



Covenant University Newsflash

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Entrepreneurship Conference to unleash Enterprise Potentials of Participants -VC



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, declaring the 1st CEDS International Conference on Entrepreneurship (CU-ICE) 2017 Open

The Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has said that the just concluded Covenant University International Conference on Entrepreneurship (CU-ICE), was put up as a platform to unleash

the enterprise potentials of participants.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the inaugural edition of the entrepreneurship conference, the Vice-Chancellor, representing the Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Covenant University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, acknowledged that the level of graduate unemployment is on the increase every year and the economic challenges currently facing economies all over the world are proofs that more entrepreneurs, who understand how the knowledge economy works, are needed.

Professor Atayero stated that Covenant University, as a knowledge provider, is very deliberate about educating its students on entrepreneurship, adding that the University's mission is to produce job creators, not job seekers, and a lot of the University's graduates have become employers of labour.

Feedback from the community of investors in Nigeria, he said, shows that most of the startup companies that have been invested in are founded by Covenant University graduates and where the institution's graduates do not start their own companies, they are appointed to run divisions in companies.

To validate Covenant University's prowess as a provider of quality education and pioneer of entrepreneurial training among Nigerian universities, the Vice-Chancellor mentioned a recent report by an independent body that adjudged the University to have the most sought-after graduates by employers.

The aforementioned factors, he said, buttress the importance of entrepreneurship, what it means to Covenant University as an institution and why the University is hosting the conference.

Professor Atayero, called on participants to go beyond innovating and patenting into commercialisation and monetisation. He encouraged the participants, to go and do something with

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Computer Science, English Impress Accreditation Teams

Two programmes of Covenant University, Computer Science and English have been given clean bill of health as contained in the summary reports of the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation teams presented to the Management of the University.

Professor E.A Onibere and Professor S.B Ahmad, leaders of the accreditation teams for Computer Science and English respectively, were unanimous in their different reports presented on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, that Covenant University met the standards and qualities required by the NUC to run the programmes.

Unfolding the highlights of his team's report, Professor Onibere said that his team looked at what was available and came out with what was appropriate. He added that the accreditation team for Computer Science appreciated the University's efforts and urged the institution to maintain excellence in order to fulfill its aspirations.

According to Professor Onibere, the philosophy of the programme was quite in order, same as the curriculum; all students met the admission requirements; course

evaluation properly done and of high standard; external examiner highly competent; staff ratio to students highly commendable; equipment very adequate; library well equipped; funding was adequate; and the environment clean and safe.

He urged the University to maintain

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Team Leader of NUC's Accreditation team to Computer Science Programme, Professor E. A. Onibere, speaking on the purpose of his team's visit to CU

Covenant Graduate Launches Web App on Choice of Universities, Courses

Less than one year after graduating from Covenant University, Seunla Osinowo has transformed his final year project – a web app that provides students seeking admission into Nigerian universities with information and resources – into a business.

Osinowo, who studied Computer Science, had in a recent interview with an online medium, Outpreneurs.com, said that his web app named 'UniversityCompass.NG', was inspired by a charge from one of his former lecturers, Dr. (Mrs.) Senanu Okuboyejo.

Dr. Okuboyejo, he stated, had urged the then 300 Level students, including himself, going for their Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme, to look at how they could solve challenges in the society and use that as their final year project.

Osinowo imbibed the idea and getting

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NUC Accreditation Team Lauds Covenant Chancellor on Exquisite Facilities



Team Leader of NUC's Accreditation visit to Industrial Relations and Human Resources Programme, Professor A.U. Nnonyelu, speaking on the purpose of his team's visit to CU

The National Universities Commission (NUC) team on an accreditation visit to the Industrial Relations and Human Resources Management programme of Covenant University has commended the Founder and Chancellor of the University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, for making possible the availability of infrastructure, facilities and equipment necessary for the running of the programme and others in the institution.

Presenting a summary report of its exercise to the Management of Covenant University on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, the Leader of the NUC accreditation team, Professor A.U. Nnonyelu, said that members of his team were greatly satisfied with what they saw. "I think this university is blessed. We commend the founder of what we have seen on ground," he stated.

While reiterating that the accreditation exercise was not an inquisition but to ensure

that good standard and quality are maintained, Professor Nnonyelu, in the highlights of his team's report, said that the academic content, philosophy and objectives of the Industrial Relations and Human Resources Management programme are within the limit of the NUC benchmark.

He further stated that the curriculum conforms substantially to the principles, precepts and theories that one would expect in industrial management; the equipment are state-of-the-art and adequate; the library found to be functional with all provisions made for end users; sponsorship of staff development very good; and very large percentage of students' work evaluation conforms to best practices.

"Overall, the University, in terms of administration, is in very good hands; very qualified manpower directing at the different levels," said Professor Nnonyelu.

The NUC accreditation team leader would not end his presentation without commending Covenant University for the performance of its products. According to him, he and members of his team were aware of the good reports emanating from employers of labour about the products of Covenant University. He added that it was awesome to find that a product of the University had once been the Registrar at

the institution.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, appreciated the NUC team for the accreditation exercise of the Industrial Relations and Human Resources Management programme, adding that the comments made by the NUC team leader showed the depth of the exercise.■

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what they have learnt; emphasising that the mission of the conference is to solve the world's problems and meet their needs.

Highlighting the University's vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world by 2022, while employing the 'Departure Philosophy,' he stated, "If we follow the normal route, in Covenant University, it will take us 200 years to become a world class university, that is why we have decided to be disruptive in our approach.■

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the set standards as it would help in the actualization of its Vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world.

In his presentation, Professor S.B Ahmed, who led the accreditation team for English, said that members of his team were very impressed with what they saw as they didn't expect anything less. The team, he said, observed that the philosophy was satisfactory; external examiners well known and excellent; a very strong library with well stocked physical and virtual aspects; and enviable staff to students ratio, which is well beyond the NUC stipulation.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, thanked the accreditation teams for Computer Science and English for the detailed work done in such a short time. He also commended their openness, forthrightness and candour.■

admission."

UniversityCompass.NG, according to Osinowo, is currently the only university search and course selection system in Nigeria and has had about 7000 visits since it was launched.■

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to the 400 Level, even though he contemplated coming up with a multi-modal biometric system for security as his final year project, fate would ensure he settled for University Compass, which will help aspiring university students to make the right decisions about their choice of schools and courses.

He revealed that watching tutorial videos and making use of a website, 'Stack Overflow', where programmers can check for errors and learn from others, had helped him to build the web app. Funding for the app, he added, was sourced from his pocket money, while unrestricted access to WIFI Internet and uninterrupted power supply at Covenant University were also helpful.

The 20-year-old explained the specific challenges UniversityCompass.NG will help to solve in the society: "First is the University selection process. I attended a

private secondary school, Faith Academy. The year I graduated from secondary school, a number of my classmates didn't do well at their UTME (Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations). Most of them wanted to get admitted into Covenant University and the admission process was very competitive. With the low UTME scores, some were already crying [that] they would not be able to get admitted that year.

"So, someone told them to apply to Landmark, a university which had just been founded two years before then and almost all of them were admitted. When I say low UTME scores, I mean they scored like between 200 and 210 points. The problem is many people just know about a few universities. An average person knows about 20 and these universities have different criteria. People need to know what to search for, when seeking