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C-ICADI 2018: Corruption Bane of Effective Leadership in Africa, says Ex-Malawi President



Former President of Malawi, Her Excellency, Dr. Joyce Banda, delivering her Keynote Address

A former President of the Republic of Malawi, Dr. (Mrs) Joyce Banda, has said that Africa would be able to tackle its socio-political and economic development challenges if majority of leaders on the continent had the will to fight corruption.

Dr. Banda, the Special Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker, had at the

opening session of the 4th Covenant-International Conference on African Development Issues (C-ICADI 2018), said only a handful of African leaders were imbued with the character to take on corruption headlong as majority of the leaders merely paid lip service to the issue of fighting corruption.

“What Africa needs are inclusive

governments and honest leaders to fight corruption. As a former President, I know what it is to fight corruption; when you fight corruption, corruption fights back. Because some of these people have stolen so much, they fight back with the money. So, Africa needs to identify potential leaders to be motivated,” Dr. Banda explained.

While speaking on the theme of the conference, 'The Challenge of Leadership: Driving Africa's Future', the Keynote Speaker, who noted that the

Expert Enlightens Budding Chemical Engineers on Principles of Lubrication

A Lubrication Field Engineer with 11 Plc (formerly Mobil Oil Nigeria Plc), Engr. Mayowa Bankale, has enlightened chemical engineering students of Covenant that successful operation of any machine would only be determined by whether the equipment was designed to the job it was being used for, whether it was made of the correct materials, and well installed in terms of alignment, piping and loads among others.

Engr. Bankale made the submission on Thursday, October 25, 2018 as the Guest Speaker at a recent Town and Gown Seminar of the Department of Chemical Engineering, where he made a presentation titled, 'Principles of Lubrication'. He said successful operation of any machine would also be determined by adequate maintenance; lubrication, which entailed the right lubricant, the right amount in the right place and at the right time; and supported with performance monitoring programmes.

The Guest Speaker, a 2012 Chemical Engineering graduate of Covenant, averred that equipment failure could be caused by any one of the preceding

ARCON Accreditation Team Commends Covenant's Architecture Programme

A team from the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON), on an accreditation visit to Covenant for the University's Architecture programme, has expressed satisfaction with provisions made by the University for running the programme.

The ARCON accreditation team, led by the Chairman of the body, Arc. Justus Okah-Avae, made its impression known to the Covenant Management on Thursday, November 1, 2018, during the presentation of its summary report on the accreditation exercise.

While giving his remarks on the Architecture programme, Arc. Okah-Avae, who said that members of his

team were glad to be exposed to the beautiful facilities at Covenant, added that the generality of his team's impression was good.

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Arc. Justus Okah-Avae, making his remarks

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He stated further that his panel received full cooperation from members of the University's Department of Architecture. "We are quite satisfied with most of what we saw especially with respect to staff/student ratio," he said.

Arc. Okah-Avae stated that the team was not surprised at the kind of organisation noticed in the University. "We have assessed and evaluated the programme and generally, we have seen the kind of standard we expect from a good university," said Arc. Okah-Avae, who also noted that there was room for improvement.

Members of the University Management, in separate comments, were unanimous in their appreciation of the exercise carried out by the ARCON accreditation team, which they described as thorough and good. They assured the team that the quality standard appreciated by them would have been taken a notch higher by the time they come visiting again.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, stated that when the issue bordered on the quality of programmes ran by Covenant, the University was always willing to subject them to scrutiny.

While thanking the ARCON accreditation team for the thorough job done, the Vice-Chancellor averred that the biggest room in the world was the room for improvement and Covenant would always strive to offer the best.

Other representatives of Covenant at the meeting included the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Akan Williams; Ag. Registrar, Dr. Lanre Amodu; Director, Financial Services, Mr. Paul Uwajeh; Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Dr. Promise Ilo; and Dean, College of Science and Technology, Professor Kolawole Ajanaku.

Also present were the Director, Academic Planning Unit, Professor Francis Idachaba; Director, Quality

and Academic Standard, Professor David Olukanni; Head, Department of Architecture, Dr. Oluwatayo Adedapo and faculty members from the Department.

The African Development Bank, he said, had in a recent survey come out with some findings and consequent on these findings, one of the things they decided to do was to create 130 Information Communication Technology (ICT) Centres of Excellence in Africa to create 9 million jobs and train 234,000 future African coders that would address the problem of unemployment in Africa by the year 2050, with Covenant being one of the four centres in Nigeria. He added that the World Bank was also expected to do a site survey of Covenant in the second stage of the University's application for an African Centre of Excellence. ■

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objective of the conference resonates with her own life experience, said the ability to lead a nation required wisdom, education and vision. She revealed that the result of a research conducted by her as a Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, confirmed the long-held belief that all leaders were born with 30% leadership traits while the other 70% was acquired overtime.

Dr. Banda said myriad of challenges in Africa had prevented many people from fulfilling their leadership potentials, however, a significant picture of Africa had started to emerge in the last two decades. "By my observation, in addition to political reform, Africa's economy is becoming diversified in the health, financial, pharmaceutical, and agricultural sectors among others," she stated.

Earlier, while delivering his welcome

remarks at the event, the Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Covenant, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, said the purpose of C-ICADI was to gather thinkers together to forge a way forward for Africa. He recalled that the three previous editions of C-ICADI had failed to produce tangible results despite the involvement of some of the world's great personalities, for instance, two Nobel Laureates.

"Africans are known for great and excellent presentations that had not led to anything. It's time to think, take stock and think through. The greatest challenge of Africa, which has been presented many times, is leadership," he stated.

The Chancellor, who noted that the African Leadership Development Centre (ALDC), venue of the C-ICADI, was established to address issues bordering on leadership, said rebranding Africa through C-ICADI had become imperative. He added that there was the need for the rise of thinkers in Africa to help think the continent's way through as no system could ever outgrow the knowledge ability of its leader. ■

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conditions, but often caused by combinations of several factors. He added that knowledge of lubrication principles helped to improve understanding of equipment operation and performance.

While speaking on lubrication, Engr. Bankale defined it as any procedure that had the effects of reducing friction and wear. He said friction was resistance to motion encountered during sliding and rolling actions, and the types of friction included static, kinetic (sliding) and rolling. On wear, he said it was the loss or destruction of surface materials and the wear could come in various forms: abrasive, adhesion, corrosion, pitting and cavitation. ■



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