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Chancellor tasks Researchers on Physical Inventions as Covenant Soars in Webometrics Rankings

The Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Covenant University, Dr David O. Oyedepo, has urged researchers in the University to take their exploits beyond paper publishing to the invention of products that will address societal challenges.

Dr Oyedepo gave the charge in the wake of the 2021 Webometrics Rankings of Nigerian Universities, where Covenant University emerged 2nd only to the University of Ibadan. Landmark University, a sister institution to Covenant, emerged 9th in the same rankings. The log shows that Covenant and Landmark were the only private-owned institutions in the top 23 of the 2021 Webometrics Rankings featuring 262 Nigerian institutions.

Also known as Ranking Web of Universities, Webometrics is a ranking system for the world's universities, which is based on a

composite indicator that considers both the Web content volume (number of web pages and files) and the visibility impact of these web publications.

While speaking at the Faculty and Staff Fellowship forum, which held on Friday, January 29, 2021, Dr Oyedepo noted that Covenant had been an award-winning institution since inception. He said that the University had since its establishment been rated number one in different academic endeavours, adding that it could be dangerous if one were not grateful. He attributed the feats recorded by Covenant and Landmark to the hand of God. "How can the two leading private Universities come from here? It is the doing of the Lord. There is no altitude without gratitude," he added. The Chancellor, who acknowledged that faculty and staff had published many papers, said it was time to start turning the documents into products, or a time would come when articles are no longer fashionable like products. He said that, "We must look at life-enhancement

products. Let's think forward. Excellence sells anywhere. A tight commitment to improvement brings excellence. You have what it takes to change lives; let's not stop on the papers. Let's turn these ideas into real-life assets".

Dr Oyedepo said he had at the inception of Covenant University promised that the institution would not be satisfied contributing to knowledge. Rather she would go the whole hog to creating knowledge. He emphasized that many challenges were to be solved, which would not be achieved by publishing papers, but by translating these papers into products.

"I know we are very close to that; these ideas that come from each Departments, we are very close to achieving our targets," he stated. "Let's thank God for



Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Covenant University, Dr David O. Oyedepo

where we are. If we didn't start at all, we would not be where we are, and we are not going to relent until we move into

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Covenant Students Back on Campus, Commend Resumption Protocols

Nigeria's foremost private tertiary institution, Covenant University, is currently a beehive of activities as freshmen and returning students arrived on campus to continue their academic pursuits.

Covenant students were billed to return to campus on Monday, January 4, 2021, after the Yuletide holidays, however, the forced postponement of resumption by the Federal Government following a seeming resurgence in the coronavirus disease had necessitated a shift in date of

resumption.

For the resumption proper, the Management of Covenant had put in place all necessary measures to guarantee a hitch-free process. These included deploying adequate medical screening, mist sprayer for decontamination, disinfectant chambers, face masks, and sanitisers. There was also the pasting of posters featuring various educative literature and signages, including control guides in all university buildings and

environment.

Some of the new students expressed satisfaction at Covenant's move to return to physical lecture activities. Before resumption, the institution had commenced online classes for students to continue the Alpha Semester of the 2020/2021 Academic Session.

Joy Onyewuchi, a 100 Level student of Architecture, was happy that students were being welcomed back to

the University. She expressed her confidence in the measures put in place by the institution to ensure a safe resumption.

Onyewuchi's comments were echoed by Babatunde Oyindamola Oreoluwa, a 100 Level Mechanical Engineering student. Oreoluwa commended the organisation of the school authority during the virtual classes.



A Covenant student (right) having her biometric capturing

PRAYERS for PARENTS

PRAYER 1

Father, by the revelation of the word, hasten the fulfilment of the 2021 prophetic word in the lives of parents and guardians of students of Covenant University.

Jer. 1:12

PRAYER 2

Father in the name of Jesus, we decree supernatural supplies and provisions for all parents and guardians of students of Covenant University this year

Phil 4:19

Vice-Chancellor Assures Freshmen of Most Rewarding Time at Covenant

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Abiodun H. Adebayo, has assured new students of a most rewarding time as they commence their academic stewardship. While speaking at the Orientation Programme for the freshmen, held at the University Chapel on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Professor Adebayo welcomed the students to "Hebron, the birthplace of Kings and Queens". He introduced Covenant to the new students as a vision given to the Chancellor and Chairman of the University's Board of Regents, Dr David O. Oyedepo. Covenant, he said, had a set of unique Philosophy that distinguished her from others. According to him, the philosophy, known as the Departure Philosophy encompassed a departure from form to skill, knowledge to empowerment, figures to future-building, legalism to realism, points to facts, and mathematics to lifematics. Professor Adebayo noted that the short-term vision of Covenant University was to be one of the top 10 Universities in the world by the year 20:2022. "It is vision

birthed by God through the University's Chancellor, Dr David O. Oyedepo, and it is aptly called 'Vision 10:2022,'" he emphasized.

The Vice-Chancellor also reeled out the University's Core Values, which he said distinguished Covenant from other institutions in Nigeria and the world. The core values include Spirituality, Possibility Mentality, Capacity Building, Integrity, Responsibility, Diligence, and Sacrifice.

Professor Adebayo got the freshmen acquainted with the University's progress so far in her attempts at occupying enviable positions in the different categories of the Times Higher Education (THE) Rankings. He said that the National Universities Commission fully accredited all Covenant programmes. He noted that the institution's outstanding performances through her faculty, staff, and students had also received great validations.

He said that scholarships were available for students committed to creating change in their communities and contributing to the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs). One of these scholarships, he added, was fully funded and supported by numerous Commonwealth governments.

While thanking the new students for

coming to be part of the revolutionary army at Covenant, the Vice-Chancellor prayed that they would maximize their destinies in grand style.

Vision 10:2022 Bound to see Light of Day –Dr Oyedepo

The Covenant University Faculty and Staff Executive Advance for the 2020/2021 Academic Session got underway on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, with the Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents of the University, Dr David O. Oyedepo, calling for a rededication of faculty and staff to the ideals and goals of the institution.

The Chancellor, who declared the event open, reaffirmed that Covenant University's vision to become one of the top 10 Universities in the world was a reality. According to the Chancellor, Vision 10:2022 was a sworn verdict bound to see the light of day as members of the University kept their faith alive in the Unlimited God, the God of unlimited possibilities. The God that could not lie, and the One that sat upon the circle of the earth, doing what pleased Him, he added.

While making his presentation titled 'Vision 10:2022: Key to Activating and Actualizing a Prophetic Agenda', the Chancellor gave nuggets on the essence and the potency of prophecies. He stated that to see prophecies fulfilled, people must inject their faith into it, take heed to their part of the deal, make required moves, engage in spiritual warfare, and expect to see it fulfilled.

He appreciated God Almighty for the Commission's unprecedented milestones that birthed Covenant University. He said that the hand of God was evident on the University. "It is His, and that is why His acts in the University have always been marvellous," said the Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abiodun H. Adebayo, in his presentation titled 'ReCITte in Pursuit of Vision 10:2022 – Driving Impactful Publications and Citations', highlighted the advent of Vision 10:2022, the

strategic importance of the Times Higher Education (THE) World Ranking of Universities, and the ReCITte Agenda initiated to drive the vision. He also explained the methodology and how Covenant University had fared since 2018 when entering into the World Ranking of Universities. And after identifying the gaps and proffering solutions, the Vice-Chancellor assured that Covenant would realize the vision to the glory of God.

The Vice-Chancellor recommended that more recognition be given to Q1 and Q2 journals publications instead of publication quantity.

In a presentation titled 'Prescriptions on Best Administrative and Ethical Practices for Professional Excellence in Covenant University', the Registrar, Dr Oluwasegun Omidiora, enlightened the audience with accounts of how in the 1980s, the university system in Nigeria began to fail due to half-hearted policies, ignoble hidden agenda, and national apathy towards appropriate funding for education generally.

Covenant University, he said, came to redefine university education by its departure philosophy, vision-driven approach, and commitment to purpose. The Registrar added that these factors defined the ethics that governed the administrative system that provided the Covenant educational system platform to function adequately.

According to the Registrar, an administrator was therefore occupied by the need to get things done efficiently to accomplish set objectives. He said the Administrator was required to manage the University resources both human and non-human efficiently, to achieve desired goals.

The faculty and staff advance of Covenant University held from Wednesday, January 6 to Friday, January 8, 2021.



Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Abiodun H. Adebayo

Covenant Commissions Operational Science Laboratory at Unity High School

Covenant University, under the auspices of her Community Development Impact Initiative Committee (CUCDIIC), has commissioned a standard secondary school science laboratory for pupils of Unity High School, Kajola-Ibora, Atan, in Ado-Odo/Ot

a Local Government Area of Ogun State. The process, which started with the revamping and renovation of the school laboratory, culminated in the donation of standardized laboratory kits, apparatus and agents to facilitate the teaching of science in the remote school.

While speaking at the commissioning ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Abiodun H. Adebayo, represented by the Dean, College of Leadership and Development Studies, Professor Olujide Adekeye, commended the evolvement of a working relationship between the University and Unity High School. The association, he stated, was

anchored on the vision of the University to train the upcoming generation towards rescuing the destiny of the black race.

Professor Adebayo said Covenant was eternally committed to helping willing partners develop education tailored towards life-applicable skills. "Education must move from the realm of academic knowledge acquisition to the development of soft skills targeted at solving myriads of issues bedeviling the nation," he added.

The Chair, Covenant University Community Development Impact Initiative Committee (CUCDIIC), Dr Tayo George, said the University was happy to be a channel for the advancement of education, which was the founding philosophy of the University about unshackling the knowledge-base of the black race.

In her response, the Principal of Unity High School, Mrs Janet Olaokun, was exhilarated with joy and gratitude. Mrs Olaokun thanked the University Management and members of the

CUCDIIC for helping to rewrite the story of Unity High School.

The school Head Boy, Michael Ayeni, appreciated Covenant for the resources expended and the material investment in

the school. He promised that the students would remain ever grateful for the privilege to have access to laboratory tools to learn real-time, courtesy of the CUCDIIC.



Representative of the Vice-Chancellor and Dean, College of Leadership Development Studies, Professor Olujide Adekeye (cutting the tape); Chair, Covenant University Community Development Impact Initiative Committee (CUCDIIC), Dr Tayo George (holding the tape); Principal, Unity High School, Kajola, Ibora Atan, Mrs Janet Olaoku (middle), joined by others to commission the laboratory equipment donated by Covenant University.