



Covenant University Newsflash

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CU, Punch Newspaper collaborate on Entrepreneurship Development

Covenant University and a foremost national daily in Nigeria, Punch Newspaper, have agreed to work together in the promotion of entrepreneurship development among students of the institution and people in the society at large.

That was the resolve as representatives of Punch Newspaper led by the Editor, Saturday Punch, Mrs. Olabisi Deji-Folutile, on Monday, April 24, 2017, presented copies of a book on entrepreneurial development to the Management of Covenant University.

Mrs. Deji-Folutile, who was accompanied on the visit by the newspaper's Education Correspondent, Mr. Babatunde Ajaja, said that having been in existence for more than three decades championing the cause of the masses, supporting businesses and



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building an egalitarian society, Punch Newspaper realized it had to do more, especially in the area of promoting entrepreneurship studies in the nation's universities.

While acknowledging the pioneering role played by Covenant University in

entrepreneurship development, she stated that her organization realized the imperative of publishing a book to boost entrepreneurship development.

"We decided to compile columns we've been running for five years on

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CU Students, Facilities Impress Carnegie Fellow

Programme Director at the National Science Foundation (NSF), Virginia, the United States, Dr. Abiodun Ilumoka, has lauded Covenant University on the availability of state-of-the-art infrastructure and teaching facilities in the University and the high intellect of its students.

Dr. Ilumoka, a beneficiary of the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Programme, gave the commendation on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, when she paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero.

The Carnegie Fellow, formerly professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Hartford, said that it was a pleasure to be back in the country and her desire, as an Engineer, was to leave a long and lasting legacy for the younger ones.

"For many of us, our mission is to help universities in Nigeria in our areas of expertise," she added.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, said that Dr. Ilumoka had come to Covenant University at a very interesting time when Engineering programmes were being accredited.

While imploring the Carnegie Fellow to urge other Nigerian scholars in the diaspora to come home and give back, the Vice-Chancellor stated that her working visit, during which she would be giving lectures to students and faculty alike, was a good avenue to make sure she always come back.

Also at the meeting were the Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Christian Bolu; HOD, Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Oluseyi Ajayi; and HOD, Electrical and Information Engineering, Dr. Victor Matthews.



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, welcoming Professor Blodun Ilumoka from the National Science Foundation (NSF) USA, to his office

VC Charge Students on Hard Work at Poster Symposium Event

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has urged final year students of the Civil Engineering Department and the University in general to maintain the spirit of hard work and commitment to given task as they prepare to join the labour market.

The Vice-Chancellor gave the charge at the recently held 2nd edition of the Department of Civil Engineering's Poster Symposium, where he was represented by the Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole.

The aim of the symposium, according to the organisers, was to showcase the projects undertaken by the final year students of the Department in conjunction with their respective advisors.

Each student had a brief introduction attached to their various posters and the judges based their judgment on the discussions, contents, presentations and impressions about the quality of research work on the poster presentations.

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CU, NIPOST may Partner on Industrial Training for Students

Covenant University has suggested to the Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST) the possibility of the University sending its students to the courier service company to learn its processes in form of Industrial Training (IT).

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor AAA. Atayero, made the suggestion on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, when a team from NIPOST paid a business visit to the CU Management.

Mrs. Mary Adeyemi, the District Manager, Ota, who led the NIPOST team, had in her speech expressed the company's dissatisfaction with the level of patronage received from Covenant University, adding that NIPOST was desirous of more patronage from the University.

Mrs. Adeyemi said that she and her team were at the University to plead with the Management to give NIPOST a fresh opportunity as the company has improved on its services and gives reasonable discount.

In her comments, the University's Mail Officer, Mrs. Elizabeth Adewunmi, said that though the institution has a relationship with other courier service companies, it had been patronizing

NIPOST. She, however, regretted that issues of parcels not getting to their destinations in real time, problem with tracking and high service charge had limited the level of patronage.

The Acting Registrar, Covenant University, Mrs. Mary Aboyade, while lending her voice to the issues raised by the mail officer, said that the University would like to be reassured that NIPOST has been repackaged, especially in the areas of speedy delivery of parcels and the use of technology.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, thanked the NIPOST team for the reassurance that the company was still very much in business.

Covenant University as an academic institution, he said, is a not-for-profit corporate entity that is very particular about cost saving and would not just sign onto NIPOST. Rather, the Vice-Chancellor stated, the University would look at how to get NIPOST to associate with its core responsibilities of research, teaching and community development.

"We can send our students to you to learn your processes and as soon as we are sure that we can get value for your services, we'll patronize you," he assured.



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While commending the students for the great research ideas and inputs, the Vice-Chancellor advised them to keep striving for excellence as that was the distinguishing factor in the race of life.

Earlier in his remarks, Head, Department of Civil Engineering, Dr. David Olukanni, stated that the Department was the first at Covenant

University to come up with the idea of giving students the platform and encouraging them to showcase what they (final year students) have been working on since the beginning of the academic session.

Many top ranked universities in the world participate in symposiums like this to showcase what the students are doing

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entrepreneurial finance and personal development, which is our own corporate social responsibility. We hope it will help our graduates to be aware of the likely challenges they'll face post-university. They will learn from mistakes of the past, and we hope universities will encourage students to read the book and see what they can get from it," she said.

Punch Newspaper, she added, believes graduates should not be seeking employment but start something on their own.

In his comments, the Director, Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies, Covenant University, Dr. Stephen Oluwatobi, said that Punch's presentation to the University was coincidental as the CEDS had identified the need to come up with contents to accelerate what it was doing.

Also, the Head, Department of Business Management, Dr. Oluwole Iyiola, who acknowledged the importance of information in any society, said that what Punch has come up with will boost what Covenant University has been doing.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, commended Punch Newspaper for initiating such an idea and the company's kind gesture to the University.

The University, he said, has a Vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022, but it's no big deal for God to make it happen before then. God, he added, has decided to start doing it, and this is exemplified by the Punch Newspaper's initiative.

and the Department of Civil Engineering is taking the lead in this direction, in furtherance of the efforts of Covenant University towards being ranked among the top 10 universities in the world, he added.

Dr. Olukanni further remarked that, "The Department looks forward to a greater experience in the coming academic session, where Directors, Consultants and Managers in the industries would come to grace the occasion and the Town and Gown interaction would further be strengthened".