



# Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University February 22-26, 2016

## Covenant University keeps Soaring in Webometrics Ranking

Covenant University has continued to validate its leading position among the private and public universities in Nigeria. In the just released Webometrics Ranking of World Universities on February 4, 2016, the university emerged overall best private university and second overall best among all universities in the country. In addition, the university emerged first position in the Repository ranking in Nigeria and West Africa.

On the current university ranking, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, attributed the success to God's grace and noted the various contributions

from faculty, staff and students. While speaking at the Tuesday Chapel Service of February 9, 2016, the Vice-Chancellor also appreciated the Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Dr. David Oyedepo and other members of the Board for their constant support toward the realisation of "Vision 10:2022."

"We are not there yet but with the current standing, we are sure of attaining the Mandate even before the set date," he said, as he encouraged everyone not to rest on their oars.

A look at the various parameters in the ranking shows that the quality of academic delivery

made Covenant University to come tops among other private universities in Nigeria and West Africa. Other parameters include Web Presence, Impact, Openness and Excellence Rankings.

The result is a validation of the University's quest to become one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022 tagged, "Vision 10:2022, (1 of 10 in 10).

Webometrics is the largest ranking agency for Higher Education Institutions in the world, with over 25,000 institutions listed worldwide. The constant factors considered in the ranking are impact, presence, openness and excellence. Both the

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## CU Faculty, Staff Receive CISCO Academy Certification



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Charles Ayo and the participants of the CISCO Training

Qualified members of the Covenant University staff and faculty were recently awarded the CISCO Academy Instructors Training Certificate. The training, which was necessary to situate a 'train the trainers' process, also came as part of the formal activation of the partnership between the two institutions aimed at establishing a Smart City in the University,

thereby, enhancing its drive towards the vision of becoming a world-class educational institution in less than ten years from now. One of the key points of the training was to establish the institution as a training centre, thereby, facilitating a major Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) component for the University. The training would ensure that the students have the necessary industry skills and are, therefore, more employable on graduation from the institution, while making sure that the staff and faculty are in tune with the

industry.

While making his opening remarks at the event, the Coordinator of the programme, Professor Christian Bolu, who is also the Director, Vision 10:2022, stated that the programme, which started on the 18th of January, was compressed from 4 weeks to 2 weeks in order to fast-track the University's membership and activation of the programme.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, congratulated the successful participants and enjoined them to endeavour to train others with as much commitment as they were taught. He commended the coordinator for a job well done; stating that he was an achiever and a man who sees possibilities in every endeavour.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed the hope that the training programme

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## Vice-Chancellor Calls for Stakeholders' Collaboration to Unlock Economic Potentials of Ota

**U**nlocking Ota's potentials will require that all stakeholders join hands together towards enhancing opportunities for human development and an improved society." This was the submission of the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Charles Ayo, at the Ota Economic Platform on Thursday, February 11, 2016.

Professor Ayo, who was one of the Keynote Speakers and Panel Member spoke on the theme, "Unlocking the Economic Potentials of Ota," at the event which took place at the University Guest House.

The Vice-Chancellor enumerated the areas of economic potentials in Ota, which include education sector with three universities and lots of primary and secondary schools; health sector; industrial estates; growing population of Ota and over 500, 000 people visiting Canaan Land in Ota every week. According to him, all these economic potentials could be harnessed with the formulation

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Webometrics and Repositories ranking are initiatives of the Cybermetrics Lab, a research group belonging to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), the largest public research body and one of the foremost basic research organisations in the world.

of right policies by the government.

Professor Ayo called for collaboration among all the sectors to unlock the economic potentials of Ota. "To achieve this, the business community (the industry), knowledge centres (the universities) and policy makers must come together to work together. We need to join forces to unlock Ota's economic potentials which will vividly translate into improved human development. We need to build a system that works," he explained.

The interrelationships of all these stakeholders, according to the Vice-Chancellor, would result in the development of suitable infrastructure using indigenous technology, generation of new lines of

suitable potentials, and opportunities for budding entrepreneurs to create more jobs and new products.

The Vice-Chancellor also advised the organisers and the stakeholders to focus on the development of both social and physical infrastructures, which, according to him, are needed to enforce any meaningful change.

"First, let's set clear targets on what we want to achieve in Ota within the next one to five years. Whatever goals and targets we set, each one will have at least a role to play.

"As we synergise, we unlock these potentials to generate economic opportunities, which come in the form of employment opportunities, improved quality of life, highly educated and resourceful people, improved healthcare, enhanced trading, and improved physical infrastructure," he advised.

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would lead to the realisation of 'the Internet of Things,' stating that by the collaboration of both parties, there would be opportunity to explore that concept and solve the various challenges facing the nation. He stressed on the practical application of the concept of 'the Internet of Things,' as a way forward towards addressing the Nigerian situation as it relates to nation building.

Professor Ayo called on the CISCO Academy leadership to join hands with the University to build the nation, as well as move the University forward in its quest for world-class status. "I'm assuring you sir; we would not

mind taking this collaboration further. Let us practicalise this 'Internet of Things,' and see what we can do together. You are on top of your game, so we can rub minds together and come up with solutions for problems around us," he stated.

The leader of the training team from the CISCO Academy, Mr. Toyin Olatayo, expressed his delight at being part of the Covenant University 'train the trainers' team. He stated that seven people were graduating out of the total number that subscribed to the training. "They have been taught, equipped, and are licensed to train anywhere in the world," he said.