



# Covenant University Newsflash

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## Work towards Fulfillment of Vision 10:2022, Vice-Chancellor Urges New Faculty, Staff



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, addressing new faculty and staff at the orientation programme

The Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has impressed it on the newly inducted faculty and staff of the institution, the imperative of working assiduously towards the realisation of the University's vision of being among the top 10 universities in the world (Vision 10:2022) so

that in five years' time they can pride themselves of working in a world-class university.

The Vice-Chancellor handed down this message on Monday, February 6, 2017, at the Orientation Programme for New faculty and Senior Non-Teaching Staff of Covenant University, where he made a presentation titled, 'Vision 10:2022: The ReCiTe Agenda'.

While welcoming the inductees to the University, Professor Atayero said that they have come at a very opportune time as the institution is at the threshold of making history, which, according to him, is easy to achieve when faculty and staff do what they are supposed to do at the right time.

Explaining the ReCiTe Agenda, which he referred to as the University's goal for the 2016/2017 academic session, the Vice-Chancellor said that ReCiTe translates to "Research is our responsibility, Citation and Innovation leading to Income, while Teaching is our goal".

Highlighting some of the approaches to achieving a world-class status, he said that the

University was aiming at transiting from a predominantly teaching university to a predominantly research university and also, to have a robust endowment.

Prior to making his presentation on the ReCiTe Agenda, Professor Atayero had stressed the importance of the orientation programme, saying that everyone that comes into the University has to be properly inducted so that he or she can function properly in the environment.

Covenant University, he stated, was founded as a reaction to the decadence in education in the country. The University's Mission, he said, is to create knowledge. The long term Vision is to be a leading world-class Christian Mission University committed to raising a new generation of leaders in all fields of Human endeavor, while its short term Vision is to be among the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022, he added.

For the new faculty and staff to have a fruitful stay in Covenant University, said the Vice-Chancellor,

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## ACCA Accredits Covenant University's Accounting Programme

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) has announced its accreditation of the Accounting programme of Covenant University.

The Acting Head, ACCA, Nigeria, Mr. Olatunji Adeleye, made the disclosure on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, when he led representatives of his organisation to pay a courtesy visit to the Management of Covenant University led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero.

Graduates of a typical Nigerian university, according to Mr. Adeleye, are entitled to four exemptions with similar accreditation but, with the work the ACCA had done, it was able to get every single Accounting graduate of Covenant University six (6) exemptions with effect from January 1, 2017.

He said that the ACCA was working with Covenant University, particularly the Accounting Department, to secure the maximum exemption within the shortest possible time so as to ensure that the University stands head and shoulder above all universities in Nigeria. "Because you are producing Accounting graduates that are exceptional," he added.

Information about the accreditation of CU's Accounting programme, said Mr. Adeleye, already exists on the ACCA website, "so that anybody that is looking for an exemption goes to our site, and once you check the exemption on our site, it takes you to CU".

Speaking on the benefits accruable to Covenant University from the new development, the Head, Education and Development, Sub-Saharan Region, ACCA, Mr. Jonathan Mbewe, said that the University and his organisation would be working

together to attract the best talents to be Accounting graduates and get the ACCA qualification.

Students, he averred, can see coming to Covenant University as an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone as when the students graduate, the ACCA will support them at the professional level. The ACCA representatives used the occasion to propose full partnership with Covenant University in terms of capacity building for faculty and staff and other initiatives, while the organisation also expressed its desire to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University.

In her comments, the Head, Department of Accounting, Dr. Olubukunola Uwuigbe, who thanked the ACCA for partnering with the University, said that Covenant University has always been ranked the best in Nigeria, which explains why it always goes for the best. The University, she said, wants more than the six exemptions possibly before the end of 2017.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, welcomed

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Acting Head, ACCA Nigeria, Mr. Olatunji Adeleye, presenting the ACCA Accreditation Certificate to Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero

## Transcorp Power Seeks Partnership with CU on Solar Energy

Transcorp Power, a subsidiary of the Transcorp Group business conglomerate, has expressed its desire to partner with Covenant University with a view to exploring solar energy generation and utilization in Nigeria.

The Group General Counsel, Transcorp Power, Mr. Christopher Ezeafulukwe, made this disclosure on Friday, February 10, 2017, when he led representatives of his organisation including that of its partner, ENGIE, on a courtesy visit to the Management of Covenant University.

Mr. Ezeafulukwe, who bemoaned what he described as the "critical situation" with power supply in Nigeria, said that changes in government policies have had a drastic effect on Transcorp Power's investment and, in its efforts at finding a solution to the challenge, the company had partnered with power producer, ENGIE, on solar energy.

"We did preliminary work to identify stakeholders whose power we would need to address. One is the tertiary education sector, then Covenant University came up," he said.

While acknowledging the giant strides being made by Covenant University in the areas of teaching, research and provision of infrastructure, Mr. Ezeafulukwe said that Transcorp Power was at Covenant University to understand the University's energy needs, and areas where his company and the University can work together within the purview of what Transcorp Power was doing with ENGIE.

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## Expert Stresses Importance of Road Transport to Economic Growth

A good road infrastructure powers the national economy and the technical structures that support a society, a project management expert Engr. Funsho Elulade has stated.

Speaking at a recent Town and Gown seminar of the Department of Civil Engineering, Covenant University, where he was the Guest Speaker, Engr. Elulade, who made a presentation on the topic, 'Road Infrastructure: Provision for an Efficient Public Transport', described transport as the cornerstone of civilization and an essential part of human activity.

He explained that as society and economic organizations become more complex, the relevance of transport grows. "Road transportation plays a significant role in the economic development of any nation. A large proportion of its economic activities are largely dependent on an efficient network of roads," he submitted.

Engr. Elulade, who is the immediate past Director, Roads and Traffic Management, of the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA), averred that no two locations will interact effectively without a viable means of movement from one point to another.

He posited that socio-economic development can be catalysed by the presence of infrastructure, while noting that if these facilities and services are absent, development will be very difficult and slow.

In his remarks, the Head, Department of Civil Engineering, Dr. David Olukanni, enjoined the students to place value on the opportunity to learn and interact with the guest speaker, who, he said,



The immediate past Director, Roads and Traffic Management, of the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA), Engr. Elulade, making his presentation at the Department of Civil Engineering's Town and Gown Seminar

has had extensive practical experience in Civil Engineering and Construction.

Dr. Olukanni appreciated the university Management for providing the platform for industry interaction, stating that it has brought about a lot of improvement and balance between theory and practice.

There was an extensive interactive session after the presentation, which saw both the students and faculty asking questions and exchanging thoughts with the guest speaker.

Present at the event were members of faculty and staff of the Department of Civil Engineering as well as some members of the College of Engineering.

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CU Management with Transcorp Nigeria Plc Officials

organization, the Chief Executive Officer of ENGIE, Mr. Philippe Miguele, said that energy system was going through significant evolution and ENGIE was set to launch a significant investment in Sub-Saharan Africa, with the goal of helping customers in growing their energy generation capacity.

ENGIE, he pointed out, wants to partner with Covenant University on power generation and help to reduce the University's cost as solar energy generation is cost effective.

In his comments, the Director, Physical Planning and Development, Covenant University, Arc. Gbenga Alalade, who expressed appreciation of what Transcorp Power and ENGIE were doing, narrated the evolution of power generation and utilization in CU since inception up to 2015 when the University migrated fully to its own power project, which currently stands at 5.67 megawatts. Power production, he added, would be increased to 10.8 megawatts by the end of 2017.

Arc. Alalade revealed that the ultimate goal of Covenant University is renewable energy with

focus on solar, wind and waste. It would be ideal, he enthused, for the University and Transcorp Power to work together.

Dr. Hope Orovwode, who represented the Head, Renewable Energy Cluster, CU, Professor Samuel Wara, at the meeting, said that the renewable energy cluster has been doing a lot on solar and the next step was to make it cost effective. The coming of Transcorp Power, he stressed, was timely, and Covenant University would be willing to learn from the company towards making energy accessible to Nigerians.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, said he was not surprised that Transcorp Power had chosen to work with Covenant University, attributing the decision to divine providence.

He said that the University had gone through many phases in its desire to find a permanent solution to its power needs and currently uses the turbine but looking at shifting to sustainable energy. The proposal by Transcorp Power, the Vice-Chancellor noted, means the University was in the right direction. However, he pointed out that the University would not be going into partnership as consumers as the institution desires solution that can give its Engineering students experience.

Professor Atayero described the initiative by Transcorp Power as a good beginning, adding that there would be further discussions between representatives of the University and the company. Also in the Transcorp Power entourage were its Group Chief Finance Officer, Mr. Ibikunle Oriola and Projects Head, Mr. Funto Amire.

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they must imbibe all the Core Values of the institution, which are Spirituality, Possibility Mentality, Capacity Building, Integrity, Responsibility, Diligence and Sacrifice.

The next presentation featured the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, who spoke on the topic, 'Work Ethics at Covenant University'. He said that the core of work done at the University is "Raising a New Generation of Leaders", and quoting copiously from the scriptures to drive home the importance of work, the DVC averred that nothing ever works except someone works it.

He demanded from the new faculty and staff passion, commitment and dedication to work, as well as a new orientation of work ethics and productivity. "We must see our work as a calling, a devotion and service to community, and be ready to accept responsibility and take initiative," he said.

The Registrar, Mrs. Mary Abovade, in her presentation titled, 'Administrative Processes and Procedures in Covenant University', also dwelt on the University's Mission and Vision including the Core Values, which she described as "the guiding principles that dictate our actions and signposts of what is tolerable and abominable".

Defining Administration as "People running Processes based on Rules using Tools", the Registrar pointed out that the University's rules are an embodiment of its law, Senate resolutions, staff handbook, students' handbook, administrative policies, values and traditions.

She outlined some of the University's procedures as leave application, furniture acquisition, rent advance, resignation notice, including conference/workshop for knowledge enhancement. Faculty and staff, she said, can take advantage of these opportunities if they so desire. Administration, she added, allows for continuity and consistency in an organisation's operations.

Many new faculty and staff were involved in the orientation programme, which also had in attendance the Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; Deans of Colleges; Heads of Departments; Directors and other key officers.

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the partnership between the University and the ACCA, stating that both organisations would have to go ahead and sign a MoU that is all-encompassing.

He emphasised the University's huge interest in research, which is the focal point of its goal for the year – ReCiTe (meaning Research is our responsibility, Citation and Innovation leading to Income, Teaching is our goal) – in line with the University's Vision of being one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022.

Also in the ACCA entourage were its Business Relationship Manager, Mr. Kenny Oluwadare, who is an alumnus of Covenant University; and the Marketing Manager, East and West Africa, Ms. Mukoso Eddie-Obiakor.

The University was also represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; Registrar, Mrs. Mary Abovade; Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; Dean, College of Business and Social Science, Professor Francis Iyoha; Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole; and the immediate past Head, Department of Accounting, Dr. Uwalomwa Uwuigbe.