



Covenant University Newsflash

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Chancellor Reaffirms Reality of Vision 10:2022 on Founder's Day



Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, ministering during Founder's Day Assembly

The Chancellor of Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, has reiterated that the university's vision of being one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022 is a mission accomplished.

He restated this belief on Friday, October 21, 2016, at the Founder's Day Special Assembly held at the university's Chapel in commemoration of the 14th Founder's Day of the university.

Speaking at the event with the Vice-President, Education, Living Faith Church Worldwide, Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo in attendance, the Chancellor, who said all glory for Covenant University's accomplishments must go to God, proclaimed he had no doubt that come the year 2022, the university ranking will surge like a dream of the night.

"You don't need to make noise to make news," he said. "Don't join anybody to talk low on Vision 10:2022; we are running it and we are getting there. All great universities in the world were built by Churches, and we are recapturing that; Covenant University is leading the way."

Everything marvelous, the Chancellor pointed out, has gone behind making

Covenant University what it is today, adding that, "This is the Lord's doing; it's marvelous in our eyes".

Reflecting back on the foundational days of the university, Dr. Oyedepo said he received the vision from God in 2001 and barely a year later, was the license to establish Covenant University granted. However, after getting the license, "I prayed to God and said if it's not your university, tell me and I'll tear the license. And God said in three words, 'It Is I.' So, Covenant University does not belong to a leader, it is wholesomely a spiritual entity and it will be an unrepentant spiritually-inclined university for life".

He admonished students of the university on the imperative of embracing God, warning that if they miss God in Covenant University, then they are not students of the institution. Nobody, he emphasised, pursues God at a loss because spirituality enhances intelligence.

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CU, Bells Vice-Chancellors Strike Accord on Collaboration

The Management of Covenant University, Nigeria's best private university, and the Bells University of Technology, both based in Ota, Ogun State, have agreed to collaborate on different fronts for the mutual benefits of the two institutions and help to turn around the fortunes of Nigeria for the better.

The agreement on collaboration was reached in principle on Thursday, October 20, 2016, when the Vice-Chancellor of the Bells University, Professor Jeremiah Oludele Ojediran, paid a courtesy call on his Covenant University counterpart, Professor AAA. Atayero in his office at the CU campus.

Professor Ojediran, who was accompanied on the visit by the Bells University Registrar, Mrs. Oluwayemisi Gbadebo and some senior aides, said his mission at CU was to interact with the Vice-Chancellor and Principal Officers of the institution.

Likening his visit to that of home coming, the Bells University VC, who has had a stint with CU's sister university,

Landmark University, as a faculty, said, "Since we are partners and have common fronts in the area of Engineering and Management Sciences; we are involved in research, which is a core area of universities worldwide, in this era of multidiscipline research we should collaborate".

The advent of private universities, he asserted, has changed the terrain in the Nigerian university establishment as private universities are giving the government-owned institutions a good run for their money. "We are blazing the trail and others must follow. I pray for Covenant University to soar to greater heights," said the professor of Agricultural

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CU and Bells Universities Managements

NIESV Seeks CU Support on Membership Engagement

The Nigerian Institute of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV), Ogun State branch, has appealed to the Management of Covenant University to assist in getting members of faculty and students of the institution to participate actively in NIESV's activities and programmes.

Speaking during a meeting with the CU Management led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, the State Chairman of NIESV, ESV. Iboronke Alaba, who came with a large entourage comprised of Executive and Committee members, said the group was always delighted to be in the Covenant University environment, which she described as "so tantalising".

NIESV's mission, she revealed, was to pay a courtesy visit, reiterate its support for the university's vision of being among the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022 and seek partnership with CU on getting faculty and students to affiliate with the Ogun branch and national body of NIESV.

"Your students, who eventually would be our members, are doing us proud," said ESV. Alaba. "But we always have constraints about who are our members. When we have meetings we don't see many of them, including the faculty. But we want them to know that the growth of members is to affiliate. We want them to be fully integrated into our programme."

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Expert Advocates Microgeneration to Solve Nigeria's Power Crisis



Guest Speaker with Faculty, Staff and Students of Physics Department

A renewable energy expert, Dr. Festus Akinboro has proposed a small scale generation, transmission and distribution of power, which he called Microgeneration as the way out of Nigeria's power crisis.

Akinboro made the proposition on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, while presenting a paper titled, "Microgeneration-Pathway to Solving Energy Crisis in Nigeria," at the Town

and Gown interaction put together by the Department of Physics, Covenant University.

Nigeria, he said, has very serious energy problem, noting that the maximum the country had ever generated was 4.5 Megawatt. "Just about a month ago, this has dropped to 1.4 Megawatt but the country need 1 trillion to survive and for the companies to run successfully," he added.

In Nigeria, Microgeneration, according to him, is at construction stage compared to developed countries with nearly sufficiency in energy generation but still generate small scale power for use as back-up at homes

He listed the advantages of Microgeneration of power over gas turbine generated. The emission from gas, he said, depletes the Ozone layer and cause global

warming. "Microgeneration of power/energy reduces problems associated with generation, transmission, distribution, supply, consumption, tariff, maintenance, vandalism, and politics among others."

Akinboro however enumerated various types of energy available for micogeneration which include solar energy, wind energy, biomas/biogas/biofuel, tidal energy, geothermal energy, waste to energy, heat pumps/micro biofuel and micro hydro among others.

The Head of Physics Department, Dr. Mojisola Usikalu, corroborated the Guest Speaker, noting that there is challenge in the power sector which made the topic apt for the season. She added that if everyone was able to generate their energy need, there won't be crisis.

Dr. Usikalu appreciated the University Management for the Town and Gown platform which she said gives the student a taste of what obtains in the industry before graduation.

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While congratulating all members of the university community on the 14th anniversary of the institution, the Chancellor said his prayer is that everyone will not lose sight of the spiritual foundation of the university. An academic environment, he noted, is prone to pride, but the greatest form of academic success is rooted in humility. "I see world renowned academic giants rising from Covenant University," he prophesied.

Enumerating the reasons why members of the university community are giving thanks to God, the Chancellor stated: "To preserve the blessing of God in our life and preserve His marvelous acts in our midst; to multiply the blessings of God; and for the perfection of the blessings because some have received blessings but they can't find it again."

Earlier on, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, who said he was overwhelmed by the significance of the occasion as a pioneer faculty of the university, thanked the Chancellor for his obedience to God's vision. "In those early days, the Chancellor shared the vision with great passion such that the compelling nature of the vision was signified by his commitment. He charged the university personnel and students. Little wonder we have made quantum leaps," he said.

The university, according to the Vice-Chancellor, is growing stronger as the days go by, while he assured that God will do a quick work in the second phase of Vision 10:2022.

Also, present at the occasion were the Education Secretary, Professor Bridget Sokan, members of the University Management, faculty, staff, Alumni and students.

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Engineering.

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The Covenant University Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, who was visibly delighted at receiving his guest, said it was an indication that something new was happening as it was not by happenstance that the Bells University VC came visiting.

Indicating that he would be lending his support to collaboration between the two universities, Professor Atayero said, "We must collaborate because that's the future. More so, the future of Nigeria lies with the private universities and we must see this as a challenge".

The foundation for partnership, he averred,

had earlier been laid when former President Olusegun Obasanjo, the proprietor of Bells University, was Special Guest of Honour at the 2016 Covenant University-International Conference on African Development Issues (CU-ICADI).

He said the Federal Government would lose a lot if Nigeria failed to sit Chief Obasanjo down and debrief him, with a view to tapping from his rich wealth of experience.

Pastor Olamide Olusegun and Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo, Registrar and Director Financial Services of Covenant University, respectively, were also at the meeting.

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The Head, Department of Estate Management, Dr. Chukwuma Iroham, who was at the meeting, told the gathering that the Ogun State NIESV branch has always been a source of support to the department in terms of accreditation. He enjoined the CU management to partner with the professional body in realising its objectives.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, thanked ESV. Alaba for her kind words on the CU environment and reiterated that the university is five years into its Vision 1 of 10 in 10, which is a prophetic verdict.

Covenant University, he said, encourages faculty, staff and students to identify with professional bodies as the institution takes professional practice very

important. "Moving up the professional ladder is very important. I make bold to say there is no university in Nigeria where the level of commitment is as high like that of our faculty, and we'll like that to be transferred to the professional body," said the Vice-Chancellor. Also, he promised that the university will encourage professional engagement among students



CU Management with Members of NIESV