



# Covenant University Newsflash

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## NSE Seeks CU's Support for Engineering Profession



CU Management with Members of Nigerian Society of Engineers, Ota Branch

The Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) has solicited the support of Covenant University in propagating the development of the Engineering profession.

The request was made when the executive members of the NSE, Ota Branch, paid a courtesy call on the Covenant University Vice-Chancellor, Engr. (Professor) AAA. Atayero in his office at the University campus, Ota, Ogun

State.

Speaking at the occasion, the Chairman of the NSE, Ota Branch, Engr. (Dr.) Akin Adeoye, who said that the primary reason for the visit was to deliver a message of goodwill to the Vice-Chancellor, expressed hope that the NSE and Covenant University will be able to join hands in propagating the development of the engineering profession with an engineer at

the helms of affairs in the institution.

The NSE, he stated, believes that Nigerian institutions of higher learning can lead the way in establishing very good collaboration with industries to help the industries to solve problems, to look at how such collaboration can improve the economy of the nation, and look into how to make engineering to be very relevant in the country.

Echoing the comments of the Chairman, an ex-officio member of the NSE, Ota Branch, Engr. (Dr.) Friday Apeh, urged Covenant University to allow the graduation of its engineering students coincide with their induction by the NSE, starting with the next convocation ceremony of the University. And while calling for cooperation between the university and the industry so as to tackle the challenges bedeviling the nation, Engr. Apeh prayed that Covenant University succeeds in its drive of being one of the top 10 universities in

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## CU, Huawei Sign MoU on Telecoms Academy

The Management of Covenant University and representatives of Huawei Technology, Nigeria, have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that will see Huawei establish its first telecoms academy in West Africa on Covenant University campus.

Mr. Wilson Yang, Huawei Business Director of Partnership, said his company recognises Covenant University high ratings, which informed its choice as the preferred partner.

The MoU will see Huawei invest alongside Covenant University in training the university's engineers, facilitate the certification of students and create employment opportunities for exceptional graduates of Covenant University who are interested in working with the company.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, said "It is a thing of joy whenever a process was started and nurtured to fruition". He told the Huawei representatives that making Covenant University the hub of Huawei's first telecoms academy in West Africa will no doubt make the University commit itself to making the relationship a practical one.

Professor Atayero said that as the University progresses in its quest to become one of the top 10 universities in the world within the next six years, it was important that its operation be at the cutting-edge technology. The establishment of Huawei's

academy, he added, would help sharpen the knowledge-base of telecoms students in the Department of Electrical and Information Engineering and other related disciplines in the university.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that having led the University's delegation on a visit to Huawei's Headquarters in Shenzhen, China, and experienced firsthand what they are capable of doing; he was in no doubt that there are lots that the University can benefit from the relationship. According to him, "This is the beginning of greater things to come".

In his welcome address, the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun, said the University's

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V.C, Professor AAA. Atayero (R) and the Executive Director, Enterprise, Huawei, Nigeria, Mr. Welson Yangufeng, displaying the signed agreement.

## Geo-Information, Significant Tool for Solving National Problems - Expert

A geographic Information Systems (GIS) expert, Dr. Lekan Taiwo, has said that Geo-information is a very effective tool for solving national problems due to its cutting-edge technology, which provides analytical and problem-solving tools to desktops.

Dr. Taiwo, who is a faculty member of the Geography Department of the University of Ibadan, was a guest speaker at the recently held workshop on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS) Applications, organised by the Department of Civil Engineering in conjunction with the Centre for Lifelong Learning, both of Covenant University.

The four-day workshop, which had in attendance decision-makers, environmentalists, engineers, planners, security personnel, business analysts, rescue workers and researchers, focused on the areas of GIS and RS applications and benefits, data capturing using global positioning system (GPS), hands-on training on the GIS software – ArcGIS 10.4; feature extraction and data analysis, and web map creation and publishing amongst others.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the workshop, the Head, Department of Civil Engineering, Dr. David Olukanni, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, welcomed all participants and

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## CU Graduate Tops Class in Uniport Master's Programme

**A** Covenant University graduate, Princess Chinyere Offor, has emerged the Best Graduating Student in the Batch 13 Class of the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS) of the University of Port Harcourt, Choba, Rivers State.

Miss Offor, a 2013 First Class graduate with a CPGA of 4.82 from the Petroleum Engineering Department of Covenant University, had recently graduated at the top of her Master's Class from the IPS with a CPGA of 5.00.

According to the December 5-12, 2016 edition of the Uniport Weekly publication, she was among the inducted 25 world-class Petroleum Engineers, who successfully concluded their Master of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering and Project Development.

Offor reportedly carted away 14 prizes out

of the 23 on offer to emerge as Best Graduating Student.

Speaking on her achievement, Miss Offor said she decided to study Petroleum Engineering and Project Development for her Master's Degree because she wanted to enhance her knowledge as she hopes to lecture in some years to come.

Trained by industry professionals and foreign lecturers during the Master's programme partly sponsored by Total and the NNPC, Miss Offor, who said her motivation stems from the desire to be the best she could, ultimately looks forward to studying for her Doctorate Degree in the next five years.

The Head, Petroleum Engineering Department, Covenant University, Dr. Paul Anawe, said Miss Offor's accomplishment not only confirms the department's judgment in 2013, but also the quality of the University's products.

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CU Management with Participants at the GIS Workshop

enjoyed them to be focused during the training in order to have their skills and knowledge updated on Information and Communications Technology.

Making his remarks at the closing ceremony of the workshop, which featured the award of certificates to participants, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, appreciated guests at the event and the support from the Local Government Service Commission, Ogun State.

He stated that one of the key roles of a university is impact, starting from its immediate community to the rest of the world; pointing out that any university which excels in teaching and research, but has nothing to show by way of impact on its immediate vicinity, has failed.

"One of the keys to continuous advancement as an institution and as a people is innovation and Covenant University is committed to new things and new developments, which would be applied to how society will move from one level to another," he stated.

In his comments, the Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Christian Bolu, expressed his excitement at the success of the workshop and appreciated the Covenant University Management for its unwavering commitment to making a difference and creating an environment for innovation and excellence to thrive. This, he said, plays a huge role in

addressing national challenges and issues.

He congratulated the Civil Engineering Department and the Centre for Lifelong Learning for putting in their best to see that every aspect of the training was effortlessly delivered; stating that it revalidated what Covenant University stands for and showcased the brand in the right context.

In his remarks, the Chairman, Local Government Service Commission, Ogun State, Comrade Rotimi Rahmon, appreciated the efforts of Covenant University in pioneering excellence in delivery in various facets of educational and career training. He said the workshop on GIS and Remote Sensing was a welcome development in Ogun State, as it would help in bringing a cutting-edge approach to solving problems in the state, especially from the Local Government platform.

He observed that there was a general lack of training in the area of Geographic Information System in most states of the federation and this, according to him, had precipitated a lot of challenges which the Federal Government was working hard to tackle through relevant trainings.

While presenting certificates to the participants, Comrade Rahmon urged them to use what they have learned to enhance their productivity and professionalism at work, which would ultimately lead to improved

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the world by the year 2022.

Engr. (Professor) Festus Oyawale and Engr. James Oladele, two of the Covenant University faculty in the entourage of the NSE Ota Branch executive members, urged the University to collaborate with the body of engineers in order to achieve great things.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Engr. (Professor) AAA. Atayero, said that meeting with his colleagues was a wonderful opportunity, adding that it was a privilege to be associated with the NSE. He expressed his appreciation to the NSE for taking the registration of academics seriously.

The Vice-Chancellor promised that Covenant University will ensure that all engineers in the institution are registered in the shortest possible time, just as he craved the indulgence of the Ota Branch of the NSE to see that all engineering graduates get their induction done on graduation.

Professor Atayero used the medium to thank the Ikeja Branch of the NSE for the award bestowed on him as a distinguished engineer at its last investiture and also, the Ota Branch for identifying with Covenant University.

Also on the NSE, Ota Branch delegation were the Vice-Chairman, Engr. (Dr.) Hope Orovwode; Financial Secretary, Engr. Adeyemi Adewale; Public Relations Officer, Engr. R.B. Lawal; Engr. (Dr.) Olatunde Olaoluwa, Engr. (Mrs.) Maureen Mozea and Engr. Olumide Odeyinka.

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Management was excited about the relationship and anticipated a speedy take-off of the academy. He noted that the journey, which started a few months back, had resulted in the consummation of a positive and workable MoU.

The University's Director, Centre for System and Information Services, Engr. Yinka Adeboye, who gave an overview of the MoU, said Huawei's academy in Covenant University would serve as an avenue for the transference of technological ideas and imparting students of the University in general.

services and innovativeness that would promote national development.

Also present at the closing event were the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun and some distinguished faculty members of Covenant University.