A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University July 3-7 2017

# Be Meticulous, Vice-Chancellor Urges Admissions Screening Panel



he Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has urged members of the Interview Sub-Committee of the 2017/2018 Covenant University Scholastic Aptitude Screening (CUSAS) exercise not to fail in the assignment.

Speaking at a two-day training and orientation programme organized for members of the screening panel, Professor Atayero, represented by the Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole, said that members should see the assignment committed into their hands as an important task because the injection of new students, as selected by the team, will affect the next four to five years of the University positively or negatively.

Noting that the interview aspect of CUSAS is the most critical facet of the screening exercise, with the ability to impact on the destiny of the candidates and the University, the Vice-Chancellor said that, "It is better to be mean to them today at the screening phase, rather than being friendly now and hard on them tomorrow. This is a huge assignment that is being entrusted into our care".

He averred that it was time to guard the Covenant brand jealously by ensuring that the assignment at hand is spiritually driven so as not to miss out on any details of applicants, and above all make a success of it. According to the Professor of Communication Engineering, Covenant is not a rehabilitation centre, but a place where people of vision are brought in to add value to the University's reputation.

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## Covenant Officials Visit Eko Atlantic, Considers Investment

n order to have the first-hand knowledge of activities at Eko Atlantic City and determine the most viable option for Covenant University's partnership in the development of the area, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero and some of the University officials, on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, visited the upcoming city, described as the future financial capital of Africa.

Professor Atayero in company of the Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences (CBSS), Professor Francis Iyoha; Director, Physical Planning and Development (PPD), Architect Gbenga Alalade; Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole; Financial Controller, Mr. Paul Uwaje; President, Dream Youth International, Pastor Seyi Macaulay and other University's officials where received by the Development Director, South Energyx Nigeria Limited, the developers of the City, Mr. Pierre Edde and Marketing and Event Representative, Mr. Yuki

Omenai.

The Vice-Chancellor and his Team on arrival were immediately taken on guided tour of the major parts of the 10 million square meters reclaimed land, which include the 8.5 kilometers Great Wall of Lagos, Business

# Covenant PhD Students Excel at ICAN Colloquium

wo PhD students of Covenant University, Mary Ogundanna and Peace Okougbo have emerged winners of the top prize and 2nd runner-up honour respectively, at the 3rd Academic Conference of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN).

Ogundanna's paper titled, 'Application of Fair Value Accounting and the Quality of Accounting Information of Listed Firms in Nigeria', was ranked first among the 8 papers presented at the colloquium and she was awarded a cash prize for her effort.

Also, Okougbo, with her paper titled, 'Accounting Ethics Education and the Behaviour of Accounting Undergraduates in South Western Nigeria', was ranked third and got a cash prize.

Ogundanna and Okougbo's feats are remarkable, considering that they accounted for two of the only three prizes available.

The Academic Conference Committee had on behalf of the Technical, Research and Public Policy

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#### Infrastructure at Covenant Excites Accreditation Team

team of Accreditors from the National Universities Commission (NUC) on visitation to the Business Administration programme of Covenant University, has expressed excitement at the state-of-the-art facilities in the University, which they described as 'out of this world.'

Presenting a summary report of its assessment to the Management of Covenant University on Thursday, June 22, 2017, Leader of the fourman team, Professor Erlinda Adetayo, said she and members of her team could not believe they were in a Nigerian university as the quality of infrastructure was comparable to that of world-class universities overseas.

In the highlights of the team's report, Professor Adetayo, said that



Team Leader, NUC Accreditation team to Business Administration programme, Professor (Mrs) E.D. Adedayo, speaking on the purpose of her team's visit to Covenant University

content and marking schemes, she said her team found them adequate and of good standard.

Professor Adetayo, said the team was also fascinated by the Entrepreneurship Laboratory in the Department which, according to her, is well equipped and well maintained. She stated that the University Library houses adequate books and journals, relevant to the programme.

In his remarks, the Director, Academic Planning Unit of the University, Dr. Olawande Daramola, appreciated the team for its focus and objectivity and promised that the University will always strive to meet up with the requirements of the NUC for every programme run by the institution. He added that it was a great privilege to have the input of the accreditors.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, expressed his appreciation to the accreditation team for their honesty and commitment to excellence. He described the job they did as very professional, honest and thorough, and assured them of the University's commitment to continuous improvement.

Also at the meeting were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; representative of the Registrar, Deacon Joshua Ogaga-Oghene; Acting Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Mrs. Promise Ilo; Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences, Professor Francis lyoha; Director, Quality and Academic Standard, Dr. Edwin Agwu; Head, Department of Business Management, Dr. Oluwole lyiola; and some faculty members.

# Covenant PhD Students Excel at ICAN Colloquium Contd. from Pg 1

Committee (TRPPC) of ICAN congratulated both Covenant University students on their research proposals presented at the PhD Colloquium.

The performance of Ogundanna and Okougbo is yet another

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Earlier in his opening remarks, the Chairman, 2017/2018 Covenant University Scholastic Aptitude Screening (CUSAS) exercise, Professor Isaiah Olurinola, said that since the 30th of March, 2017, when the Committee was inaugurated, the charge has been to get only the best students in order to leapfrog time in the quest towards the fulfilment of Vision 10:2022.

He told members of the Interview Sub-Committee to be focused so as to get things right during the screening phase. He advised them to look beyond the academic tools at their disposal and engage spiritual tools towards identifying those that are fit validation of the high quality teaching on offer at Covenant University at both the undergraduate and the postgraduate levels.

and ready to align with the vision of Covenant.

In her comments, the Chairman, Interview Sub-Committee, Mrs. Mercy Iroaganchi, said that it was a rare privilege to be deemed fit for the mission of screening and selecting students that would spend the next four to five years with the University.

Conscious of the experience some panelists have on the assignment, she asked them to embrace new ways of probing and investigating applicants in order to uncover things that would aid the university in making informed admissions judgment.

The two-day event featured presentation on interview questions and guide, and the usage of computer application grading system for scoring candidates. The event also witnessed suggestions from the panelists on ways to improve on the previous exercise.

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District, Marina District and Eko Atlantic Mall.

Mr. Pierre informed the Team that Eko Atlantic is a registered free zone which is 100 percent privately funded. He added that when ready, the City would not only serve the need of the West African subregion presently, but is also designed for the future. "It is a safe, self-sufficient and sustainable city with its own 24/7 water, advanced telecommunication, drainage and waste water systems," he explained.

The Vice-Chancellor and his Team agreed that setting up a Business School in the city would be a viable investment.