



Covenant University Newsflash

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Make CU Home of the Free, Land of the Brave –Chancellor

Henceforth, Covenant University must be called “Home of the Free, Land of the Brave”, the Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regent of the University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, has declared.

He made the pronouncement on Monday, March 13, 2017, at a meeting with members of the University Management, Deans of Colleges, the Director, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID) and Heads of Research Clusters.

Speaking on the Vision of the University to become one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022, the Chancellor urged stakeholders in the project to believe that there are no impossibilities and be intellectual property conscious with the ability to think through solutions.

He said that, “Covenant University, by the grace of God, is the Home of the Free, Land of the Brave. That’s what CU must be called; where you can get solution to any problem.



Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, addressing research cluster heads

Very shortly, people will be coming here from all over the world to find how you are doing it”

In his words of exhortation, Dr. Oyedepo but noted that without having a systematic approach in place, fulfilling Vision 10:2022 may not be feasible. All stakeholders, he said, have to start by believing in it and put in place a systematic approach to accomplishing the task.

“We have here the Solomon system of accomplishment. There must be a purpose; it is purpose that makes living empowering and profitable. Second is determination, which is a decision that is translated into action. Then you have to perfect it. Believe in the Vision, be determined to be a major player, believe in the system and stay put until it is accomplished,” he explained.

No vision, the Chancellor added, would fail with that system in place as no motivational platform will ever compete with

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CU, Texas Varsity to Explore Areas of Mutual Interests

Covenant University and the Texas A&M University, the United States, have reached an understanding on the possibility of having a collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

Hints to this effect were given by the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, and the Head, Department of Mathematics, Texas A&M University, Dr. Christopher Thron, on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, when the latter paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor.

Dr. Thron, an Assistant Professor of Mathematics, was at Covenant University as an Instructor at the 'Workshop on the Use of Octave and R' organized by CU's Department of Mathematics.

Both the CU Vice-Chancellor and Dr.

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Head, Department of Mathematics, Texas A&M University, Dr. Christopher Thron (L), in a discussion with Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero

CU, FRSC Seek to Improve Relationship

The new Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ota, Unit Command, Ogun State, Assistant Corps Commander (ACC) Anthony Osahon, has promised to work with Covenant University with a view to improving the widely acknowledged good relationship that currently exists between the FRSC and the University.

ACC Osahon gave this assurance on Thursday, March 16, 2017, when he, in company with other officers of the Ota Unit Command, paid a courtesy call on the Management of Covenant University.

“When we are posted like this, it is a normal thing to visit organisations within our purview and I found out that Covenant University is worthy of paying a visit. I've heard so much about the good relationship between us and my coming is to better the relationship,” he said.

The Unit Commander expressed his appreciation to the University for assisting the FRSC on different occasions, most notably allowing members of the Ota Command to use the institution's radio station to broadcast its public enlightenment programmes.

Both organisations, he stated, have



Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, presenting some CU souvenirs to the new Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ota, Unit Command, Ogun State, Assistant Corps Commander (ACC) Anthony Osahon,

many things to benefit from each other such as organization of training programmes for intending drivers, procurement of Driver's License, public enlightenment programmes and control of traffic during big events.

The FRSC, he added, would be willing to give safety talks to students of the University and also confer the status of a Special Marshal on some faculty and staff.

“The areas we can collaborate are enormous. If we are able to capitalize on that, it'll be beneficial to one another,” said ACC Osahon.

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CODET Seeks Contribution to National Development

The Committee of Deans of Engineering and Technology of Nigerian Universities (CODET) has revealed its plan to leverage on engineering partnerships so as to drive change in the society.

Chairman of CODET and Vice President, Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Engr. (Professor) Emmanuel Ajav, made the disclosure at the 19th Biannual Meeting of the Committee held on Friday, February 17, 2017, at the Senate Chambers of Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State.

Engr. Ajav, who appreciated the CU Management for accepting to host the event and for the huge hospitality accorded him and his team, averred that "engineering is the bedrock of development".

While flagging off the well-attended event, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, welcomed the participants on behalf of the Chairman, Board of Regents of the University, Dr. David Oyedepo.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his delight in having the privilege to welcome the Engineers to Covenant University, and he introduced Covenant University as an institution committed to raising a new generation of leaders. "We thought, since the bane of the African society is a problem of leadership, we came up with the idea of establishing an institution that will restore the leadership heritage of the

African Continent," he explained.

While speaking on the University's focus on 'Glocalisation,' which he defined as solving societal problems with local resources, Professor Atayero pointed out that the University values excellence and the fact that Engineering programmes were among the very first to be established by the University shows how committed the University is to excellence.

He urged participants at the CODET meeting to uphold the virtue of integrity in their work, stating that, "One of the core values of Covenant University is integrity and so, I believe no one can succeed as an Engineer without the virtue of integrity. We will make sure we bring back pride to the profession".

In his remarks, the Dean, College of Engineering, Covenant University, Professor Christian Bolu, expressed his delight to have CODET hosted in Covenant University. "It is a great delight to work with them. We have been rubbing minds and our desire is to work with CODET and find ways to move the country forward," he enthused.



CU Management with Officials of CODET

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Thron had discussions on issues bordering on the application of Mathematics, data mining and data access among others, with Professor Atayero stating that the University was introducing IBM works to its students for data analytics.

Dr. Thron acknowledged the steady and impactful progress being made by Covenant University in the delivery of quality education and implored the University to always follow the market in keeping abreast of new discoveries in

data mining.

And while wishing Dr. Thron a good outing at the Workshop on the Use of Octave and R, Professor Atayero urged him to look at areas of academic interest where both Covenant University and Texas A&M University could collaborate, a proposal the visiting scholar endorsed.

Also at the meeting were the Dean, College of Science of Technology, Professor Nicholas Omoregbe and the Head, Department of Mathematics, Dr. Timothy Anake.

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In his comments, the Chairman, Road Safety Committee of Covenant University, Professor Daniel Gberevbie, said that the University had enjoyed a very good relationship with ACC Osahon's

predecessor and hopes that the new Commander will take the relationship to a new height.

Professor Gberevbie, however, appealed to ACC Osahon to assist the

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self-motivation.

He said that his prayer for the research clusters was for them to deliver their purposes in good time, because if they did not time their pursuits, they will be on one spot, hence they must set targets.

Also Dr. Oyedepo prayed that Covenant University will not remain a consumer of knowledge but a creator of knowledge, stressing that Canaan Land, on which the University is built, is a land of possibilities because of the presence of God on the ground. He implored researchers to take advantage of God's presence, just as he suggested that research clusters should be made liberal by bringing on board fresh insights.

The Chancellor emphasized that the only way to fulfill the Vision 1 of 10 in 10 is to seek the Hand of God for divine speed. "Always involve Jesus in your undertakings and He will give you divine speed. This charge will help us chart a passionate pursuit of our goals," he said.

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, had highlighted the steps taken so far towards the fulfillment of Vision 10:2022 as mandated by the Board of Regents. He said that the current administration of the University had on its inauguration introduced the Research, Citation, Innovation and Teaching (ReCITe) Agenda. The research clusters, he stated, are being used to take it to a fulfilling end.

While thanking the Chancellor for the words of exhortation, he said that all present at the meeting were leaving the arena with renewed spirit.

University in completing the process of the issuance of temporary driver's license to some of its staff. The process, he said, had started during the reign of the erstwhile Ota Unit Commander, but got stalled midway.

In his remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, reiterated that the University enjoys a good relationship with the Ota Unit Command. He highlighted training programme and issuance of driver's license as two examples of areas where the University and the FRSC had collaborated.

While assuring the new Commander that the University will seek to maintain the good relationship, Professor Chinedu, on behalf of the CU Management, wished him a very successful tenure.