



Covenant University Newsflash

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Accreditation Team Thumbs Up Information and Communication Engineering Programme



Team Leader of NUC's Accreditation visit to Information and Communication Engineering Programme, Prof. T.S. Ibiyemi, speaking on the purpose of his team's visit to CU

The National Universities Commission (NUC) team on accreditation visitation to the Information and Communication Engineering programme of Covenant University, has expressed satisfaction with

the provisions made by the University for the running of the programme.

Presenting a summary report of his team's visit to the Management of the University on Monday, June 19, 2017, the NUC Team Leader, Professor Samuel Ibiyemi, appreciated the warm reception his team received from the University. He said that the serene and unique ambience of the University encourages productive thinking and innovation, adding that Covenant is undoubtedly a world class university.

Professor Ibiyemi stated that by the assessment of his team, the University is far ahead of most of the NUC recommended standards. The philosophy and curriculum of the programme, he stated, are adequate and the University has a thorough documentation system, operates a very reliable internet system, well equipped library with easy access to

materials, very adequate books and journals, and electricity supply that is adequate and constant.

On staff quality, the team leader stated that it was very high and that the staff to students ratio was good at 1 to 13; much better than the NUC minimum. He stressed that it was imperative to constantly retrain staff to ensure sustenance of quality and to keep up with educational trends.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, commended the team for a job well done and appreciated their efforts at doing a thorough job. The University Management, he said, noted the NUC team's observations and would continue to maintain excellence as the University works toward a world-class status.

Also at the meeting were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; a representative of the Directorate of Financial Services, Mr. Paul Uwaje; Acting Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Mrs. Promise Ilo; Dean College of Engineering, Professor Christian Bolu; and Dr. Francis Idachaba, representing the Head, Department of Electrical and Information Engineering.

Covenant to Rally Tertiary Institutions' Support for Onesimus Project

In a bid to further encourage prison inmates to embrace education so that they can become useful to themselves and the society when they are freed, the Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has pledged to make the University's free online courses accessible to the Nigerian Prisons Service, Lagos Command.

Professor Atayero made the promise during his visit to the Medium Security Prison, Female Prison and the Maximum Security Prison, Kirikiri, Apapa, Lagos, on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, as part of the 'Life Recovery Pre-Release Empowerment Programme' under the umbrella of the Onesimus Project.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, at the maturity of the University's free online courses, it would become a model for teaching and scaling up knowledge sharing to the inmates of Lagos prisons. He posited that with the active partnership of governments at various levels, the



Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, presenting his address to prison inmates

successes of the free online courses would enable its deployment to other prisons across the country.

Addressing the graduands of the Onesimus Project, Professor Atayero said that the assurance needed at this point was for the graduands to succeed in their affairs when they leave the confines of the prison environment, as that would strengthen the University's determination to continue with the Onesimus Project initiative.

The Vice-Chancellor promised to take the message of a reformatory-correctional system, as being preached by Covenant

Covenant University Supports Orphan's Education, Welfare

In furtherance of its Corporate Social Responsibilities and community development activities, Covenant University on June 15, 2017, paid a visit to the children and staff of Ijamido Children's Home, Ota and made a donation towards their welfare and educational uplifting.

On hand to welcome the University's 3-man delegates to the Home were the Coordinator, Education and Welfare, Mrs. Eromosele Adetutu, the Administrative Officer, Mr. Noble Ibeji and some of the children.

The University officials led by the Chairman, Covenant University

NUC Accreditation Team Commends Covenant on Marketing Programme

The National Universities Commission (NUC) Accreditation Team on visitation to the Marketing programme of Covenant University has commended the University for making adequate provisions for the running of the programme.

The four-man team led by Professor Aham Anyanwu, had in its summary report presented to the Management of Covenant University on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, said that the philosophy and objectives of the programme, among other provisions, were adequate.

Professor Anyanwu, who presented the report, said that the curriculum was good. He acknowledged that all the students had requisite qualifications, expressed satisfaction with the marking scheme, lauded the library for adequate books and e-resources, and described the existence of a marketing laboratory as encouraging.

While thanking the management of Covenant for giving his team the opportunity to carry out its job, the team leader thanked the University for the hospitality accorded members of his team, adding that the team had enjoyed the cooperation of everybody.

The Director, Academic Planning Unit, Dr. Olawande Daramola, in his comments, expressed deep appreciation to the NUC team for the time spent at Covenant University. He said that the quality of feedback and the objectivity in the NUC team's report was well received.



Team Leader of NUC's Accreditation visit to Marketing Programme, Professor Aham Anyanwu, speaking on the purpose of his team's visit to CU

In his remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, representing the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, commended the NUC accreditation team for a job well done and assured that the University will keep on improving in every aspect of the requirements for running its programmes.

Also at the meeting were the representatives of the Registrar and the Director, Financial Services, Deacon Joshua Ogaga-Oghene and Mr. Paul Uwaje respectively; Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Mrs. Promise Ilo; Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences, Professor Francis Iyoha; Director, Quality and Academic Standard, Dr. Edwin Agwu; Head, Department of Business Management, Dr. Oluwole Iyiola; and some faculty members.

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CUCDIIC, Dr Michael Agara, presenting a cheque to Mrs Eromosele Adetutu, Coordinator, Education and Welfare, Ijamido Children's Home

Community Development Impact Initiative Committee (CUCDIIC), Dr. Michael Agarana, informed the hosts that charity towards Orphanages was one of the Committee's mandates, adding that though, it was their first visit at the Home, it won't be the last. He thereafter, made a cash presentation on behalf of the University to the Home.

guided tour of the Home which was founded in 1958 by Late Chief (Mrs.) Virginia Irene Willoughby, the Yeye Abiye of Ota Land (1904-1995). He explained that the Home presently caters for 176 children, adding that over 600 children have passed through the Home since inception. ■

Responding, Mrs. Eromosele expressed gratitude to the University and seized the opportunity to request for scholarship for some of the children to further their education, particularly at Covenant University.

The Administrative Officer later took the Committee members on a

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University in active partnership with the Nigerian Prisons Services and the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN), to the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) at the next meeting of the association.

The Controller General of Prisons, Mr. Ja'afaru Ahmed, represented by the Assistant Controller of Prisons, Lagos State, ACP B. Ogundana, appreciated Covenant University for helping the Prisons Service in the execution of the 'Three Rs' of the correctional system: Reformation, Rehabilitation and Reintegration of inmates.

Soliciting the assistance of Covenant University, the Controller General said that the University could become a vehicle through which other tertiary institutions would buy into the good work that Onesimus Project is doing at the Lagos Command. The initiative, he added, would then be extended to other states of the federation, with the aim of reshaping the destinies of inmates by becoming better citizens when they serve out their time in the penitentiary.

Earlier on, the Executive Director of the Life Recovery Pre-Release Empowerment Programme, Barrister Benson Iwuagwu, while giving an overview of the project, said that the Onesimus Project is a call to collective social action in response to a failing penal system of the prisons service and criminal justice system.

Barrister Iwuagwu said that the project is also geared at serving as a mentorship programme platform for all enrollees, who would be made to see their counsellors and facilitators as their alter ego, towards becoming the better person God created them to be. He stated that the programme will empower enrollees so that when they regain their freedom, they will contribute their quota to national development.

The event also witnessed a praise and worship session by the inmates, a guided tour to the craft centre where they are taught soap, cream and beads making, tailoring etc.