



Covenant University Newsflash

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CU, Lancaster University Collaborate on Research Funding



Professor Alastair Martin, from Lancaster University, UK, speaking on the purpose of his team's visit to CU

Covenant University and Lancaster University, the United Kingdom, have resolved to collaborate on research endeavours with big prospects of attracting grants from international agencies as a way of

activating the five-year old Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions.

A team from Lancaster University led by the Head, Chemical Engineering Department, Professor Alastair Martin, had during a courtesy visit to the CU Management on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, said that his team was at Covenant University to discuss significant challenges as it regards funding for research, to understand the real problems, and to try and look at the capability of the University's researchers with a view to putting a team together for a bid for research funding.

Professor Martin, who was

accompanied by a lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at Lancaster, Dr. David Cheneler, pointed out that having access to research grant requires high quality depth in science and because it's a collaboration, it is a requirement that Lancaster University forms a synergy with institutions in developing countries.

"We can do something together on problems related to energy and water as we are interested in finding solutions appropriate to the Nigerian and African contexts," said Professor Martin.

The Dean, College of Engineering, Covenant University, Professor Christian Bolu, had earlier in his introductory remarks emphasized the need to make the MoU between Covenant University and Lancaster University active, adding that the two can

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Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management Students Excel in CIPM Exams

The high quality academic training on offer at Covenant University has once again been validated, with students of Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management of the University posting excellent results in the February 2017 diet of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (CIPM) examinations.

Covenant University had in 2015 went into a collaboration with the CIPM with a view to getting students of the University to take selected papers from the CIPM curriculum, sit for examination, and be certified by the institute.

In furtherance of this arrangement, 27 of the 35 300-Level students who sat

for the penultimate stage of the February 2017 exams excelled with no reference, while 22 of the 30 400-Level students who sat for the final stage also excelled with no reference.

The CIPM had in a colourful event on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, presented the successful final year students with their letters of success and invitation to the induction ceremony which holds on May 30 and 31, 2017.

The students, who were tutored for the CIPM examinations by faculty members from the Business Management Department, will be professionally certified just at the nick of their graduation in June 2017.

Stating the benefits of the certification, besides possessing a Bachelors Degree of Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management, one of the faculty members that trained the students, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, said that the successful students will upon graduation be issued with a Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource

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Civil Engineering Students Advised to Focus on Adding Value to the World on Graduation

A certified Engineer and Project Management professional, Timi Olumuyiwa, has advised students of Civil Engineering Department of Covenant University to focus on developing themselves so as to add value to the world around them on graduation. He explained that engineering strengthens creativity which can be harnessed to add value to life. Engr. Olumuyiwa, who is also a graduate of Covenant University, gave this advice at a recent Town and Gown of the Department of Civil Engineering of the University where he was a Guest Speaker, and delivered a lecture titled, 'Value Engineering: Building a positive society from a leadership perspective.'

During his presentation, he urged the students to understand that engineering is beyond maths and science and that they have an obligation to society. "You have an obligation to society and to transform equations to life, you must impact and engage. 'Now' leaders don't wait for tomorrow. Engineers protect and harness elements of the world for advancement," he stated.

He shared his practical construction experiences with the students enjoying

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CU Management with the successful CIPM students

CU, Ideas 'B' Network Reach Accord on Psychometric Tool



CEO of Ideas 'B' Network, Mr. Judah Israel-Ozore, making his presentation to CU Management

Covenant University has agreed in principle to adopt the Human Personality Potential Profile Systems Analysis Tool (HP3SAT), otherwise known as the Psychometric Tool, for determining its student's intake, the most appropriate courses for each of them, and for recruitment of the right staff for the University.

This much was revealed on

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, following a presentation on the the psychometric tool by the CEO of Ideas 'B' Network, Mr. Judah Israel-Ozore, to the Management of Covenant University.

Mr. Israel-Ozore, an alumnus of Covenant University who described his company as a personal development institution established to facilitate the speed of national development, disclosed that he had been working on the psychometric tool since his graduation in 2009.

The tool, he stated, measures behaviour and personality traits, and consists of 24 arch types, while the personal development aspect covers activities that improve awareness and identity, develop talent and potential, build human capital and facilitate employability.

Highlighting the benefits of the

tool, Mr. Israel-Ozore said that, "it enhances the process of students' placement, recruitment of staff, aids general personal development of students and staff and improves academic excellence. Also, as a major distributor of the toll worldwide, it creates an economy for the school".

On his decision to introduce the tool to Covenant University, he said that as an alumnus of the University he is passionate about its progress, especially its Vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022.

In his comments, the Director, Centre for Lifelong Learning, Dr. Jonathan Odukoya, who commended Mr. Israel-Ozore for his innovation, said that the psychometric tool would be very useful in the world of today where there are challenges .of square pegs being in round holes. He, however, suggested that the tool should be subjected to more tests.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, said that the tool is an idea whose time has come, particularly at a time when the University was seriously working on ascertaining the quality of students and staff it recruits.

The University, he added, would incorporate the psychometric tool into its process for testing prospective undergraduates and the next phase will feature the tying up of a collaboration with Idea 'B' Network. ■

Guest Speaker, what works in the real world of work.

He commended the Guest Speaker and appreciated members of the department for working to ensure the success of the seminar.

In his comments at the event, Dr. Ogbiye Adegbuyi thanked the lecturer and expressed his joy at seeing an accomplished Covenant University graduate coming back to impact students in his Alma-Marta.

Another scholar of the department, Dr. Ben Ngene, appreciated the Guest Speaker and urged the students to emulate the level of focus exhibited by the former student and see themselves making waves also on graduation. ■

It was a welcome situation where Covenant University and Lancaster University revive their MoU and do important things, the Vice-Chancellor added. ■

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Management, a Human Resource Practitioners License with three years validity, and get to be inducted as Associate members of the CIPM, their professional institute.

Dr. Oludayo, who is also the Director, African Leadership Development Centre, Covenant University, said that the graduating students will also bag a Diploma in Leadership Development following the successful completion of the Diploma programme during their undergraduate sojourn at the University.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, remarked that the University's Vision of being one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022 (Vision 10: 2022) continues to receive a boost by positive feedbacks such as this. It is possible for Vision 10: 2022 to be fulfilled in 2017, he added.

The atmosphere was filled with inspiration as the Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences, Professor Francis Iyoha, accompanied by the Dean, Student Affairs, Mr. Azubuikwe Ezenwoke, presented the successful students with their letters. The students will be certified HR Professionals just at the point of graduation. ■

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them to always be conscious of the ethics of engineering while discharging their duties as engineers on graduation. According to him, making faulty decisions in construction can be very fatal and also lead to the withdrawal of one's engineering license.

In his remarks at the event, the Head of Department, Civil Engineering, Dr. David Olukanni, urged the students to see the day's lecture as an opportunity of a lifetime, especially coming from an alumnus of the University. He encouraged the students to maximise the platform which offers them loads of interactive learning, thereby helping them to see through the practical experience of the

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work together to access lots of grants that are available.

In his comments, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, said that Nigeria was replete with challenges to the point that the Board of the University endowed a substantial amount to research projects for the purpose of finding solutions to problems.