



Covenant University Newsflash

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CU, Cranfield Agree to Work on Various Projects

Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State and Cranfield University, a British postgraduate and research-based public university specialising in science, engineering, technology and management, have resolved to work together on different research projects.

That was the outcome of various meetings and discussions held between representatives of Covenant University and a visiting team from Cranfield University, led by its Director of Energy and Power, Professor Feargal Brennan.

Speaking at a meeting with the Management of Covenant University at the end of his team's visit to the University on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, Professor Brennan, who was accompanied by the International Partnerships Manager, Marketing, Communications and Development, Cranfield University, Mrs. Samina Mosood, said that representatives of both CU and Cranfield have put

together a list of projects to work on, especially bordering on students exchange and short courses.

A document on the agreements detailing areas of collaboration, he said, would be made available in a few weeks' time. "The most important thing is to see the agreements become practicable," he added.

Researchers from Covenant University and



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, presenting some CU souvenirs to Director of Energy and Power, Cranfield University, Professor Feargal Brennan.

Cranfield University, it will be recalled, had in November 2016 held series of teleconference meetings bordering on different fields of research engagements, which included Wind Power Generation, Entrepreneurship, Petroleum Engineering, and General Energy/Solar.

Other areas of interest discussed in the series of meetings were Sustainable Rural Infrastructure, Mechatronics Engineering, Water and Environment, Material Science, Internet of Things (IoT) and Smart City, and Agrifood.

According to Professor Brennan, after last year's meeting on Skype, Cranfield had decided that there was synergy between the two universities. "Discussions were held over past few months to ensure academics in Cranfield and CU are linked together to develop relationships," he said

Highlighting areas of agreements, the Dean, College of Engineering, Covenant University, Professor Christian Bolu, who was the lead discussant for the CU working group, said the two universities had concrete agreements on Wind Power, Solar Energy, Solar Refrigerant, Oil

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Be Focused, Ingenious, CU Admonishes Ghana University

The Management of Covenant University has implored the proprietor and management of Perez University College, Ghana, on the imperative of being focused, creative and assertive as they move to reposition the institution.

Speaking on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, when a team from Perez University College paid a courtesy call on the CU Management, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, said that the focus of Covenant University since inception is to produce men and women who will change their generations through unparalleled ingenuity, creativity and purposeful living and great capacity to face and manage challenges.

By remaining focused on its Vision, which is "to be a leading World-Class Christian Mission University, committed to raising a new generation of leaders in all

fields of Human endeavor", Covenant University, said the Vice-Chancellor, has continued to make giant strides. He, therefore, advised the team from Perez University College to identify their mission and vision, be committed to it and ignore distractions.

The three-man Perez University College team, comprised of its Chancellor, Presiding Bishop Charles Agyinasare; Rector, Professor J.D Owusu-Sekyere; and Executive Secretary to the Presiding Bishop, Rev. Cornelius Akabutu, were in Covenant University on a fact-finding mission with a view to repositioning Perez University, which had just been acquired by the Presiding Bishop.

Presiding Bishop Charles Agyinasare, who intends to convert Perez University to a faith-based institution, marveled at the tremendous progress Covenant University has made in the space of 15 years of its existence in terms of infrastructure and facilities, equipment, quality of students and faculty and international profile.

And speaking intermittently, both the Presiding Bishop and his Executive Secretary sought to know how Covenant University has been able to succeed running a faith-based institution, getting students and staff to comply with rules,

NAFDAC Seeks Collaboration to Eradicate Counterfeit Products

The task of eradicating counterfeit and substandard products from Nigeria is said to be the responsibility of all, including the government, regulating agencies, stakeholders and the consumers.

This was disclosed by a Special Assistant to the Director General, National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control, (NAFDAC), Mr. William Effiok, on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at a Town and Gown seminar series of the Department of Biological Sciences, Covenant University, Ota.

While speaking on "Sustaining Zero Tolerance to Substandard and Fake Products in Food and Drugs in Nigeria," Mr. Effiok, who was also the Guest Speaker at the seminar, submitted that the magnitude and effects of counterfeiting are significant and require strong as well as sustained action from the government, industry and consumers.

He said, "We recognise that more effective enforcement is critical in this regard, as there is the need to build public support to combat the issue of counterfeiting. There is also the need for increase cooperation between governments and industry to effectively deal with fake products."

The guest speaker highlighted various strategies engaged by NAFDAC at eradicating counterfeit and substandard products in Nigeria, which include sustained public enlightenment,

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Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, other Members of CU Management with Officials of Perez University College, Ghana during their Courtesy Visit to CU

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Chemists Charged to Maintain Professional Integrity in Brand Building



Quality Assurance Manager, Exxon Mobil Nigeria Plc, Mr. Sammy Adekoya, making his presentation at the Department of Chemistry's Town and Gown seminar

The role of Chemists in building brand identity in a manufacturing company came to the fore on Friday, February 24, 2017, at the Town and Gown Seminar organised by the Department of Chemistry, Covenant University, Ota, with emphasis on the demonstration of high sense of professional integrity.

Chemists are also expected to positively influence management decision whenever cost is being placed ahead of quality integrity, as well as maintain relevant regulatory requirements within their business environments.

A Product Quality Assurance Manager with Exxon Mobil Nigeria Plc, Mr. Sammy Adekoya, gave the exposé at the seminar, noting that when a batch failed basic release control test, Chemists are expected to consider effects on consumers and brand integrity instead of bowing to internal pressures to release the batch for sale.

Adekoya, who was also the Guest Speaker at the event also emphasised that, "The Sale and Marketing Team have no business out there, if the quality of products or services are not consistent with

designed specifications. Their job becomes easier if the Chemists have diligently fulfilled their professional obligations."

According to him, Chemists are not expected to take risks; rather, their work should be measurable based on precision, leveraging products' specification and regulatory authorities' requirements to take business related decisions. He added that one mistake could create a lasting impression on the minds of customers, which might be very difficult to erase.

The guest speaker noted that there are quite a number of departments in manufacturing companies where Chemists are expected to serve and support the organisations in building long-lasting and sustainable brand identity. This includes research and development, quality assurance laboratories, pharmaceutical companies, medical laboratories, farms and internal controls, among others.

Adekoya therefore, advised the participants to join professional bodies for more exposures, as well as assist their organisations develop a reliable record management system which could save them from performance failure and/or potential adulteration issues.

In his remarks, the Head, Department of Chemistry, Dr. Akan Williams, hinted that the University would soon obtain ISO 17025 Certification which focuses on testing and measurement in the laboratories, apart from ISO 9001 which talks about quality management in the system. He added that the department would also introduce Petroleum Chemistry as a programme.

He therefore enjoined the participants, particularly the students to interact more with their lecturers for guidance on various professional bodies they could join for more exposures.

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and Gas, short courses of international nature, and a conference on energy proposed for next quarter of 2017 among others.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, who said that he was overwhelmed by the amount of things covered on Professor Brennan's visit, promised that the management of Covenant University will give total support to the actualization of the agreements reached.

"Both universities have to identify champions in different fields and link them together," Professor Atayero enthused.

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improved collaboration with national and international agencies, capacity building of its staff, review of NAFDAC laws and cutting edge technologies.

NAFDAC, he said, is currently spearheading global efforts in the use of cutting-edge technologies to fight counterfeit drugs and other regulated products. This, he said, has gained international recognition. The technologies, according to him, include Truscans (Raman Spectroscopy), Black Eye (infra-red), Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), Minilab and Mobile Authentication Service (SMS Text Messaging).

The efforts, according to studies conducted by NAFDAC from 2001 to 2013, showed a progressive decrease in the incidence of counterfeit medicine in Nigeria. "NAFDAC/WHO/DFID study shows that in 2001, counterfeits stood at 40% as against 16.7% in 2015. National Survey on Quality of Medicines using Truscans shows that counterfeits stood at 6.4% in 2013," Effiok explained.

While condemning counterfeiting activities in the country, Effiok enjoined stakeholders to join NAFDAC in the fight against the menace. "NAFDAC will neither relent nor waver in the fight until the battle is won," he promised.

A Senior Faculty, Dr. Olubanke Ogunlana, who stood in for the Head of Department, Professor Adesola Ajayi, noted that the presenter was able to convince the participants that it is possible to sustain zero tolerance for substandard and fake products. She appreciated the guest speaker for the depth of knowledge shared with the audience and expressed the belief that the relationship between the Agency and the department would continue to yield fruitful results.



Guest Speaker, Mr. William Effiok (centre front roll) with Faculty, Staff and Students of Biological Sciences at the Seminar

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provision of accommodation, and sources of funding for the University among others. Responding, the CU Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, said that the Vision that birthed the University is too strong and unifying, adding that when a vision is well sold from the beginning, the easier it becomes to imbibe. He attributed the University's success to keeping faith with the vision, funding and endowment by the proprietor base and commitment of the workforce in her comments, the CU Registrar, Mrs. Mary Aboyade, said that discipline had become a big issue in the society when Covenant University was about to be established. She said that the coming of the University was to intervene by

stemming the tide of the decadence.

"Now, we don't look for students, they look for us. Strength of Covenant University is based on strong foundation and commitment of stakeholders," she said.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences, Professor Francis Iyoha; and Dean, College of Science and Technology, Professor Nicholas Omoregbe, also took turns to give words of encouragement and inspiration to the Perez University College team. Presiding Bishop Agynasare, on behalf of the delegation from Ghana, expressed gratitude to the CU Management for choosing to share its knowledge, while promising that Perez University College will make good use of the lessons learnt.