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The training comes off against the backdrop of a suspenseful twist to the COVID-19 story, following the emergence of a ravaging new variant of the virus. Ghana, like many others, has not been spared of the devastating effects of the second wave with a surge in the number of cases between December 2020 and January 2021 after a near reduction in the spread of the virus. This calls for the intensification of preventive measures to battle the spread of the disease.

Speaking at the opening of the training, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Samuel Nii Odai, commended the University Community for their diligence and quick response towards the outbreak of the pandemic.

He applauded Management’s tireless efforts in putting place measures to prevent the spread of the virus on campus and through the production of sanitisers and nose masks among others.

In addition to this, he doffed his hat to the professionalism showcased even when the University had pockets of cases in the school and how confidential they were treated.

However, the Vice-Chancellor bemoaned the complacency that is setting in among students and some staff in following COVID-19 protocols such as the wearing of masks and practicing social distancing.



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With the hike in the number of cases and the number of casualties becoming precariously alarming, he mentioned that Commissioning of the COVID-19 Preventive Marshals was a step in the right direction to intensify the University's adherence to the COVID-19 protocols through collaborative vigilance.

The University's resident doctor, Dr Imam Abdul Moro seized the opportunity to sensitise the audience on the complications and effects of COVID-19. He stressed the reality of the disease and entreated his audience not to subscribe to the superstitious delusions about the virus that are being peddled by people. He called for a collective action to protect each other and not add to the statistics.



Also speaking at the commissioning was Mr Lawrence Annison, a Virologist at the Medical Laboratory Technology Department of ATU. He delivered a presentation on the trends of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome -COV- 2 (SARS-COV-2) and simplified the complexity of the pandemic to the audience through its origin and how it affects human beings.

He emphasized that understanding the nature of the virus is important to adopting appropriate measures and human relations to avoid contracting the virus.



Volunteers were taken through their roles and the modalities of the status they will assume by the Director of Quality Assurance, Dr Henry Hackman. He charged would-be Marshals to be examples to the University Community, educate all and sundry and enforce the adherence of COVID-19 protocols within the confines of the University. He mentioned that all who are found culpable in the disregard of the COVID-19 protocols will be brought to book accordingly to serve as a deterrent to others

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Amevi Ackapovi in his closing remarks thanked all who have availed themselves to volunteer as COVID-19 Preventive Marshals. He acknowledged their selfless sacrifice and wished them well in assuming the COVID-19 Preventive Marshal role.



The institution of the COVID-19 Preventive Marshals is the university's internal peer-to-peer enforcement mechanism of the COVID-19 protocols.

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TOUCHING HEARTS AND MINDS; ATU LIBRARY HOLDS CHOCOLATE WEEK

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The Library, adorned in red ribbons and balloons, will provide a hospitable atmosphere to the staff and students who visit the Library. During the week, visitors will look around and bask in the smart collection of newly acquired books and a compendium of useful information in academia on a myriad of subjects. In addition to this, the Library also has available its repertoire of e-books, online databases and journals that will facilitate academic research and writing.

Chocolates will be share at the time of the event. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Samuel Nii Odai and his entourage visited the Library on 15th

Feb,2021. Together with the University Librarian, Dr. Florence Plockey, he went round to see the newly stocked library and was abreast of the services rendered by the outfit including anti-plagiarism scan, research support, seminars and workshops, automated library services and lending services among others.

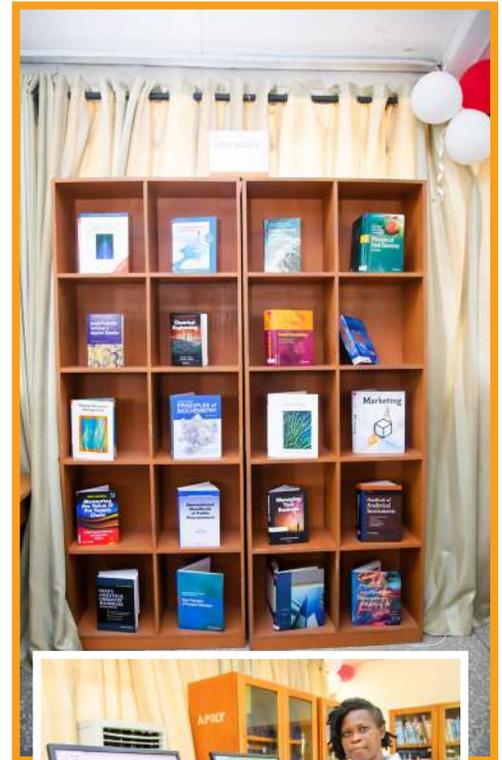


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We hope students will be excited about the event and the arrival of the new stocks displayed on the various shelves. Visitors on the first day, admitted that this is what many of them have been looking for to help them with their studies and they are glad management and the library authorities have paid heed to their plea.

The Chocolate week event by the library is a promotional drive to create awareness and increase the use of reading materials and services in the library.



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