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The memorandum was signed between the Acting Vice-Chancellor of ATU, Prof. Amevi Acakpovi and the President of NUIST, Prof. Li Beiqun, accompanied by ATU's Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Prof. Felix Kutsanedzie, on Monday, October 30, 2023 in China.

To support the process of internationalisation between both universities, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) calls for cooperation in the planning, development, and establishment of transnational education opportunities for teachers and students at ATU and NUIST.

The agreement also focuses on reciprocal student

exchange, faculty and researcher exchanges, collaborative research projects, academic publication and information exchanges, and other academic activities like co-supervision of postgraduate studies. In addition, both institutions would explore the possibility of working together to jointly develop activities based on their respective academic and educational needs.

The MoU further gives ATU and NUIST faculty members access to visiting scholars, additional education, and teacher training programs. ATU students can apply for scholarships in China and enroll in a variety of degree programmes at NUIST. However, the specifics of any staff and student exchanges made possible by the MoU will be laid out in separate, mutually

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signed formal agreements between both parties.

Additionally, the parties agree to take into account the availability of resources pertaining to academic collaboration, staff and student exchanges, and the provisions of the relevant government legislation that apply in each of the institutions.

Commencement of the MoU will run from the date of its signing by both parties and shall remain in focus for

three years, after which it shall automatically expire. However, amendments to the MoU would require written approval from both parties for modification.

ATU and NUIST are committed to work together in good faith to see the fruition of the agreed terms. The inking of this deed is a feather in the cap of ATU in the attainment of it's strategic goal of Internationalisation and Visibility.



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The event which formed part of the University's activities to mark this year's Cyber Security Awareness Month, aimed to educate the public, businesses, and institutions about the importance of cybersecurity and steps to safeguard sensitive digital assets.

In his opening address, the Acting Vice-Chancellor of Accra Technical University, Professor Amevi

Acakpovi, highlighted the significant efforts taken by the university to protect its technological assets. He emphasised that in an age where technology plays an increasingly crucial role, institutions like ATU must remain vigilant to ensure the safety of their digital infrastructure. "The threats we face today may pale in comparison to those of tomorrow, hence, the need for continuous dialogue, the dissemination of knowledge, the exploration of emerging trends, and the sharing of best practices are not just a necessity; it is our moral and ethical obligation to future generations," he added.

The keynote speaker for the event, Dr. Albert Antwi-Boasiako, the Director-General of the Cyber Security Authority urged the audience, particularly institutions,

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Dr. Antwi-Boasiako emphasised the evolving nature of cyber threats and the need for constant vigilance. He stressed that investing in robust cybersecurity measures not only protects sensitive information but also safeguards the reputation and financial stability of institutions.

The symposium included a panel discussion on the latest cybersecurity trends, best practices, and emerging threats in the context of higher education. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with experts in the field, allowing them to gain valuable insights into safeguarding their digital assets.

Participants left the symposium with a greater awareness of the importance of cybersecurity and a commitment to enhancing digital safety measures in their respective organisations.



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AFRICA HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROJECT (AHRIP)

Last Friday saw 150 students from 22 teams participating in the Africa Health Research and Innovation Project (AHRIP) showcase innovative prototypes in an Innovation Fair at the University Auditorium.

The \$152, 869 project, being executed by ATU and the Design Thinking Ghana Hub, is funded by the UKAid through the Research and Innovation Systems for Africa.

Some of the groundbreaking innovations displayed and demonstrated included thermoelectric vaccine carrier, portable dialysis machine, blood warmer, auto waste segregator, aerospray vacuum stainer, automatic stretcher among others.

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Amevi Acakpovi, who delivered the welcome address was impressed with the various exhibits and encouraged the students to own them beyond the period of the project. He revealed that the University is set to establish an incubation centre to further the prospect of these innovations and others in the future.

Representatives from the various stakeholder-agencies graced the occasion.

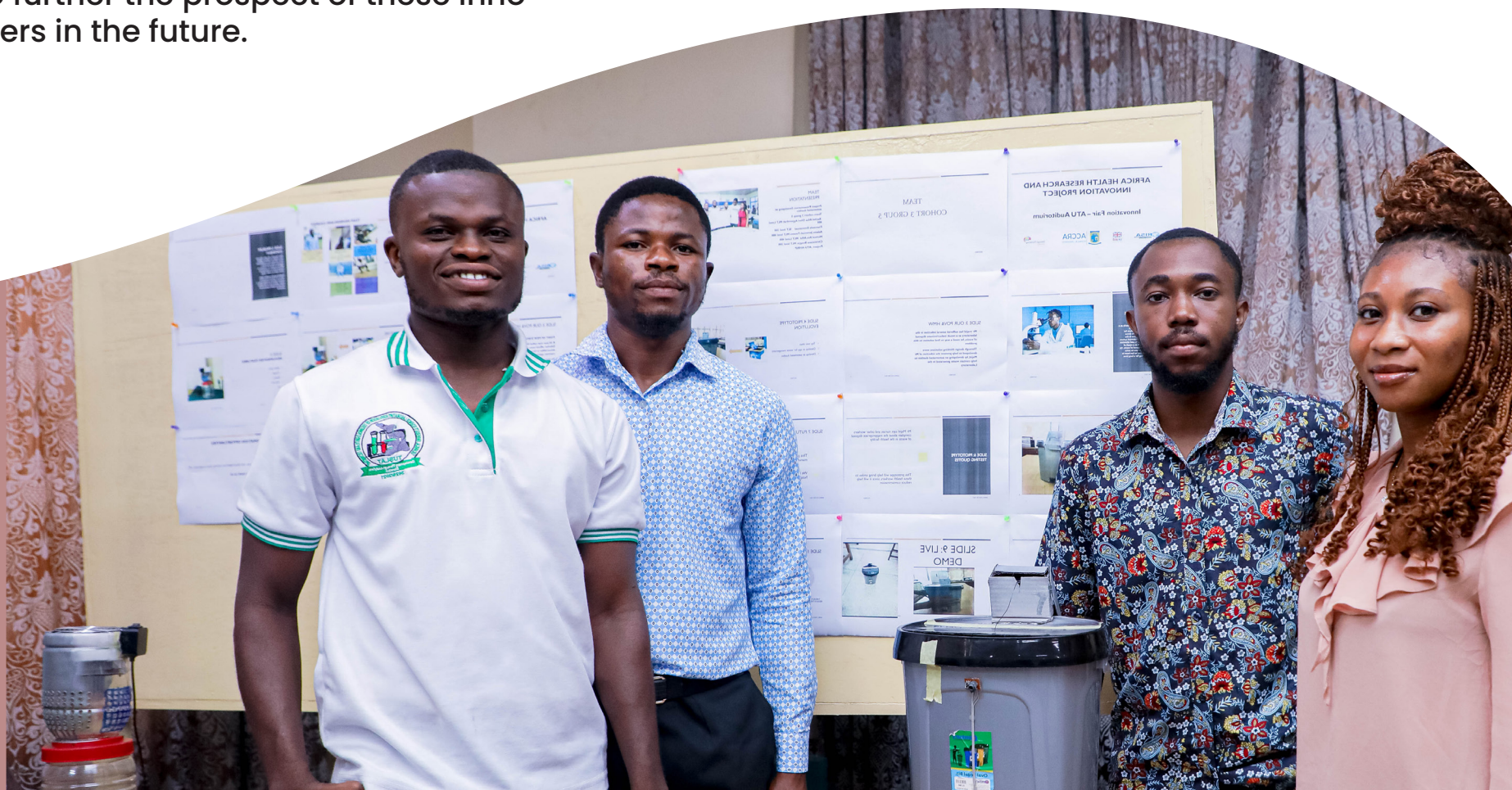
About the RISA Fund

The Research and Innovation Systems for Africa (RISA) Fund is a programme to support and strengthen research and innovation systems in six countries: Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, and Ethiopia. The programme runs from 2021 to 2024 and is funded by UKAid.

The RISA mission is to provide grants to fund home-grown solutions to the continent's toughest challenges.

About AHRIP

The ATU project (Africa Health Research and Innovation Project (AHRIP)) aims to bridge the gap between research and development in the health sector, by using Design Thinking analysis to solve real-world challenges and harnessing the talents of young emerging leaders in health innovations.



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