



Covenant University Newsflash

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Covenant, ICAN to Collaborate on 4th Academic Conference



CU Management with ICAN Officials

Covenant University has agreed in principle to host the 4th Academic Conference of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN).

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Shalom Chinedu, representing the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, made this known on Thursday, September 7, 2017, when representatives of ICAN paid a courtesy visit to the Management of the University.

Bank Seeks Covenant University's Support on Growth Opportunities

Covenant Microfinance Bank (CMFB), Ota, Ogun State, has solicited the support of Covenant University as the bank moves to reposition its operations to meet the expectations of its customers.

The new Managing Director of the CMFB, Mrs. Odunola Owolabi, made the request on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, when she led members of the bank's Management Team on a courtesy visit to the Covenant University Management.

Describing CMFB as a baby of the University, Mrs. Owolabi appealed that the bank should not be left behind as the University makes giant strides globally in its primary responsibilities. She said that the essence of the visit was to see how both institutions can work together on new initiatives.

Earlier on, speaking on the purpose of the visit, a member of the CMFB Board and former Acting Managing Director of the bank, Dr. Abiola Babajide, said that it

was to let the Covenant University management know that the bank has a new management in place and is now well-positioned to serve the community better.

In his comments, the Director, Financial Services, Covenant University, Pastor Sunday Abayomi, urged the microfinance bank to embrace cutting edge technology to achieve effective and efficient services.

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Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, presenting some University souvenirs to the Managing Director of the CMFB, Mrs. Odunola Owolabi

had decided to offer Covenant University the opportunity of hosting the 4th edition.

"The natural choice was Covenant University because it is the foremost private university in Nigeria. ICAN Council approved that we approach Covenant University for the hosting right, and also for us to look at the available facilities," said Dr. Ajibolade.

ICAN's relationship with Covenant, she said, has been excellent with the

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Covenant University Promises to Maintain Collaboration with FRSC

The Management of Covenant University has assured the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) that the University will continue to collaborate with the agency in its task of ensuring safety of lives and orderliness on Nigerian roads.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, gave this assurance on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, when the Ota Unit Commander of the FRSC, Assistant Corps Commander (ACC) K.J. Oguntoyinbo, paid him a courtesy visit in his office.

Speaking on what he referred to as a familiarization visit, ACC. Oguntoyinbo thanked the University for the backing given to the FRSC, stressing that the agency needs the support of organisations and people as it cannot do the job alone.

He highlighted the functions of the FRSC as preventing accidents on the highway; clearing obstructions on any part of the highways; cooperating with bodies or agencies or groups in road safety activities or in prevention of accidents on the highways; making regulations in pursuance of any of the functions assigned to the Corps; and public enlightenment on road safety tips.

While thanking the University for its kind gestures, the Ota Unit Commander requested for more support, which included vehicles to enable the Corps extend its areas of coverage, and academic scholarship for children of FRSC staff.

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Postgraduate School Enlightens Applicants on Covenant's Vision



Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Samuel Wara, addressing prospective PG Students

The School of Postgraduate Studies, Covenant University, briefed prospective applicants seeking admission into the school about the PG School Curriculum as well as the university's approach to attaining her vision.

Speaking during the supplementary admission screening exercise conducted on Friday, September 1, 2017, the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Samuel Wara, introduced the applicants

to the Vision and Core Values of the University, and the University's undertakings geared towards the fulfillment of its vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022.

"Here at Covenant, we are committed to raising a new generation of leaders through a qualitative and life-applicable training system that focuses on value and skill development," said Professor Wara.

He explained that, "One of our approach for the attainment of Vision 10: 2022 is ReCITe, which means Research is our responsibility, Citation and Innovation leading to income, and Teaching is our goal. The strategy for ReCITe is expected to be accomplished through the instrumentality of 'Glocalisation', which means benchmarking with established (indisputable) world-class universities, while introducing innovations to address our local contextual needs".

Professor Wara also stated that admitted students would be involved in the University's research clusters as part of

the institution's policy on interdisciplinary research for effective utilization of research findings. Also, he told the applicants that the University has programmes and facilities that will aid their study while on campus.

About 156 applicants sat for the postgraduate school examination, which involved a computer-based test and oral interview. ■

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professional body having quite a number of its members at the University. She added that, in furtherance of its mandate, ICAN sees members in the academia as important and the institute should maintain relationship with them.

The Registrar, Covenant University, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oladayo, in his remarks, said that the University's vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world in the next few years had informed the collaborations it has with many organisations, stressing that the one with ICAN is one of those that will lead the University to the vision.

In his comments, the Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences, Professor Philip Alege, appreciated the gesture by ICAN to offer the conference's hosting right to Covenant University, while the Head, Department of Accounting, Dr. Olubukunola Uwuigbe, noted that the academic conference is in line with the University's vision. She further expressed enthusiasm that it's going to be the benchmark for future conferences.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, said that ICAN has made the right choice by offering Covenant University the hosting right for the 4th Academic Conference, and assured that the University will work towards making it ICAN's best ever conference by putting the University's exquisite facilities at the body's disposal. ■

team, welcomed the suggestion that FRSC officials should come to the University and address members of faculty and staff on road safety tips. ■

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The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, in his remarks, said that he was impressed that the new Managing Director was making efforts at improving CMFB's operations. He, however, suggested that the bank should introduce cashless banking, develop innovation to aid their day-to-day operations as being done by Covenant University, and maximize the opportunities that come with the management of huge accounts. ■

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ACC. Oguntoyinbo, on behalf of the FRSC Corps Marshall, Mr. Boboye Oyeyemi, announced the conferment of the title of Honourary Special Marshal on the Vice-Chancellor, and also presented him with copies of the 2016 Annual Report of the FRSC.

In his comments, the Chairman,



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, presenting some University souvenirs to FRSC, Assistant Corps Commander (ACC) K. J. Oguntoyinbo.

Covenant University Road Safety Committee, Professor Daniel Gberevbie, said that both the University and the FRSC had enjoyed a cordial relationship. He appreciated the visit of the Ota Unit Commander and hoped that the relationship waxes stronger.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, said that the University appreciated what the FRSC was doing, which he described as the hallmark of any organized society. Covenant University, he added, will support the agency where necessary in their campaign towards maintaining sanity and safety on the roads.

Professor Atayero, who recognized the efforts of the University's road safety Chairman, Professor Gberevbie and his