



Covenant University Newsflash

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Dr. Oyedepo Tasks ICAN on Nigeria's Economic Rebirth, as Covenant Hosts Institute's Zonal Conference



Chancellor, Covenant University,
Dr David Oyedepo, making his presentation

The Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo, has called on the leadership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) to lead the charge towards the economic and social

restructuring of the nation's business environment.

Dr. Oyedepo made the call on Monday, February 12, 2018, when the 53rd President of ICAN, Alhaji Isma'ila M. Zakari, led Executive members and other Council members of the institute paid him a courtesy call, ahead of the 12th Western Zonal Districts' Conference of ICAN holding at Covenant University.

The Chancellor decried a situation whereby political office holders in the society only care about building up a war chest ahead of the next round of elections while neglecting the welfare of the people. According to him, "It is sad to see

many state governments owing workers several months of salary while stashing away money for elections."

Dr. Oyedepo said ICAN should leverage on the reputation and honesty of its over 42,000 members to help shape and drive integrity in governance, as that was a virtue that's lacking in Nigeria. "Skills without character will amount to nothing," he added.

He said experts in relevant fields should rise above the realm of expert critics to constructive critics while proffering adequate solutions to national issues through collaborative research engagement with other institutions desirous to see an improved Nigeria.

While commending the Alhaji Zakari-led

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Researchers Charged to shun Academic Dishonesty

Covenant University faculty, staff and students have been charged to shun academic dishonesty to improve the quality of their research articles, making it authentic and original in order to promote teaching, learning, and national development.

This was the submission of the Keynote Speaker and immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Charles Ayo in his presentation titled, Pains and Gains of Quality Research: Combating the 'Plagiarism Cancer' and other Unethical Practices at the Anti-Plagiarism Workshop jointly organised by the Nigerian Young

Academy (NYA) and the School of Postgraduate Studies, Covenant University, on Monday, February 5, 2018.

At the event, Professor Ayo highlighted the causes and consequences of plagiarism, as well as solutions aimed at dealing with the rapidly growing 'cancer' among young academia. "Taking the words, ideas, or data of others or yourself and reporting them without giving due credit is wrong," he noted.

The Keynote Speaker also told the participants to always come up with articles that addresses different research questions and use relevant literatures as "Innovations and Research," he noted, "are the crucibles through which sustainable development can be achieved".

Earlier in his remarks, the Dean of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Samuel Wara noted that the purpose of the workshop was to unveil the truths regarding plagiarism, as he hopes that the workshop would be helpful for effective and productive

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Covenant Lauds CISCO Meraki on Internet Equipment Grant



Director, Centre for Systems and Information Services, Professor Emmanuel Adeitoba 3rd left, with others displaying the donated equipments

The Management of Covenant University has extended its appreciation to the management of CISCO Meraki, a leading cloud managed IT company headquartered in San Francisco, United States, for donating to the University a complete set of state-of-the-art high-tech internet equipment.

The equipment includes a Dome camera, Switch, Access Point, and all the accessories that came with them.

Presenting the equipment to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, represented by the Director, Centre for Systems and Information Services (CSIS), Professor Emmanuel Adeitoba, on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, the Director, Centre

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Professor Charles K. Ayo, delivering his Keynote Address

Expert Enlightens Final Year Students on Ingredients for Effective Leadership

The Chief Executive Officer of Learning Impact NG and Guest Speaker at a one-day symposium, organised by Future Unity Glanvils (FUG) Pensions, on Friday, February 9, 2018, Mr. Omagbitse Barrow, has urged final year students of Covenant University to develop leadership skills, bolster their communication capacity, cultivate better work ethics, be creative and innovative, and proficient in financial literacy to be successful in their chosen careers.

Speaking on the topic, 'Leadership and Effectiveness,' Mr. Barrow said, the nation, as currently shaped, is bedeviled by throngs of leadership crisis, with the civil society and all other relevant bodies not taking time to deliberately help prepare upcoming generation on the need to embrace creativity and display ingenuity in tackling the challenges of leadership.

He noted that everybody can aspire to be a genius in their chosen field, but it will really be about the choices they make individually. He emphasized the importance of creativity and how various educational sectors have, unfortunately, watered down individual creative capacities.

Mr. Barrow, a leading provider of strategy, organisational development and learning solutions in Nigeria, elaborated on how the desire and quest for attaining academic degrees is not the answer to the plethora of problems facing the society.

He posited that progress and defined developmental goals can only be attained when learning and training programmes are designed to strengthen creativity as a valuable aspect of the nation's education landscape. "It is not about how many certificates you have, it is



CEO, Learning Impact NG, Mr Omagbitse Barrow, making his presentation

about how creative you are," he averred.

The Guest Speaker, who is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and a prize-winning Chartered Accountant, advised his audience to use what he referred to as QSETA (Question, Short-Answers, Explanation, Transition, and Action) formula to develop an elevator speech that can open doors of greater opportunities. ■

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researches. He said, "What makes plagiarism a cancer is that you can do it knowingly or unknowingly."

Professor Wara also charged the participants to be original, and should not create a data that does not exist.

"It is foolishness to be shameful of what is gainful," he added.

The NYA President, Dr Temitope Olomola, in his remark said membership of the academy is purely by merit and he looked

forward to partnering with Covenant University to enrolling new members.

The facilitator added that the desire of any researcher is to make global impact and Covenant University, he said, has continued to pull her weight among the best in Africa by emerging first position globally in some research endeavours. ■

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leadership of ICAN for building on the foundation laid by past leaders of the institute, the Chancellor pledged Covenant's continuous support to ICAN's research and capacity building drive.

Shortly before its visit to the Chancellor, the ICAN team had met with the Professor AAA. Atayero-led Management of Covenant University during which the ICAN President, Alhaji Isma'ila M. Zakari,

appreciated the University for making her facilities available to the Institute for the hosting of its Western Zonal Districts' Conference. ■

Chancellor I want to appreciate the gesture, it's well appreciated. They are high-tech equipment. The worth in dollars is around #1,700,000 which is a huge amount," he said.

The CSIS Director explained that the Switch has provision for gigabyte Internet and fiber provision, while the Access Point, which runs at 2.5 gigabytes per second, is of the very high end. The Dome Camera, he added, will be good for face biometrics, and the University can inject data analytics by bringing a lot of innovations that will lead to publications.

Also on hand to witness the presentation at the Covenant University Startup Lab were some senior staff of the CSIS and students. ■

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for Entrepreneurial Development Studies (CEDS), Dr. Stephen Oluwatobi, said a graduate of Covenant, Wunmi Adebayo, facilitated the gesture from Meraki CISCO.

He said it was the product of weeks of discussions with Adebayo, who works with CISCO, on how the company can assist Startup Labs around the world. "We are here to express our gratitude to God first, and also to thank Meraki and CISCO for this gracious equipment that they've

made available to us at the University," he stated.

The CEDS Director added that the contribution made by CISCO Meraki could also be offered by other organisations as well, because the University is creating knowledge and the industries also need the knowledge.

Professor Adetiba, in his remarks, said the gesture by CISCO Meraki was a very good one and a positive development for Covenant University. "On behalf of the Vice-