



Covenant University Newsflash

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Ota-Agbara Chamber of Commerce Seeks to Renew Partnership with Covenant



Members of OTAGCCIMA during thier Visit to Covenant University

He expressed his familiarity with the University's core values, which he said encapsulate the University's pedigree, adding that products of Covenant University show the University has come of age.

The OTAGCCIMA president said that the core reason of his chamber's visit was to renew the relationship with Covenant University as there are lots of programmes the two organisations can execute together.

In his comments, the Director, Financial Services, Covenant University, Pastor Sunday Abayomi, said that it was a privilege to have members of the OTAGCCIMA as guests. He averred that at a time when the nation is at crossroads in terms of development and industrialization, the University, as a centre of research and collaboration, can work with organisations like the chamber to find solutions to

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The Ota-Agbara Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (OTAGCCIMA) wants to reestablish its longstanding relationship with Covenant University, President of the chamber, Engr. Akin Akingbade, has revealed.

Speaking on Tuesday, October 17,

2017, when he led a team from the OTAGCCIMA to pay a courtesy visit to the Management of Covenant University, Engr. Akingbade said that his chamber and the University had always been partners in progress, with the two having some collaborative efforts in the past.

KPMG Lures Covenant Students to Accounting Academy

One of the world's leading providers of audit, tax and advisory services, KPMG, has expressed its desire to get students of Covenant University to be part of the company's new initiative, the Accounting Academy.

The Accounting Academy, according to the company, entails bringing in students who have two levels to cover in their Institute of Chartered Accounts of Nigeria (ICAN) examinations into the academy, where KPMG spends one year training them solely for writing the exams and after they have finished the exams, they join

the company full-time as employees.

The team, led by a Partner in the company, Mr. Mohammed Adama, made this known on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, when they paid a courtesy visit to the Management of Covenant University.

Mr. Adama, had in his introductory speech, said that Covenant University has been a veritable hunting ground for KPMG, with a recent analysis revealing that not less than 150 products of the University had been recruited by the company since inception of the University. "There are many

Covenant University graduates working with us and we are very proud of them; they are representing the University very well," he said.

He stated that the purpose of their visit was to come and say thank you to the University, find out what the University is doing, and how the company and the University can collaborate going into the future.

Shedding more light on the Accounting Academy, a Partner, Audit Services, KPMG,

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Expert Charged Government on Environmental Pollution Management

An Environmental and Analytical Chemist, Dr. John Paul Unyimadu has called on government at all levels, including their agencies as well as other stakeholders to adequately prepare, in order to effectively handle the management of all Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) contaminations in Nigeria environment and ensure that no additional risks to human health and environment are taken.

Unyimadu also recommend constant monitoring of the entire Nigerian environment and remediation of the heavily contaminated sites.

He made the recommendation recently while presenting a paper on "The Role of Chemists in Managing Nigeria's Environmental Problems in the Marine and Coastal Zones," at the monthly Town and Gown Interaction organised by the Department of Chemistry, Covenant University, Ota.

Unyimadu, who is the Head, Physical and Chemical Oceanography Department of Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research, Lagos, also called for outright ban of the use of plastic and plastic bags as well as reduction in the burning of fossil fuels to help reduce Carbonmonoxide.

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Mr. Mohammed Adama, from KPMG, receiving some Covenant University souvenirs from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu

Interswitch Woos Computer Science Students on Certification

Students of Computer and Information Sciences at Covenant University have been charged to take advantage of the benefits of becoming Certified Payment Professional, particularly those introduced by Interswitch Limited.

The Head, e-Learning Strategy and Advisory Services, Interswitch Limited, Lagos, Mrs. Ester Moore-Obioha, gave the charge on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, as a guest speaker at the Town and Gown Interaction put together by the Department of Computer and Information Sciences.

Moore-Obioha stated that when completed, the certification programme would among other things; make the students sought-after professionals. "As graduates, young professionals or entrepreneurs, you have the opportunity to climb the career ladder faster than your peers and become a sought-after certified Payment Professional by taking this Payment Certification Progressively,"



The Head, e-Learning Strategy and Advisory Services, Interswitch Limited, Lagos, Mrs. Ester Moore-Obioha, making her presentation at the Computer and Information Science

she explained.

The guest speaker, who spoke on, "E-Payment System in Nigeria: Enhancing the Employability of Graduates through Hands-on Industry Specified Programmes," further unveiled the benefits of Interswitch e-learning and certification programmes.

Aside becoming a Certified

Payment Professional, the student, she said, would have six-month pre-NYSC internship and job placements for excellent performance both in Nigeria and Sub-Saharan Africa. They would also have opportunities to connect with captains in the payment industry; earn industry recognition, become an Ambassador of Interswitch by scoring 90 percent in all the e-learning programmes and get connected with professionals through the Interswitch e-learning community.

Also speaking at the event, the Product Manager, Interswitch Limited, Miss Kadijat Abu, encouraged the participants, who were mainly students of the department to have the understanding and take advantage of e-payment evolution which she described as digital disruption.

The Head, Department of Computer and Information Sciences, Dr. Victor Osamor, explained that the purpose of Town and Gown was for the University to have connection with the industry and for students to have an idea of what obtains in the industry. ■

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Environmental and Analytical Chemist, Dr. John Paul Unyimadu, making his presentation at the Chemistry Department's Town and Gown Seminar

"If our knowledge and capabilities fail to keep pace with our everyday practices, we doubtlessly endanger our common future. The scientific advances in Chemistry together with those of other organisations and laboratories can lead the way in preserving our precious ecological inheritance, the ocean," he told the participants.

He had earlier highlighted the high concentrations of PCBs in water, fish tissue and sediment in the

Nigerian environment and the potential health implications for biota and human population.

Unyimadu also emphasised the contributions of the oil industry, city sewage, industrial effluents and agricultural run offs to the pollution of water which are devastating to people, animals, fish and birds. This, he said, made the water unsuitable for drinking, recreation, agriculture and industrial use. ■

According to him, 60 graduates of Covenant University currently work with KPMG, which is very high considering the number of graduates from other universities. "This lays credence to the kind of value Covenant University's graduates offer," he added.

Mr. Soyinka said that the Accounting Academy was influenced by KPMG's desire to generate more numbers from schools that the company already employs from, with the whole essence being to employ better qualified people.

In her comments, the Head, Department of Accounting, Covenant University, Dr. Olubukunola Uwuigbe, appreciated KPMG for its contributions to the department. She said that the company has contributed towards enhancing the knowledge of the students, especially through the Industrial Attachment programme. The HOD stressed that the Accounting Academy would be a motivating factor for the students. ■

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developmental challenges.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, representing the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, acknowledged that there are many industries in Ota, but he bemoaned a situation whereby many of them appeared to have nothing to do with the University. He said that research is critical in human development, because it's through research that new ways of doing things can emerge.

While stating that the University was trying to establish relationship with the available industries in Ota, the Vice-Chancellor expressed hope that the

coming of OTAGCCIMA will enhance it.

The OTAGCCIMA team, which also included the Vice-President, Mines, Prince Ebenezer Aina; and the Vice-President, Industry, Dcns. Ajibola Gbigbi-Jackson, was accompanied by a faculty in the Department of Economics and Development Studies, Dr. Bowale Kayode. ■

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Mr. Ayo Soyinka, said that the company requires smart people with the right sense of character for the kind of business it runs, and finding such people is very difficult today.