

# NIEEE Commends Covenant, Honours Professor Atayero

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*The National Chairman, Nigerian Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (NIEEE), Engr. John F. Adebayo, has in his quest to build a robust relationship between Covenant and the Institute, called on the University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, to encourage staff members in academic fields relating to NIEEE to show more interest and participate in their activities.*

Engr. Adebayo made the call during a working visit of his Institute's national and state executives to Covenant on Thursday, April 4, 2019. He noted that having set up the Institute's Energy Sustainable Learning Academy to match up with that of the international body, the IEEE, they were eager to partner with Covenant towards

bridging the massive gap between industry and

academics, with a view to understanding how to run the academy on a virtual scale through VPN-secured networks only, and teleconference facilities.

According to him, the content for the academy would be coming from IEEE US digital library, while they would need to engage academics with high competencies. He noted that the number one academia in Nigeria today, pertaining to communication engineering, was Professor Atayero because of his immense contribution to the profession. Engr. Adebayo stated that the goal of the new initiative was to ensure that what was experienced in classrooms was matched with industry experiences.

He commended the University Management for the high level of discipline and instructional guide instituted for the nurturing of future leaders. He described Covenant University as a foundational seed for the development of education in Africa. "I have visited some Shenghen countries within the space of three years, I have been to their classrooms, and I have seen malfeasance and indiscipline at another level, yet our people will leave Nigeria and take untold risk in the name of going to get better education abroad, when Covenant University is here," he lamented.

Engr. Adebayo said it would be a thing of joy to see the full integration and participation of staff and students of Covenant in NIEEE activities, by becoming registered members of the erudite body of electrical and electronic engineers in Nigeria that would drive subject matter issues pertaining to the profession.

He called on Professor Atayero to recommend quality written research papers to flood the International Conference Exhibition on Power and Telecommunication coming up later this year. That, he said, was an avenue for ensuring that research work from the Covenant context gained wide reviews from regulatory agencies in the field of communication and related engineering fields.

The National Chairman appealed to Covenant to partner with the Institute to host its first communication summit in Ogun State, believing that the outcome would help in shaping policies and trajectory of professional practice of NIEEE not just in Ogun State, but the nation in general.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero told the visiting team that its partnership request was already receiving appropriate attention from the College of Engineering industry partnership board that would be driving such



National Chairman, NIEEE, Presenting Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, with an award

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engagement.

He posited that the intended relationship between Covenant and NIEEE would go a long way in ensuring that students projects and thesis are continually tailored towards addressing industry and societal challenges.

Professor Atayero said that Covenant was ready to partner NIEEE in all aspects that request had been made. He counselled the leadership of the body to be mindful of the drastic changes emanating from the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution' as it would be wrong to keep discussing about intending paradigm shift when in the real sense of happenings, they had already shifted, thus rendering prior knowledge obsolete.

At the end of the parley, the Ogun State Chapter of the Institute presented the Distinguished Communications Engineer's Award of Excellence to Professor Atayero in recognition of his selfless service to NIEEE Ogun State.

Present at the parley were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Akan Williams, Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. Obindah Gershon, Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Humphrey Adebayo, Dean, College of Leadership Development studies, Professor Innocent Chiluwa, Dean, College of Engineering, Professor David Omole, Director, Academic Planning Unit, Professor Francis Idachaba, Director, Quality and Academic Standards, Professor David Olukanni, and Head of Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, Professor Anthony Adoghe.

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