



# Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University September 26-30, 2016

## USA Africa Seeks Collaboration with CU



Prof. AAA Atayero, V.C and CU Management with Members of USA Africa

A United States-based Non-Governmental Organisation, USA Africa, has intimated the Management of Covenant University about its desire to partner with the university with a view to promoting and marketing products of the institution to the rest of the world.

The four-man USA Africa team, comprised of Ambassador Clyde Rivers, President Golden Rule International; Dr. Gladys Folorunsho, President USA Africa

Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Charles Kinuthia, President OSD Holdings International; and Mrs. Kehinde Fawole, Country Coordinator, USA Africa; unfolded its plan on Friday, 23rd of September, 2016, during a courtesy call on the Covenant University Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero.

Dr. Folorunsho, who made the introductory speech on behalf of USA Africa, said members of the organisation

had over the years followed with keen interest and benefitted from the prophetic ministry of the Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo. Her organisation, she said, has also had first-hand experience of the awesome quality of graduates of Covenant University exemplified by USA Africa's Country Coordinator in Nigeria, Mrs. Fawole and two others in its Chicago office, all products of the university.

The group's main purpose of visiting CU, according to Dr. Folorunsho, is to give back to Nigeria and the continent of Africa.

"Covenant University has produced wonderful ambassadors. We are proud to say that the doors of globalisation are open and all your products can go round the world. We've seen what they are capable of doing and we are looking forward to working more with this university," she said.

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## Vice-Chancellor Advocates Quality Research to Attain Vision 10:2022

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has enjoined faculty and staff at the College of Science and Technology of the University, to step up their research activities in order to actualise the speedy fulfillment of Vision 10:2022.

Professor Atayero, made the call on Monday, September 26, 2016, while addressing faculty and staff of the College at the commencement of the annual Vice-Chancellor's visit to colleges. The first since he assumed office on July 15, 2016.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the audience that the University management has put in place, a Research Account to further drive the research efforts of active researchers in the University, stressing that the University would become 1 of 10 in 10 when it is autonomous in attracting research grants, rather than depending on its proprietor base.

He noted that he saw the challenges put forward by faculty and staff of the College as an opportunity for them to

identify where they could proffer solutions with cost effective research.

While appreciating them for their efforts at ensuring that things work, he charged them to be more research-active and own the vision, adding that the future is bright.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Dean of the College, Professor Nicholas Omoregbe, stated that the College had produced the College of Engineering and would soon produce the College of Built Environment. The College, according to him, was deeply involved in research and development as demonstrated in the number of researchers in the College listed among top ranked researchers in SCOPUS, Research Gate and ISI.

The Dean also presented the score card of the College in the area of strength

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CU Management with Faculty and Staff of CST after V.C's visit to the college

## Covenant University, Huawei Set for Partnership

A meeting which held between Covenant University and Huawei on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, has brought about a consensus by the two institutions to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Speaking during the meeting, the Executive Director, Enterprise, Huawei, Nigeria, Mr. Welson Yangufeng, stated that Huawei was ready to collaborate with Covenant University in the area of Network Infrastructure, IT Infrastructure, Data Centre and Simplified Security Management.

He explained that Covenant University is the first collaboration Huawei would have with any educational institution in West Africa. He expressed enthusiasm at the prospect of having a working relationship with the foremost University in Nigeria, which to him, seems to be taking great strides already in the area of ICT.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, echoed the same sentiment with Mr. Yangufeng, stating that the Covenant University Management is looking forward to the consummation of the partnership in order to start the ball rolling in the practical

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# NYSC Community Development Group Lauds CU on Projects Support

Executive members of Gender and Charity Community Development Service (CDS) of the National Youth Service Corp (NYSC), Ado/Odo Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State, have expressed their appreciation to the Management of Covenant University (CU) for the university's unrelenting support for community development initiatives of NYSC's CDS in the local government area.

The NYSC CDS Coordinator in the local government, Mr. Oluajo, had during a thank you visit to the university at its campus in Canaan Land, Ota, said that Covenant University has consistently supported the NYSC during its CDS efforts in the community. According to him, the university had on three different occasions made financial donations in their quest to meet the needs of widows and the less privileged in the community, adding that the NYSC CDS has not received the same level of support

offered by Covenant University from other corporate organisations. Oluajo, however, solicited for continuous support of the CDS' activities.

In his reaction, the CU Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun, said giving back to the society is what Covenant University was set up for, taking into consideration the tripod of its existence being to teach, research and impact communities positively, and as such, it was easy to buy into the programmes of the NYSC CDS.

He gave hints of the University's readiness to support future programmes of the team, noting that what they are doing is basically in fulfillment of the purpose for which the National Youth Service Corp was set up.

He urged the Gender and Charity CDS Executives and members to imbibe the values associated with a lifestyle of service and sacrifice towards helping create a future for others, because what they are sowing is a

seed that will end up creating a future for them.

The Deputy Director, Media and Corporate Affairs, Mr. Emmanuel Igban, in his remarks at the occasion, commended the Gender and Charity CDS team for the display of accountability, transparency and financial discipline in handling its affairs, while also encouraging its members to continue in their efforts at impacting lives. According to him, community impact assignment should not be a one-off thing but it should be imbibed as a lifestyle, beyond the NYSC year.

To round off the visit, the Gender and Charity CDS team presented an award to the University for its Humanitarian Gesture and community impact drive in Ado/Odo Ota and beyond. Also, in attendance at the event were the Assistant Registrar, Mr. Kehinde Osagbemi and a representative of the Media and Corporate Affairs Directorate, Mr. Emmanuel Attat. ■

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Ambassador Clyde Rivers, who said he was honoured to be at CU, told the gathering that the whole world has to know about the great accomplishments of Dr. David Oyedepo, whom he described as his hero. Covenant University, he averred, is producing the mentality that Africa has to mine her own gold and no longer be exploited.

While describing Nigeria as a phenomenal country with great people, Ambassador Rivers professed his love for CU for raising students that are "super and natural". We want to introduce Covenant University to historic black colleges in America so that we can collaborate, he added.

Responding to the speeches of members of the USA Africa team, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, said he was not

surprised by the visit as it is one of the many divinely orchestrated efforts geared towards the realisation of the university's vision of being one of the top 10 universities in the world in the next five years. He urged the USA Africa group to demonstrate its commitment to giving back by helping to endow chairs at the Covenant University ultra-modern Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID).

On the success story of CU Graduates, Professor Atayero, who said he would have been surprised were the story to be different, attributed the success in part to the University's "departure philosophy" as dictated by the Chancellor at inception. The Vice-Chancellor enjoined the USA Africa team to feel free to come up with initiatives as the university is open to fresh ideas. ■

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outworking of the agreement.

Professor Atayero, who recently led the University ICT team on an inspection tour of some Huawei's industrial facilities in China, expressed satisfaction and confidence of the University Management that the partnership would play a great role in moving the University closer to its goal of becoming a world class institution by the year, 2022.

Also at the meeting were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; the Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; the Director, CSIS, Engr. Yinka Adeboye; the Head, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Dr. Victor Mathews; the Deputy Director, Media & Corporate Affairs (M&CA), Mr. Emmanuel Igban and the Senior Information Officer (M&CA), Ms Chichi Ononiwu. ■

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and gaps for each of the nine departments. Other areas focused on were: quality of service delivery, strategic initiatives for the implementation of the ReCITe goal, IGR initiatives and drive, academic progress for both undergraduate and postgraduate students among others.

The faculty and staff also used the occasion to obtain clarifications about issues bothering on academic affairs, research and conference policies, as well as welfare among others, to which other members of the management on the Vice-

Chancellor's entourage, provided adequate answers to.

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