



Covenant University Newsflash

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Chancellor Tasks Academics for Robust Research Engagement



Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo

The Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo, has charged both senior and junior faculty of the University to increase their input in the quest for a

robust academic research output and excellence in their professional calling. Dr. Oyedepo stated this, at a forum organized by the University Management on Monday, February 20, 2017, where he delivered a lecture titled "Exploring the Dignity of Labour." According to him, "Every output is a function of input, and hard work is the laboratory where man prepares for the future he desires."

He posited that dependency on grace that is void of labour and hard work, would result in disgrace, and professing faith without diligence would lead to frustration, noting that

anything one claims to believe in, which does not move one into action is nothing but bogus.

Dr. Oyedepo told the gathering that the quality of their investment is what would determine their future. "It is the quality of our work that will our ultimate worth as an institution," he averred.

The Chancellor noted that it would take a serious approach for any individual to earn a glorious future in any area of calling. He charged faculty and researchers to seize the opportunity of amenities available in the University to come up with

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Covenant University Hosts Maiden Edition of Mathematics Competition

Iganmode Grammar School, Ota emerged winner of the maiden edition of the Covenant University Community Development Impact Initiative Committee's (CU-CDIIC) Mathematics Clinic and Quiz Competition, with Mother's Joy Model College, Ota and St. Michael High School, Ota coming second and third position respectively.

The event which took place on Saturday, February 18, 2017, at the African Leadership Development Centre (ALDC) of the university attracted 24 secondary schools from Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State.

Declaring the event open, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, represented by the Head, Department of Mathematics, Dr. Timothy Anake, said Covenant University is excelling in scholarship and community development activities, through various avenues and

the mathematics clinic is one of such ways of consolidating on the progress.

He told the gathering that it was important to understand that Mathematics has transformed from just numbers to formulas, and models that could be deployed to solve human related issues.

Professor Atayero stated that the clinic would empower participants and contestants to develop interest in mathematics which would enable them rise up to the challenge of a highly digitized world, and as a result contribute to national development.

A special guest at the event, Mrs. Gbemisola Orekoya of the Mathematics Association of Nigeria, Ota Chapter, commended the University for coming up with the initiative. According to her, "With more efforts and initiatives such as this, it will just be a matter of time before we start recording great feats in the area of science and technology, because these fields of human endeavour thrives on the strength of mathematics."

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the Chairman, Covenant University Community Development Impact Initiative Committee, Dr. Michael Agarana, said the ultimate goal

Expert Charges Federal Government to Adopt Renewable Energy Policy

Amidst the hydra-headed challenges facing the power sector in Nigeria, an appeal has gone to the Federal Government to have a quick look and adopt the Renewable Energy Policy document, in order to have a guided and effective take-off of the use of renewable energy sources in the country.

A renewable energy expert and Managing Director/CEO, Folub Elektrik Servz, Engineer Bode Adefolu, made the appeal on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the Town and Gown Seminar organised by Physics Department of Covenant University, Ota.

While speaking on "Green World, Green Life, Green Energy: Panacea to Healthy Future," Engineer Adefolu, who was the Guest Speaker at the event, noted that from a long-term perspective and the need to diversify energy sources, renewable energy remain important to Nigeria's energy sector.

"It would not be out of place to mention that solar power, wind and mini-hydro could be important players in Nigeria attaining energy independence in the long run as they will equally contribute to the good health of the people with no side effect coming from its deployment," he argued.

The guest speaker noted that, Nigeria, though, endowed with variety of energy resources, which includes crude oil, natural gas, tar sands, coal and lignite, hydropower, wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and uranium; oil and gas alone presently

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1st Prize presented to Iganmode Grammar School, Ota, winners of the maiden CU organised Mathematics Competition for Secondary Schools in Ota

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Expert Advocates Need for Property Data Bank in Nigeria



Guest Speaker with Faculty and Staff of Department of Estate Management at the Seminar

The absence of real-time, tested and verifiable property data bank system has been identified as one of the major challenges of real estate practice in Nigeria. This, according to an expert, is quite different in the developed economies where data is available, collected and usable by practitioners and investors for valuation and other real estate purposes.

An Estate Surveyor and Valuer, ESV. Dotun Bamigbola, made this known on Friday, February, 17, 2017 while speaking on, "International Standards and the Future of the Real Estate Practice: The Need for Property Data Bank," at a Town and Gown seminar organised by the Department of Estate Management, Covenant University, Ota.

Bamigbola, who is the Principal Partner at Bamigbola Consulting (a firm of Estate Surveyors and Valuers) and Guest Speaker at the event, however noted that the absence does not mean

that the data are unavailable as they exist from every transaction and on every project, the challenge, he said, was having a collection of these data

and analysed for useful market-based information.

"The Nigerian economy is very ripe for the development of a property data bank system that will bring about a revolution to real estate development in the country and Estate Surveyors and Valuers are in the best position to take

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constitutes over 80% of the total commercial primary energy resources utilized in the country.

"With the exception of hydro, the aforementioned resources do not naturally replace themselves within a short time. They are depleting resources with immense negative environmental effects on exploration and consumption; and are therefore not clean energy

the lead in the project," he stated.

ESV. Bamigbola hinted that despite the challenges, efforts are on-going to develop a robust data base for real estate practice in the country. He charged the budding Estate Managers to acquire necessary training, have global focus and embrace technology in order to overcome the challenges. He added that the new generation of Estate Surveyors and Valuers has a number of challenges ahead, which however, are not insurmountable.

The guest speaker also noted that with a current contribution of about 6% to the GDP based on the last rebasing of the economy, the real estate sector in Nigeria can be more investor friendly by providing this transparent tool for investment and opening up the sector for the huge investment it requires, especially with the need for the country to generate income from sources other than oil and gas. "This will further support the implementation of standards in real estate practice in Nigeria," he added. ■

sources," he explained.

The way out, he said, was to make Nigerians rethink their current style of living with proper consideration for a healthy tomorrow. "If we start now to tap the untapped sustainable energy resources that we are blessed with in this country and reduce the over-dependence on fossil fuel, we may be looking at a green world, green life and green energy that will bring about a healthy future. The time to start is now," he advised. ■

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of the clinic was for participants and contestants to savour and enjoy mathematics, while attempting to reverse the over 10 years of poor performances in the subject at the secondary school level.

He said the University through CDIIC is geared towards helping those who are weak in mathematics and provide a platform for healthy competition from time to time for every participating student in subsequent editions of the clinic.

Other highlights of the clinic were presentations on 'Building Interest in Mathematics and Teaching Method' by Dr. Sheila Bishop and 'Mathematics is Beautiful' delivered by Dr. Alfred Owoloko, both of the Covenant University's Department of Mathematics. ■

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witty inventions and write quality papers.

He counseled scholars to embrace hard work, which is one act, according to him, that has no substitute for anyone who desires to be a high-flier in life. "There is no substitute for labour in the quest to arrive at ones desired future," he enthused.

Dr. Oyedepo advanced that the combination of talent, skill, faith and grace in any part of human interest can never be a substitute for hard work, labour and dedication, and it is the latter that gives expression to skills and talent.

He stated that Vision 10:2022 provides unlimited platforms for all that are interested to develop and

release the innate potentials that are in them. "There is nothing in a degree, if it does not have tangible deliveries for humans to relate with. The worth of your degree is in your deliveries," he added.

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, said the forum became imperative so as to inundate new members of faculty with the very essence of the drive towards Vision 10:2022.

According to him, "With a little over five years left in the quest towards attaining Vision 10:2022, it is apt to have the Chancellor release the same words that came years back to us, so that our new colleagues and old members in the University can be fired up towards the attainment of this vision." ■