

CU commissions ultra modern sports complex

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In his address while commissioning the facilities, the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, described the sports complex as a laboratory for generating energy for physical fitness for all generation of Covenant University students. He said the sports complex would help the University's effort in providing a balance development for its students, adding that without physical fitness ones intellectually development would be impeded.



The Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo

The Chancellor who also practically featured in lawn tennis and table tennis events were he demonstrated an usual skill, advised both staff and students to take advantage of the facilities by engaging themselves in physical exercise in order to keep fit.

Among the series of events that marked the dedication include novelty football match between CU Professors and the University female soccer team, football match between 100 -200 levels versus 300-500 levels students, volleyball, basketball, swimming, table tennis and 100 metres dash for male and female.

The University faculty and staff were not left out of the fun as they were all arrayed in different sports outfit and featured in series of outdoor and indoor games.

The novelty match between the professors and the University female soccer team, which featured a 70- year-old soccer maestro, Prof Ekundayo Adeyemi, Head of Department of Architecture, ended in a 1-1 draw. The Acting Director, Centre for Learning, Mr. Chris Nkiko made history as the first goal scorer on the FIFA standard soccer pitch while the stand-in captain of the female soccer team, Janet Ayangbemi (300 level) also became the first female player to record a goal. The male soccer match however ended in a goalless draw.

Other dignitaries present at the dedication ceremony included the Vice Chancellor, Prof Aize Obayan (who kicked off the novelty match), the Registrar, Yemi Nathaniel and other Principal officers of the University.

The state-of- the-art facilities in the stadium include an Olympic size swimming pool complex, basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis courts, FIFA standard 110m x 75m green lush soccer pitch and hockey pitch. Others yet to be completed are 400m synthetic tartan running track, indoor sport hall with high class gym facilities and squash courts, the grand stand with a seating capacity of about 10,000 and other outdoor courts, including the handball courts.

Apart from the new sports complex, the University has other sporting facilities located around the Halls of Residence area of the campus. With this new addition, the University is further validating its Total Man Development base in raising a new generation of leaders.

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