



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University January 18-22, 2016

CISCO Trains Instructors at Covenant University

The Covenant University/CISCO Academy Instructors Training commenced on Monday, January 18, 2016, at the Department of Electrical and Information Engineering. The programme which was declared opened by the Dean, College of Engineering, Professor John Ndueso, has 10 participants in attendance.

The Director, Vision 10:2022, Professor Christian Bolu, who is also the Coordinator of the training programme, explained that the

University wants to incorporate CISCO Training into its curriculum in order to train the students to at least, the Associate level.

“We want our students, particularly those in sciences and engineering to be certified at least to the Associate level



A CISCO Instructor, Mr. Toyin Olatayo, giving a hands-on training to some CU faculty and staff

of CISCO. Therefore, to do that, we are training many of our faculty and staff so that we can take care of

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❖ CISCO Presents ICT Audit Report to Covenant University Management

CISCO Systems Incorporated, Nigeria, presented its audit report on ICT Network and Internet Infrastructure at Covenant University to the management of the institution on Monday, January 18, 2016.

Presenting the audit report carried out in conjunction with Softcom Limited, the Systems Engineer, CISCO, Mr. Timi Amao noted that the audit was carried out on wireless and network infrastructures in the University.

On wireless infrastructure, the CISCO representative recommended that the students' tablets should be upgraded as part of solutions to solving the wireless challenges. He also recommended smaller cells to guarantee good experience on

network for each student.

On network infrastructure, Mr. Amao confirmed that it was 'okay' but expressed concern over the security aspect. He noted that there are lots of improvements needed in that area where the University would be able to control the websites the students can access.

“Network infrastructure allows the students access to lot of information that can assist them in their studies, so we feel that investing in a robust infrastructure would go a long way for the University,” he explained. He added that CISCO can assist the University attain its vision to become one of the top 10 universities in the world based on their experience working with some of the Ivy

League universities.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Charles Ayo, appreciated the organisations for the report and noted that the University was in dire need of sustainable wireless solution. “Until we have these services deployed to students and the University community, we would not be satisfied,” he added.

Also at the meeting were the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; Director, Vision 10:2022, Professor Christian Bolu; Assistant Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Mr. Steven Oluwatobi; Head of Department, Computer and Information Science, Dr. Ariyo Adebisi; and a member of ICT Committee, Dr. Funminiyi Olajide.

Students Undergo Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Training

Students of Mechanical Engineering, Covenant University, recently increased their employability skills as they were trained on Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) at the New Lecture Hall, Mechanical Engineering Department.

While explaining the procedures to the students, the Safety Manager, Nigeria Foundries Limited, Mrs. Sola Adenekan, said it involves creating organised efforts and procedures for identifying workplace hazards and reducing accidents and exposure to harmful situations and substances.

According to her, these also include training of personnel in accident prevention and response, emergency preparedness, and use of protective clothing and equipment. In her words, "HSE involves creating a systematic approach to complying with environmental regulations, such as managing waste or air emissions all the way to helping sites reduce the company's



Participants at the training programme

carbon footprint".

Mrs. Adenekan in the practical session showed the students the safety rules, regulations, violation procedures and the use of safety kits. "To avoid any accident, always stop first, think of what will go wrong, observe all safety regulations and finally proceed with care," she said.

In his remarks, the Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Oluseyi Ajayi, said the training would help the students have a better understanding of how to prevent accidents that could

lead to lose of life anywhere, and be able to have a competitive edge among their counterparts. He appreciated the efforts of the Nigeria Foundries Limited team and hoped for a more robust partnership in the nearest future.

The President, Covenant University Mechanical Engineering Students Association, Mr. Giwa Damilare, a final year student, hailed the initiative as a welcomed development that would expose him and his colleagues to the practical areas of their field.

The training is one of the dividends of the university's industry partnership drive.

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this huge number of students. We also want to train those in Electrical and Information Engineering and Computer Engineering to the Professional level but this will be done by our own staff and faculty, not by someone else," Professor Bolu explained.

He also noted that all the participants are already certified as either Associate or Professionals but they need to

know how to teach it and what are the environments for teaching it. "That is why it is a two-weeks training. Otherwise, it's supposed to be four weeks or more," he added.

Professor Bolu explained the benefits the University stands to gain from the training. "This means we will have faculty and staff that are in

touch with the industry. Our students would become employable because they are being exposed to the skills that are required by the industry of today. Also, our curriculum would become much more robust and very attractive to the engineering students; and of course, it's also a major Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) component for us in Covenant University."