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COVENANT UNIVERSITY HOLDS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

The School of Postgraduate Studies, Covenant University, Ota, held its orientation programme yesterday. While giving his welcome address at the event, the Sub-Dean of the school, Dr. Justin Daramola explained, “This programme is designed to initiate the proper integration of new students into the academic, cultural, and social practices of the University.” He stated further that the new students need to know the functions and the roles that exist in order to support their experience as students and make it an enriching one.

In his presentation titled, “Ethical Issues in Postgraduate Training at Covenant University,” the Deputy Dean, School of Human Resource Development, Dr. Patrick Edewor said, “Covenant University is a vision driven University; as a Christian University, there are things we stand for, and we want every product of this university to reflect the very essence of this university.” He said further that some of the rules and regulations that apply to undergraduates are relaxed on graduate students; with the understanding that they are more mature, and therefore, more responsible. Notwithstanding, he said, the dress code is the same across board.

Furthermore, Dr. Edewor warned that theft, use of hard drugs, cultism, smoking, and sexual immorality is not tolerated in Covenant University and anyone caught in the act, either on the school grounds or outside would be handed over to the appropriate authorities.

Making his opening remarks at the event, the Dean of the School, Professor Charles Ogbulogo in his lecture titled, “The Philosophy and Objectives of Postgraduate Training at Covenant University” stated that, “Covenant University currently has more than 33 programmes that are licensed to run at the Postgraduate level.”

Professor Ogbulogo said that many other Universities in Nigeria, have not fared as well as CU because it has a unique package which allows it retain its best students through scholarships on the platform of the “Young Academics Training Programme, (YATRAP).”

Another great factor, according to him, is good time management, as students are able to conclude their academic programmes in record time. He added, “As at last convocation, we have produced more than 12 Ph.D graduates in Covenant University.”

Concluding his lecture, the Dean declared, “We are poised to make a difference in Postgraduate education in Nigeria and in fulfilment of Covenant University’s vision of becoming one of the world’s ten best universities in 10 years.”

Making his remarks at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor Charles Korede Ayo said, “In Covenant University, we abide by our Core Values and the key component of our Core Values is Spirituality; anything short of that is unacceptable.” He also took time to take the audience through the 8-point agenda of Vision 10:2022 (1 of 10 in 10).

Some of the committee members of the School of Postgraduate Studies were also present at the event as well as representatives of the Corporate and Public Affairs Department of the University.
Covenant University Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies (CEDS) has introduced 14 additional vocations to the existing 22. Consequently, the Centre now offers 36 vocations in various fields. The Centre is also making plans to begin production of four new products in commercial quantities under the CEDS Extension and Expansion Programme.

The Director of the Centre, Dr. Chinonye Moses said there was the need for the introduction of the new vocations to expand the scope of training, particularly in the Science-related areas. She added that the Centre is working in conjunction with some departments in the University to achieve the expansion drive.

Dr. Moses hinted that the Centre would introduce some new products and expand the old ones to be able to meet the level of demand from the clientele base.

The newly introduced vocations are: Basic Mechanical Work; Wood Works; Horticulture and Landscaping; Paint making; Basic Electrical Work; Barbing as well as Entertainment and Creative Entrepreneurship.

Others are: Shoe-making; Computer Repairs and Maintenance; Software Development; Basic Plumbing Works; Nylon and Poly bags making; Tiling and Basic Civil Engineering Works; Art Design and Painting; Plastic Production and Food Processing.

Entrepreneurial Development Studies (EDS) is one of the unique programmes pioneered by Covenant University, which has been adopted by National Universities Commission (NUC), the apex regulatory body in charge of university education in Nigeria.

It was introduced by the University to equip her graduates in order to become employers of labour rather than being job-seekers after graduation. It is a compulsory programme for all students of Covenant University at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.