

# Chancellor Pledges Universities Commitment to Agric Development

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*The Chancellor, Covenant University and Landmark University, Dr. David Oyedepo has reiterated the commitment of the two institutions to leading revolution in education and agriculture in the country.*

Dr. Oyedepo made this known while addressing the president and officials of Galilee International Management Institute (GIMI), Israel who paid a courtesy visit to his office in Canaan Land on Thursday, February 20, 2014.

The Chancellor said, "We want to make agriculture tasteful to Nigerian youths who after going through our programme will not need to line up for jobs but be job creators and employ others."



Chancellor, Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo, making his remarks at the meeting

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He expressed the willingness of the two Universities to collaborate with Galilee International Management Institute, adding that, no one has the whole knowledge.

"We will be delighted to collaborate with you in everyway. I believe in cross-pollination of knowledge, because no one has the whole knowledge. When we were about starting Landmark University, I took about eight people to Israel to visit research institutes and farm settlements to acquire knowledge", he hinted.

Earlier in an interactive session with Covenant University Management, the President of Galilee International Management Institute, Israel, Dr. Joseph Shevel stated that the purpose of the visit was to look at what his institute and the two Universities can do together.

He mentioned that the vision of the Institute is to share Israel's experience through International Corporation, particularly in areas of agriculture and water management, health, economy and higher education, among others.

Dr. Shevel said that although over half of Israel's landmass is desert without oil or any other natural resources, the nation invested heavily in education and agriculture, which has made her a major exporter of quality produce to Europe and America.

He noted that his institute has also developed programmes in partnership with many institutions around the world which has produced many professionals. He added that the Institute also has several alumni members in Nigeria and Africa.

In his remark, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, stated that in pursuant of the vision of being one of the leading world-class universities in ten years, tagged "One of Ten in Ten", the University Management visited some leading universities in United Kingdom and United States of America to get first hand knowledge about their activities.

Considering the number of joint programmes by the Institute and its diverse alumni base, Professor Ayo said that it was imperative for the University to collaborate with the Institution.

The Vice-Chancellor said though the University does not offer agriculture as a programme; an expanse of land that can accommodate agro-allied business is available for this purpose. He opined that some of the programmes could be

introduced to Entrepreneurial Development Studies pioneered by Covenant University in Nigeria.

Professor Ayo promised that the University Management would visit the Institute to acquire the necessary skills. He added that, "This is a collaboration we will want to go into and make sure it works."

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