



Covenant University Newsflash

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Tertiary Institutions Advised to Train Thinking Leaders



Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo, delivering his Keynote Address

The Chancellor, Covenant University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, has advised tertiary institutions to train thinking leaders that would provide immediate solutions to

the nation's current challenges.

He gave this advice on Monday, October 16, 2017, at the formal opening of the 54th Conference of the Committee of Deans of Postgraduate Schools (CDPGS) in Nigerian Universities, where he was the Guest Lecturer.

While delivering his lecture titled, 'Repositioning Postgraduate Education for Sustainable National Development: The Leadership Dimension,' Dr. David Oyedepo, who is also the Chairman, Board of Regents, Covenant University, stated that leaders must first turn themselves into critical thinkers in order to produce young scholars who will sustain the thinking culture.

He stressed that leaders are

thinkers and all committed thinkers are potential leaders. The real worth of a leader, he said, is in the value he adds, the contribution he makes and the feats he accomplishes.

"Global solution providers such as Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, and the Wright Brothers, amongst others, once had a brainwave in their time which led to great revolutions in their respective fields," he added.

The Chancellor urged Nigerian universities to embrace the virtues of thinking by training students who would identify besetting issues and proffer urgent solutions to the nation's challenges. "The nation needs to wake up by imbibing development oriented thinking so as to achieve sustainable national development,

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Professor Atayero Elected Fellow Institute of Management Consultants

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA Atayero, was among a group of erudite scholars, elected to serve as Fellows of the Institute of Management Consultants (IMC), with the responsibility of stimulating transfer process of vast industry experience to the younger generation.

Professor Atayero's election into the Institute was on the occasion of a one-day Certified Management Consultant (CMC) seminar organised by the institute, on Wednesday, October 11,

2017, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to outstanding academic community, professional standing, and demonstrated commitment to creating, maintaining and promoting world standards of management consulting practice.

This year's seminar, held at the Lagos Airport Hotel, saw award-winning business expert and CMC Lead Assessor, Dr. Elijah Ezendu, appealing to the new Fellows to recognize the importance of their new status, and ensure that their vast experiences are not lost, but harnessed and shared with the younger generation.

He maintained that it would be disheartening should Fellows of the Institute just retire with their vast experiences. He enjoined them to partner with the body to help the upcoming ones

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Covenant University Mulls Hult Prize Hosting Rights

Covenant University is considering putting in a bid to be one of the regional centres for the 2018 Hult Prize, the world's largest student competition for social good.

This much was disclosed on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, when members of the University's Hult Prize team briefed the Management of the University, on the latest development about the Hult Prize competition.

The Director, Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies, Dr. Stephen Oluwatobi, who led the team, expressed appreciation to the University management for the support the team has been enjoying in terms of encouraging the students to come up with innovation, build-up to competitions and logistics.

While stating that the Hult Prize encourages social enterprise amongst university undergraduates and postgraduates, Dr. Oluwatobi said that the issue to be addressed in the next edition of the Hult Prize dwells on energy, and having travelled far and wide to participate in the last competition, Covenant University now has the opportunity of featuring in the event on her campus by playing host to the Hult Prize.

Unveiling plans for the next

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Director, Academic Planning Unit, Dr. Francis Idachaba, receiving the IMC Award on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero

Covenant, Bain to Collaborate on Students Recruitment

Covenant University and a global management consultancy, Bain and Company, have agreed in principle to partner on the recruitment of students of the University to work with the company.

Both organisations arrived at this resolution at a meeting held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, between the Management of Covenant University and the representatives of Bain and Company.

Ms. Sheshni Moodley, who led the Bain and Company team, described the company as a top management company that is interested in partnering with Covenant University. She said that her organization recruits students from some of the Ivy League universities in the world like Harvard, Yale and Oxford, and would want students of Covenant University to have the opportunity of working with their contemporaries from these Ivy League institutions.

According to Ms. Moodley, the entry points for a fresh graduate is as an Associate Consultant, while an MBA is the entry requirement at the Consultancy level. She said the first phase of the envisaged collaboration would be the introduction of the Bain Merit Awards to Covenant University, with the awards being for top performers.

Shedding more light on the profile of Bain and Company and why the organization wanted to partner with Covenant University, the Recruiting and Marketing Manager of the firm, Ms. Sidi Belo-Osagie, said that Bain and Company helps global leaders with their organization's most critical issues and opportunities. She said the company was focusing only on top two universities in Nigeria, and Covenant University is one of them. "We reckon Covenant University is a top university with strong academic standards," she added.

In his comments, the Registrar, Covenant University, Dr. Olumuyiwa



Officials of Bain and Company

Oludayo, thanked Bain and Company for choosing to partner with the University. He acknowledged the quality the company represents in management consulting and expressed hope that the two organisations would be able to forge ahead with the objectives of the partnership.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his comments, said the proposal from Bain and Company was a good development, adding that it would be interesting to have students of Covenant University, which is aiming to be one of the top 10 universities in the world, to work with students from Ivy League universities. ■

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competition, the Campus Director, Hult Prize, Covenant University, Mr. Alabi Adeyemi, said that the team was looking at energy in terms of mobility, electricity,



Covenant University's Hult Prize Team Members

agriculture, water, irrigation, and health. He added that Covenant students would be encouraged to come up with innovative ideas to tackle some of the issues that could arise in those areas.

In his Remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, representing the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, said that if a regional final of the Hult Prize would be held in Nigeria, then it should be in

Covenant University. He urged the University's Hult Prize team to begin to articulate what it takes to host such a competition and plan ahead.

Professor Chinedu acknowledged the efforts made in the past by the University's representatives and encouraged them to not only think about hosting, but competing to win laurels.

Also at the meeting were the Director, Financial Services, Pastor Sunday Abayomi, and three Hult Prize alumni – Mr. Olalekan Olowo, Mr. Efosa Uwughiren and Mr. Timothy Mutfwang. ■

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thereby solving our immediate problems by using indigenous solutions," he said.

Dr. Oyedepo asserted that the greatest challenge hindering Africa's development was that of underdeveloped minds in Nigeria and other African countries. He noted that Nigerians were fond of complaining incessantly about institutional failures, rather than being involved in activities that would bring about desired

outcomes, thereby making themselves instruments of change. ■

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improve on the current state of affairs in the nation and the continent a large.

Dr. Ezendu posited that various platforms would be created to carry out these activities through seminars, workshops, symposia and trainings, as every development process starts with any of these.

According to him, as an organ,

recognised by the United Nations, Fellows of the Institute are privileged up to the point of delivering a five minutes address at the UN General Assembly, if there are pertinent issues to discuss. It is therefore for members to use this platform for evolving great change in Nigeria and Africa. These awards and special recognitions are therefore to inspire members to do more for their immediate societies.

The Institute of Management Consultants is recognized by the United Nations as a body of men and women who have been in practice all through the years with proven results. ■