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The ATU team took students through career guidance and counselling, focusing on the Sciences. Students had the opportunity to experience chemistry, biochemistry, biology, and physics lab practices as SLT Department students conducted demonstrations.

Throughout the day-long endeavour, the team distributed a wide array of essential items valued at GH 12,000. Among the provisions were stationery, sanitary items like brushes, dustbins, gloves, tissue rolls, and other educational





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necessities. The outreach not only underscored the university's commitment to fostering community engagement but also highlighted the significance of collaborative efforts in advancing educational equity. Speaking on behalf of the Outreach Committee, the committee's chairman, Mr. Kojo Ayithey, stressed the importance of extending educational support beyond the university's walls.

"The SLT Department is all out to encourage our young scientists, especially females, to consider prospects and the possible impact of their study. The future of our country lies in their hands," Dr. Phyllis Otu, Head of the Department, said. The beneficiaries expressed profound gratitude for the generosity extended to them. Mrs. Mabel Asare, the Principal of Teshie Technical





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Institute, lauded the initiative's impact on her institution.

"These donations are invaluable to us, especially underprivileged schools like ours. They ease the burden on us and ensure that we can fully focus on our core mandate," she remarked.

This initiative aligns with Pillar 3 of the ATU Strategic Plan which emphasises industry and community engagement.





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Covering a spectrum of crucial topics including Essential Administrative Skills, Utilisation of Technology in Business Administration, Marketing and Research, and Professionalism in the Workplace, the workshop provided a fertile ground for professional development.

A highlight of the training was a hands-on session focused on leveraging Microsoft Excel for basic budgeting, expense tracking, project management, and overall business optimisation. Representing the Acting Vice-Chancellor, the Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Accra Technical University, Professor Felix Kutsanedzie, graced the occasion and urged participants to extract maximum value from the training, emphasising its relevance in enhancing organisational efficiency.





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Expressing gratitude towards the university's Management for spearheading such initiatives, participants underscored the tangible benefits derived from the training. They vowed to translate the newfound knowledge and skills into actionable strategies within their respective spheres of influence.

In her closing address, the Director of Public Affairs, Ms. Fausta Kilian Ganaa urged participants to seamlessly integrate the acquired knowledge and skills into their daily deliverables. Emphasising the importance of mentorship, she encouraged them to serve as guiding lights for their colleagues in their various departments.

The culmination of the event saw participants being awarded certificates, symbolising their commitment to continuous professional growth and excellence in administrative roles.





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Covering various aspects of effective pedagogy tailored to the university's blended learning model, participants engaged in discussions and practical sessions focused on optimising teaching strategies for both physical and virtual classrooms. A notable highlight was the session on test and marking scheme development, where faculty members received guidance on designing assessments to accurately evaluate students' comprehension and mastery of course material while fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Throughout the workshop, faculty members had the opportunity to inquire about learning approaches and the use of modern technological tools for academic work, particularly AI tools for student assignments and innovative approaches to integrating artificial intelligence into academic tasks.





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Professor Eric Anane, an Associate Professor specialising in Measurement, Evaluation, and Cognition, urged lecturers to devise strategies for addressing students who utilise AI tools by emphasising practical assignments.

He emphasised the importance of providing students with hands-on practical work to deepen their understanding of the course material, stating, “by integrating practical assignments into our teaching approach, we can ensure students develop a deeper grasp of the subject matter, enhancing their learning experience.”



Dr. Henry Kwadwo Hackman, the Director of Quality Assurance and Academic Planning, emphasized the university’s commitment to providing high-quality education that meets the evolving needs of students in today’s digital age. “Our goal is to empower our teaching staff with the necessary tools and knowledge to deliver engaging and effective instruction, whether in traditional classroom settings or through online platforms,” he stated.

Additionally, the workshop emphasised the importance of developing comprehensive course outlines and teaching resources. Faculty members learned techniques for structuring course content clearly and organising teaching resources to cater to the varied learning styles of students.



The training workshop underscored Accra Technical University’s dedication to fostering a culture of continuous learning and professional development among its faculty members. By equipping lecturers with the skills and resources needed to excel in their roles, the university aims to uphold its reputation as a leading institution of higher learning dedicated to academic excellence and innovation.



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