

VC ADVISES FGN ON MORE INVESTMENTS IN TERTIARY EDUCATION

Prof. Charles Ayo, the Vice-Chancellor of Trinity University, Yaba, Lagos, on Wednesday urged the Federal Government to engage in more investment in the education sector.

Ayo, a former Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Ota, gave the advice in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Ota, Ogun.

He said the advent of the coronavirus signaled a wakeup call on Nigeria and its leaders to learn from happenings in developed democracies and put the country in order.

Ayo said that the fact that Spain, Italy, UK and United States of America were badly hit by COVID-19 in spite of well-equipped medical facilities in those countries should be enough lesson.

“COVID-19 is a new virus infection never experienced and the characteristics are still evolving from findings in research laboratories abroad.

“It is, however, a clarion call for the Federal Government to invest in tertiary education so that Nigeria can be part of solution providers than being dependent on foreign solutions to solve our local problems,” he said.

Ayo said that Nigerian researchers were supposed to be busy in the laboratories to unravel the mysteries surrounding the pandemic.

He also urged Nigerians to comply with the directives on total lockdown and remain at home for 14 days to prevent further spread of the pandemic.

“ For now, let everyone stay out of circulation to keep COVID-19 out of circulation and prevent the spread,” he said.

He commended Ogun and Lagos State for providing isolation centres, testing kits and other materials to contain the spread of the coronavirus. (NAN)