

## Academic and Strategic Visits to Departments

*In order to touch base and feel the pulse of the Faculty and Staff, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan along with members of the Management of Covenant University, have commenced the annual Academic and Strategic emphasis visits to Academic Departments and Units in the University*

The visit which started on Thursday, January 6, 2011, was a clear departure from the previous editions which were to Colleges and Schools.

Her first point of call was the Department of Electrical and Information Technology; she later moved on to the Departments of Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

She was received by the Dean, College of Science and Technology, Professor Fredrick Hymore, the Deputy Dean, School of Engineering and Technology, Professor Churchill Ako and the respective Heads of Departments, Faculty and Staff of each Department.

The Vice-Chancellor in her remarks said that the visit was to allow her to learn at first hand, what the Departments are doing. She also said that the University's quest for the 2010/2011 Academic Session was Capacity Building for Continued Relevance.

She laid emphasis on the quality of graduates being raised and the impact they are making, the need for a follow-up mechanism by the Departments, strategic mapping and planning, identifying areas of competition, setting benchmarks, personal and departmental targets, articulating the facts card and adequate profiling.

The Vice-Chancellor directed that the research agenda of the Faculty and Departments should align with the University's Vision, adding that there was need to think outside the box in order to remain relevant. She also stressed the importance of research focus at both individual and interdisciplinary levels.

Professor Obayan enjoined the Faculty to think always of value adding solutions; as Engineers have the mind for devising solutions to societal needs.

She congratulated everyone on the various successes recorded in the past year, particularly in the University's performance during Pilot Institutional Accreditation conducted by the National Universities Commission.

The Heads of Departments used the opportunity to present their score cards and areas of further action as well as gaps that will need to be addressed. Various questions raised were adequately responded to by the Vice-Chancellor and members of her team.

In the Vice-Chancellor's entourage were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ogbulogo, the Registrar, Dr. Daniel Rotimi, the Director, Financial Services, represented by Mr. Emmanuel Oyeku, the Director, Academic Planning, Dr. C. K. Ayo, the Director, Centre for Systems and Information Services, Engineer Bayo Ajala, the Senior Assistant Registrar (VC's Office) Mr. Femi Anlemi, representatives of the Corporate and Public Affairs, VC's Office and Registrar's Office.

The visits continue to other Departments and Units of the University and will go on till Friday, January 21, 2011.

