

CARP Nigeria being active bodes well for the nations' future

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CARP Nigeria organized their second Peace Cleaning Project at the University of Abuja, mini-campus on Friday, December 2, from 8 AM to 12 PM. Twenty-four CARP members participated in this program. We made efforts to show our sincere attitude toward improving the campus environment. The aim of this project was to show how to become an initiator, to feel a sense of personal agency over the resolution of social issues and over the creation of a good learning environment for university students. Naturally, we also wanted to help raise the students' awareness of CARP and attract them to our programs.

For a long time, students have been facing issues related to the environment around the campus. We analyzed the main reason for those issues and concluded that a sense of ownership did not prevail among the student body. After analysis, we began considering how to persuade young people to take personal initiative. We then decided to demonstrate our sincere attitude to improve the environment on the campus through this project. We believed that once we started cleaning around the campus first, the students would look at themselves and follow our example. That was our motivation for starting this project.

On the day of the project, we met. Desmond Edams, president of CARP at the University of Abuja, opened our meeting with a prayer and then spoke about the nature of the program (which had the slogan, "Young people! Build your Ownership") and how we would carry it out.

Before we proceed with this program, we did publicity activities for the project around the campus. We handed out a hundred pens to students and a hundred flyers, which introduced how students might take the initiative in order to attract their voluntary participation in the project.

After the publicity efforts, we divided into three groups and started cleaning the campus grounds. While we were doing the cleaning, some of the students felt inspired by our project and they participated in it with us. Additionally, staff members of the Environmental Department came to us and supported our

cleaning efforts.



After cleaning, we donated five trash bins to the university's Environmental Department. The staff members appeared genuinely touched by our efforts. They seemed so happy because there had been no public trash receptacles before. We placed those trash containers in the public areas on the campus.

As the project came to an end, Kabir Ibrahim, the vice-president of CARP at the University of Abuja, offered a closing prayer. We then enjoyed some refreshments together.

Through this project, we made a deep impact on the campus that remains today. Many students recognized us and made an appointment to participate in our one-day Divine Principle workshop. We will continue doing this project regularly and extending the cleaning areas to outside the campus, so that our sincere efforts will bring peace to the society and contribute to making a strong foundation for the settlement of the substantial Cheon Il Guk. We will try our best.

