 2022," to which the faculty and staff chorused, "Yes!" on Friday, August 5, 2016.

Professor Bolu said, "If we do this, (refocused engineering research), it would go a long way in helping to make Covenant University part of the solution of this problem. It is not totally international; in fact, most of the problems are local. Forget about corruption, it is just one of the problems. We can't continue blaming this devil called corruption and do nothing. The power is in our hands and Covenant University can be one of the solution

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Professor Abioye Seeks Team Work in Pursuit of Vision 10:2022

As Covenant University continues to strive for excellence in all ramifications towards the realisation of the goal of being among the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022, the immediate past Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye, has called for greater unity among members of the management,

faculty, staff and students.

She made this call at the 2016/2017 Executive Advance of the institution, where she presented a paper titled, 'Positioning Covenant University for Greater National Impact in the Pursuit of Vision 10:2022'.

"So many of us," she observed, "lack the stakeholder mentality. We attribute every decision to management but we are all management. You implement decisions

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“Covenant is a University to Watch” – Chancellor

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There is nothing that erodes man like pride. No proud man can access impartation,” he said.

The Chancellor also appreciated the input and the impact of the last administration, noting that its four years tenure added colour and beauty to the University. He prayed that its members would never lose rewards from God.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, noted that the event had

been five days of revolution preparing everyone for the task ahead. He said that the Vision is a very tall one, “If viewed with the eye of man but if viewed from the point of the Most High God, it is very short.”

The Vice-Chancellor also presented the new leadership at the College and the Departmental levels to the Chancellor and the University community for prayer and grace to run the race.

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Teaching. Vision 10:2022 (1-of-10-in-10) is considered fulfilled whenever Covenant attains a Top 10 position in any reputable global academic ranking outlet, irrespective of the ranking methodology.

Speaking at the event, Professor Atayero made reference to the scripture in Romans 3:3-4, which says, “For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid...” He referred to the scripture as a prophetic word from God validating the authenticity and possibility of the fulfilment of the ReCiTe focus irrespective of the position any man takes.

In order to improve performance and raise the standard of work delivery, some senior faculties and staff of the University made presentations at the event, on different areas of competence.

future; research collaboration with universities and companies, both locally and on a global scale; involvement of social sciences in engineering research and provision of the state-of-the-art near industry size technological infrastructure which should be jointly owned with the industry.

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providers as we pursue the Vision 10:2022, 1 of 10 in 10.”

He benchmarked the University with some Ivy League universities and noted that Covenant University needed to do more to achieve the Vision. He argued that manufacturing industries in Nigeria are not dead as many of them are still producing and they form part of the problems that required solutions.

Professor Bolu's proposed action plans include; pioneering engineering research relevant for Nigerian industries of the



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Former DVC, Prof. Taiwo Abioye

taken by management. There is no need to have a paradigm shift, only to reassess our values.”

Dwelling on the topic of her presentation, Professor Abioye, who described teaching, research and community development as the place of a university in national development, acknowledged the verdict of the external context that CU has performed creditably, she however advocated that the university must be repositioned for greater national impact. And to achieve this, she said the university must redefine its goals and objectives using the ReCiTe –Research, Citation and Teaching – focus of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, as a catalyst.

“We must reposition for impact as individuals and as an institution,” said Professor Abioye. “Individuals, departments and clusters should be

responsible for publications, conference/workshop papers, journal articles, patents among others.

“We must redesign our focus on an annual basis; the university must specialise in one or more areas. Individuals and research clusters are to cater for specific and futuristic social and national challenges and interests. We should be able to proffer solutions, address challenges even before we get to 2022.”

While encouraging individuals to strive for academic immortality by putting their research publication in open access for global recognition, she implored faculty to situate teaching towards national development and also, the strengthening of industry partnership to engender unique intervention strategies.

Professor Abioye canvassed improvement in incentives and the encouragement of mentoring, including suggestions on ways to produce better results by the Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies and boosting the Internally Generated Revenue.”