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Summer Exchange Boosts CU's Internationalisation Profile –Dr. Osibanjo

Dr. Omotayo Osibanjo and the students at Lancaster University

The participation of Covenant University's students in the annual Summer Exchange Programme enriches the profile of the university on the platform of internationalisation, the Director of the International Office and Linkages (IOL), Dr. Omotayo Osibanjo, has said.

CU students had recently attended the 2016 summer exchange at the University of Lincoln in the United Kingdom. Speaking about the experience, Dr. Osibanjo, who led the students, said this year's programme tagged, 'Digital Animation Summer School', was eventful, informative and educative.

"The programme entailed character design and visual development in animation; animation principles and animated landscapes. The level of exposure on the part of the students, who participated in the 2016 Summer Exchange, cannot be compared with that of those who could not make it. In the same vein, it boosts and increases Covenant University on the platform of internationalisation."

Twenty-one students, he revealed, made the trip to the University of Lincoln for this year's summer exchange programme, during which the CU team also met with the university's other partners

"I Want to Bring on Board a More Potent Alumni Association" – Reginald Bassey

The President of Covenant University Alumni Association, Mr. Reginald Bassey, has said that his administration would bring on board, a purposeful association that the University could easily leverage on to influence the society.

Mr. Bassey who took over the mantle of leadership from the first and immediate past president of the Association, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, added that part of his goal was to help the University accomplish its short term goal of Vision 10: 2022.

In an interview he recently granted the University's Media team, the president, who took over the position in October 2015 said, "I want to bring on board a more potent Alumni Association. Under my watch, we want to galvanise purposefully, to restructure the Association and its communities so that we can put them around common

Reginald Bassey Alumni President, CU

Cost of Governance in Nigeria: In Whose Interest?

A research by CU Faculty suggests a change in government economic policy for the benefit of the majority. When, in 2014, a group of Covenant University faculty members set out to conduct a research entitled, 'Cost of Governance in Nigeria: In Whose Interest?' little did they know that, in another couple of years, the country's economy would be entering a recession.

Worried that cost of governance in Nigeria had become a challenge to development and concern to practitioners and scholars alike in the field of business

Professor Daniel Gberevbie

Huawei Assures CU on Virtual Desk Infrastructure

A leading global Information Communication Technology (ICT) provider, Huawei, has assured the Management of Covenant University (CU) on a cost-effective enterprise virtual desktop cloud infrastructure in the transformation of the Information Communication Technology (ICT) facilities of the university.

Solution Manager, Huawei, Mr. Oluwaseyi Obiyemi, gave this assurance on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 during a presentation titled, 'Virtual Desk Infrastructure: Fusion of Desktop Solution', at a meeting between his company's representatives and the CU Management.

Huawei is currently exploring the feasibility of partnering on building a Smart CU towards the actualisation of the university's Vision 10:2022.

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in the United Kingdom, such as Lancaster, Nottingham, and Cranfield Universities.

Dr. Osibanjo, who described Covenant University's internationalisation goals and activities as a progressive tradition, said the university has active Memoranda of Understanding with some of the universities except that of Cranfield University, which was signed during the visit.

On the criteria for the selection of students for the summer exchange programme, the IOL Director, who was accompanied on the trip by another staff of the University, Mrs. Kemi Bello, said, "Every student in good standing, academically, is entitled to be part of the programme except 100 Level and final year students. The summer exchange is not meant for a particular department or programme and selected students must have the capacity to fulfil the final obligations," he added

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and social science research, Francis Iyoha, a Professor of Accounting; Daniel Gberevbie, a Professor of Public Administration; Dr. Charles Iruonagbe and Dr. Matthew Egharevba, both of the Sociology Department, College of Business and Social Sciences; embarked on a study to examine the causes of high cost of governance in Nigeria. The study found out that the high cost of governance in the country is in the interest of the ruling class, arising from their unethical behaviour – corrupt practices and the poor management of public resources.

The study looks at what is obtainable in other countries to draw the attention of people or the policy makers in Nigeria to it; that in developed countries, what will sustain a country is the level of infrastructural development that is captured under capital expenditure and not recurrent expenditure, where you can be spending. For more, go to http://bit.ly2cfuZD

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interest that the University can easily leverage on its influence and network."

Mr. Bassey who graduated from Covenant University among the pioneer set in 2006 noted that if the Association could organise itself in the society, then the University could easily throw a suggestion into the society and get value because it is properly organised. "So my main goal is to launch an Application that will restructure the Alumni. So that it is easy to reach the people, find them and probe our data base and get value," he added.

He also spoke on the Alumni's project called HOPE (Helping Other People Excel) which he said was a spin-off of Project One Million Souls, a non-for-profit humanitarian organisation he co-founded with other student leaders in his undergraduate days.

HOPE, according to him, has been empowering young people to become change agents in the society. He added that the non-profit organisation created a curriculum called CITY (Catch and Inspire Them Young) and ran regular camps in five cities of Lagos, Ota, Ibadan, Abuja and Port Harcourt to help young people become responsible for changing circumstances in the society.

He therefore advised his members to, "Be intentional in what they do, because it is only people who are intentional that can make the desired change".

The other presentation made at the meeting was a prototype of the proposed Covenant University Technology Hub. Highlighting the features of the facility, Architect Gbenga Alalade described it as peculiar and core to the operations of CU. The twin building linked by a bridge will have over 2000 computers across different halls, which are collapsible to maximize space when necessary. It also features an amphitheater where students and faculty can collaborate; call Centres and a basic reception.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, gave thumbs up to Alalade for the work done so far on the CU Tech Hub design and suggested that for each new structure coming up in the university, renewable energy should be considered as source of lighting

He said that the CU Tech Hub offers Huawei the opportunity of providing IVS to make the building very smart, a suggestion the Huawei team said would be considered.

Also on hand to witness the presentations were the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole; Head, Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, Dr. Victor Matthews and other key officers.

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Huawei Official presenting FusionCloud Desktop solution

Obiyemi told the CU team led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, that with the management of personal computer plagued by challenges such as data security vulnerability, High O and M costs and resource inflexibility, desktop virtualization offers a stepping stone to ICT transformation.

"This is the future. Part of the benefits is that the date is secure, you can work anywhere in the world even though your desktop is at CU, there is simplified management and rapid fault recovery," said Obiyemi.

Huawei FusionCloud Desktop solution architecture, he explained, offers end-to-end solutions which optimizes and consolidates resources to ensure comprehensive performance and user experience. There are rich options of Access Terminals and it supports multiple operation systems, he added.

Obiyemi disclosed that Desktop Cloud's typical application scenarios include conventional office, secure office, cloud workstations; call centres, public terminals and branch offices. Huawei, he stated, had installed the virtual desktop infrastructure for organisations like Hong Kong Airlines, Shenzhen Stock Exchange, the Bank of China and the African Union with huge success. "We are more than happy to help Covenant University leverage this futuristic technology," he enthused.