

Nigerian Air Force Keen to Sustain Partnership with Covenant

The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has expressed a strong desire to continue its partnership, based on the successes so far recorded since signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Covenant University.

The Chief, Standards and Evaluation at Headquarters, NAF, Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Kingsley Lar, made this known on Thursday, November 9, 2017, when he led a team of officers comprised of Research and Development specialists, to pay a courtesy visit to the Management of Covenant University.

AVM. Lar, who described Covenant University as the premier private university in Nigeria, said the Chief of Air Staff (CAS), Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar, was delighted at the successes so far recorded through the collaboration with some research clusters in Covenant.

“I’m happy to inform you that we’ve done a lot in terms of research and development. The Nigeria Air Force has two patent rights; one is the diaphragm for helicopters, and the other is the unmanned ground vehicle,” said AVM. Lar.

He said the rewarding outcome of the relationship between the two organisations had influenced the NAF’s decision to seek a renewal of the existing MoU, as much more could be achieved with Covenant being a leading research university. He added that the vision of the CAS, on assumption of duty, was to reposition the NAF through capacity building initiatives, and one of the key pillars was strategic partnership with Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

Noting that the NAF has a number of personnel with Ph.D. degree in aeronautic and engineering fields, AVM. Lar stated that the force will come up with a list of new areas in which the NAF and Covenant could collaborate, so as to help the NAF maintain the peace in the country.

In his comments, the Deputy Director, Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID), Dr. Obinna Nwinyi, said the University has been performing excellently in the field of research, as well as developing technological products that are able to solve societal problems; while a senior faculty in the Department of Computer and Information Sciences, who is also a retired Air Commodore, Dr. Isaac Odunayo, said he was excited that the NAF was making headway in research through its collaboration with Covenant University.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, considered it a privilege that the NAF seeks to continue its collaboration with the University. He said it was a good thing that the relationship had started and yielded good fruits, adding that both organisations have to take it further.

While urging the NAF to expedite action on the proposed new areas of collaboration for research to commence on them in earnest, the Vice-Chancellor assured that his administration will do everything to give the necessary impetus to the continuation of the productive relationship.



The Chief, Standards and Evaluation at Headquarters, NAF, Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Kingsley Lar, speaking on the purpose of his team’s visit to Covenant University

Also on hand at the occasion were the Director, Financial Services, Pastor Sunday Abayomi; Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole; Ag. Head, Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, Dr. Victor Matthews; and a senior faculty in the department, Dr. Hope Orovwode.

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