



Covenant University Newsflash

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Chancellor Stresses Need for Improvement to Command Better Results



Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, making his presentation

The Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Covenant University and Landmark University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, has charged the Management and Professorate of both institutions to strive for enhanced improvement in the discharge of their responsibilities so as to command better results.

He gave the charge on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at a one day leadership emphasis session with the theme, 'The Leadership Edge: Qualitative and Transformational Leadership for Sustainable Results', organized by the

African Leadership Development Centre (ALDC) in Covenant University.

The Chancellor, while declaring the session open, said there is nothing mystical about excellence as it's simply a product of one's tireless commitment to improvement, adding that one can't keep track of improvement without renewed commitment to learning new skills, and there is no end to commanding better results.

According to him, "The largest room in the world is the room for improvement. There is a need for enhanced improvement of our beats. We are where we are by the dint of what we know; if we know better, we go higher".

The black man, he said, can lead, but just lost his sense of esteem, just as the black man can solve his own problem, but seek to transfer responsibility. "But nobody will take your responsibility for you. We are the ones raising these individuals; how do they become new generation leaders if we don't show them what leadership is at our various levels of engagements," he stated.

Dr. Oyedepo expressed joy that people with leadership pedigree were present as facilitators at the session, and hoped that the programme will enhance the rate of results in leadership engagements of the management and professorate of both Covenant and Landmark Universities.

Earlier in her introductory speech, the Director, ALDC, and second substantive Vice Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor Aize Obayan, said that the leadership emphasis session was the brainchild of the Chancellor in line with his fulfilment of the vision of Covenant

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Expert Enlightens Students on the Rudiments of Engineering Career

A young seasoned Engineer, Franklin Uzoma, who is also a Project Director, at Integrated Advanced Analysts (IAA) Associates, has advised the Civil Engineering students of Covenant University on how to build an impactful career in Engineering.

Speaking during a recent Town and Gown seminar of the department, on a theme, 'Building a Career in Civil Engineering: The Rudiments for the Young Engineer,' Engr. Uzoma described Civil Engineering as the second oldest and quintessential engineering discipline after military engineering, designed to distinguish non military engineering from military engineering, dating as far back as the ancient roman empire.

He asserted that Civil Engineers are the core controllers of the design, construction and maintenance of a country's infrastructure. Civil Engineering, he said, is made up so many specific disciplines, such as Structural Engineering, Geotechnical/Geo Structural Engineering, Waste Water/Environmental Engineering, Transport Engineering, Hydraulics/Irrigation/Water Resources Management and Construction Engineering as well as others.

He described Structural Engineering as one of the most core areas of Civil

Covenant, Johannesburg Varsity to Explore Collaboration

Covenant University and the University of Johannesburg (UJ), South Africa, have agreed to work together towards forging collaboration between the two institutions.

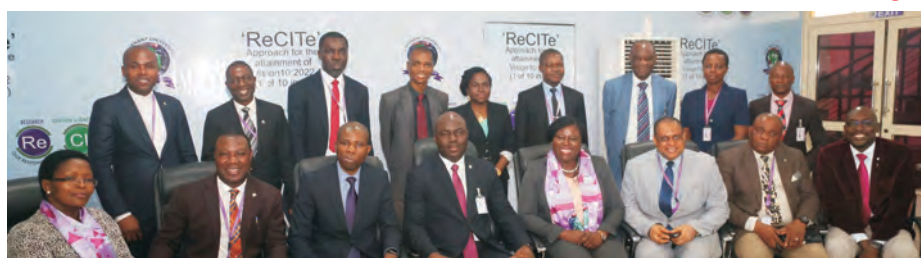
This much was revealed on Monday, November 20, 2017, at a meeting between a visiting team from UJ and the Management of Covenant University.

Professor Clinton Aigbavboa, leader of the UJ team, said that having been saddled with the responsibility of reaching out to

African institutions for partnership, his team's first consideration was West Africa, and the first institution that came to mind was Covenant University.

The team leader stated that UJ is a young University as Covenant, with UJ being the result of a 2005 merger between the Rand Afrikaans University (RAU), the Technikon Witwatersrand (TWR) and the Soweto and East Rand campuses of Vista University. "We felt Covenant was very progressive. Looking at the vision and

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VCovenant University Management with Officials of University of Johannesburg, South Africa

Engineering, Crux of Human Economic Development - Expert

The Guest Speaker at the recent Town and Gown Seminar of the Department of Civil Engineering, Covenant University, Engr. A. A. Adeyemi, has described engineering as the application of scientific knowledge to achieve a desired goal and also, as the crux of human and economic development.

Engr. Adeyemi, who is the Director, Transport Engineering, Ministry of Transportation, Lagos State, stated that the forebears of the human race were the first engineers with discoveries, which spanned the stone age, bronze age and the iron age; using knowledge for civilisation, organisation of government, religion, art and technology.

Delivering his lecture titled, 'The Role of Engineers in the Development of Nigeria,' Engr. Adeyemi said engineering was there at the organisation and development of human society from villages, to towns and cities. He said that, at every stage of human civilisation, engineers were there as general engineers. Subsequently, there were other specialisations such as civil, mechanical, electrical, chemical, mining and metallurgical, computer/software among others.

In his remarks at the event, the Head, Department of Civil Engineering, Dr. Anthony Ede, enjoined the students to be

attentive in order to get insights that would help them in their quest for an outstanding career in Engineering.

Dr. Ede appreciated the Guest Speaker for partnering with the University to ensure that the students are enlightened on the interrelationship between the industry and the academia.

He appreciated the University Management for the Town and Gown initiative, which he described as very impactful and insightful and also encouraged all participants to maximise the platform for their needed capacity building.

Also at the event were members of faculty and staff of the department as well as some members of the College of Engineering.



Civil Engineering Department's Town and Gown Seminar

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University and Landmark University in raising a new generation of global leaders. She noted that presentations to be made at the session would be looking at several aspects of leadership that will no doubt sharpen the thoughts of participants.

"There is a spirit of leadership and we have seen this demonstrated in the life of the Chancellor. It is my prayer and belief that this virtue will touch our spirit and we will run with it," she enthused.

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Engineering. According to him, Structural Engineering is the art and science of conceptualizing, modeling, analyzing, and designing of complex structural systems. This profession, he said, ensures that forces are effectively resisted without generating stresses beyond the threshold of resistance of various structural elements.

Rounding up his presentation, Engr. Uzoma, pointed out that for any aspiring student to excel in an Engineering career, there must be sound undergraduate/internship training; analytical and technical abilities, proficiency in Computer Aided Design (CAD) tools and Proficiency in the use of Sophisticated Analysis and Design Software Programs.

He added that multitasking and team building abilities also help to clear the career path, while keeping the right motivation.

In his remarks earlier at the event, the Head of Department Civil Engineering, Dr. A. N. Ede, welcomed the Guest Speaker and appreciated the faculty, staff and students of the Department and encouraged the students to be attentive especially as the speaker was someone closer to their age bracket and therefore, able to bring Engineering closer to them.

He assured the Engineering Students of an impactful experience which would help prepare them to function in any sector of engineering on graduation. He also encouraged them to ask questions for clarity of understanding.

Also present at the event were some senior members of faculty of the College of Engineering as well as members of the Department Civil Engineering.

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mission, and the quality of academics in the system, we decided to begin our journey from Covenant," he said.

Professor Aigbavboa, Vice Dean, Postgraduate Studies Research and Innovation, Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, said that UJ set out to collaborate with Covenant because her vision aligns very well with that of UJ. He added that going into the future, African institutions must find solutions to challenges in the continent.

The Registrar, Covenant University, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, said Covenant has a vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world in a few years' time, and the metrics showed that the University was not very far from achieving that goal. He said Covenant and UJ will leverage on each other's areas of comparative strength and

hoped that future endeavours would be mutually beneficial.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, said it was a divine arrangement that two African institutions, Covenant and UJ, were coming together to look into problems in Africa and provide solutions, with a view to creating and disseminating knowledge. He noted that one of the things the two universities would be working on is a joint Diploma Certificate.

While urging Covenant representatives and the UJ team to be ingenuous in their approach when having further talks on collaboration, Professor Atayero assured that Covenant Management will give the proposed partnership the maximum push.