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CELEBRATING MILESTONES: ATU HOSTS MAIDEN TWO-DAY LEAVERS' SEMINAR FOR FINAL YEAR STUDENTS



The University Auditorium came alive with energy and anticipation as final-year students from various faculties gathered for the inaugural two-day Leavers' Seminar held at the University from Monday, 14th to Wednesday, 16th August 2023. With the overarching theme of "Celebrating Milestones: The Essence of Graduation," the event aimed to empower students with insights into the significance of their impending graduation and the opportunities that lie ahead.

The seminar, organised by the University's Public Affairs Directorate through the Alumni Relations Unit, saw a dynamic mix of students from the Faculties of Engineering, Built Environment,

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Applied Sciences, Arts, and the Secretaryship and Management/Bilingual streams of the Faculty of Business. The first day was dedicated to orienting the students from the former faculties, while the latter faculty took centre stage on the final day.



Throughout the seminar, participants were immersed in engaging sessions that underscored the importance of being active contributors to their graduation and of fostering a deep connection with their alma mater. The speakers, who included key figures from the University's leadership and the

ATU Alumni Association, shared their expertise and insights on various aspects of graduation and alumni engagement.

Among the distinguished speakers were the Acting Vice-Chancellor, who emphasized the role of the graduates as ambassadors of



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the institution's legacy, and the Registrar, who outlined the practical steps involved in the graduation journey. The Dean and Vice Dean of Student Affairs provided valuable guidance on navigating the transition from university life to the professional world. At the same time, the Director of Public Affairs highlighted the significance of maintaining the university's brand visibility.



One of the highlights of the event was the participation of the ATU Alumni Association, represented by its executives. These alumni shared inspiring stories of their journey from students to successful professionals, highlighting how their connection to the university has played a pivotal role in their career growth and personal development. They emphasized the strength of the alumni network as a valuable resource for mentorship, networking, and continued learning.

Throughout the seminar, participants were encouraged to ask questions, engage in discussions, and share their thoughts on how they envision

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their post-graduation journeys. The interactive nature of the event facilitated meaningful connections between students and the speakers, fostering a sense of unity and purpose among the final-year cohort.



As the two-day Leavers' Seminar came to a close, the participants left the auditorium with a renewed sense of purpose and determination. Armed with insights into the essence of graduation and the potential of their roles as future alumni, the final-year students were eager to embark on their next chapter with a

newfound enthusiasm for personal and professional growth.

The event marked a significant milestone in the University's commitment to providing holistic education and preparing students for life beyond academia. With the successful conclusion of the inaugural seminar, it is expected that this tradition will continue to thrive, nurturing generations of empowered graduates who are proud ambassadors of their alma mater.

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ANNUAL ATU FASHION DEPARTMENT'S EXHIBITION AND FASHION SHOW CELEBRATES

CREATIVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY



The Accra Technical University's (ATU) Fashion Department held its highly anticipated annual Exhibition and Fashion Show for final year students on Thursday, August 17, and Friday, August 18, 2023. The event took place at the University Auditorium and showcased a mesmerizing array of fashion and textile designs that explored the theme "Think Global, Wear Local: Propelling the wheels of creativity and sustainability through Fashion."

With an impressive lineup of about 342 fashion and textile designs, the exhibition took

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attendees on a journey of imagination and innovation. Each design depicted various concepts and themes such as “beauty and femininity,” “reflection,” and “taste of life,” which artfully paid homage to the overarching theme of the event.

The event was inaugurated by the Acting Vice-Chancellor of ATU, Prof. Amevi Acakpovi, who symbolically cut the ribbon to mark the commencement of the exhibition. Prof. Acakpovi emphasized the importance of nurturing students’ creativity and innovation, as well as celebrating the Fashion Department’s contributions as the university gears up to celebrate its 75th anniversary next year.

He expressed his optimism that the showcased designs and



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craftsmanship would leave a lasting impact in the world of fashion, contributing to the reputation of ATU's graduates.

Speaking about the exhibited designs, Prof. Acakpovi noted, "As a TVET institution, we value the skill and knowledge of our students and how they bring it to the public through things that are not only knowledge-based but skill-based." "Our target is that they will continue to innovate and fill various institutions in the country and create lots of jobs because they have been empowered with entrepreneurial skills," he added.

Ms. Catherine Adu, the Head of the Fashion Department, expressed her admiration for the exceptional displays and praised the students' dedication to their craft. She affirmed that the students' well-equipped skill sets and innovative designs poised them for success in the professional world of fashion. "Our students have demonstrated not only technical expertise but also a deep understanding of how fashion can intersect with broader themes of



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sustainability and creativity,” Ms. Adu commented.

The highlight of the event will be the runway show scheduled for the following day at the prestigious National Theatre. The students will take to the runway to model their designs, allowing the culmination of the two-day event to shine on an even grander stage.

As the ATU Fashion Department’s Exhibition and Fashion Show draws to a close, it leaves behind a trail of inspiration, innovation, and creativity, echoing the sentiment that fashion can be a powerful force for both global consciousness and local sustainability. With a display that reverberates with the vision of “Think Global, Wear Local,” the event is set to make a lasting impression on the world of fashion.

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HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP SEALED BETWEEN ACCRA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS AND DECORATORS GHANA



The Accra Technical University Council Chamber was brimming with excitement on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, as a momentous event unfolded. Key officials from Accra Technical University (ATU) welcomed a delegation from Interior Designers and Decorators Ghana (IDDG) to solidify a landmark collaboration. The occasion marked the official signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two entities, establishing a promising professional and educational relationship between ATU's Interior Design and Technology Department and IDDG.

In her opening address, Dr. Mrs. Sylvia Beatrice Oppong-Mensah, Registrar of Accra Technical University, underscored the institution's unwavering commitment to equipping students with practical skills and job market exposure. She highlighted the significance of providing competency-based training and real-world internship oppor-

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tunities through partnerships with industry leaders. Dr. Oppong-Mensah expressed her optimism that the collaboration would extend beyond mere formalities and significantly enrich the learning experiences of Interior Design students.

Subsequently, Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Amevi Acakpovi elucidated the purpose of the gathering, emphasizing the critical role of industry collaboration in delivering competency-based training, as mentioned by Dr. Oppong-Mensah. He welcomed the IDDG delegation warmly, acknowledging the groundbreaking nature of the partnership.

Mr. Kennedy Newton Nutassey, Head of ATU's Interior Design and Technology Department, exuded profound enthusiasm throughout the meeting. With evident pride, he conveyed the eagerness of his students to connect with the industry. Nutassey highlighted the rapid growth of the interior design industry, which often goes unnoticed despite its role in transforming houses into homes. He shared that his department had been actively seeking partnerships within the professional realm and expressed his elation that IDDG



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had responded to their call, deeming the collaboration a monumental achievement.

Madam Lorraine Eyetsa Ocloo, President of IDDG, expressed her gratitude for the warm reception extended to her organization by ATU. She articulated IDDG's excitement at the prospect of working closely with Accra Technical University to empower and shape the futures of the upcoming generation of interior designers and decorators.



The event witnessed the presence of other distinguished individuals, including Madam Margaret Morzadec, an interior designer and IDDG member, and Madam Faith Amertorgoh, a colour consultant affiliated with IDDG. ATU's Director of Finance, Mr. Frank Owusu Boateng, and the Dean of the Faculty of Built Environment, Mr. Seth Allotey, also attended the ceremony, bearing witness to the historic signing of the MoU.

This collaboration between Accra Technical University and Interior Designers and Decorators Ghana signals a transformative partnership poised to nurture the talents and aspirations of budding interior design professionals, paving the way for an enhanced and practical learning journey.

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ACCRA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY AND A-TECH GROUP KOREA RENEW COLLABORATION TO ADVANCE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

Accra Technical University (ATU) and A-Tech Group Korea Inc. have officially renewed their partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to continue their joint efforts in providing specialized training courses in cutting-edge technologies. The virtual signing ceremony was held at the ATU Council Chamber on August 10, 2023.

Building on the success of their initial collaboration, the new MoU outlines the development and delivery of short training courses in three key areas: Drone Technology, 3D Printing Technology, and CDMA Wireless Surveillance. These courses are aimed at equipping students and enthusiasts with practical skills and knowledge to navigate the dynamic landscape of technology.



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The partnership originally began in 2018 and has since yielded fruitful results in fostering technological education. With the renewal of the collaboration, both institutions are expected to leverage their expertise to take these initiatives to the next level.

The highlight of this renewed collaboration is the forthcoming certification of the ATU Drone Centre. This center is anticipated to play a pivotal role in enhancing the practical skills of students and professionals alike. By offering hands-on experience in drone technology, the center will prepare individuals for the ever-expanding applications of drones in various industries, including agriculture, health delivery, and infrastructure inspection.



Speaking at the virtual signing ceremony, Prof. Amevi Acakpovi, the Acting Vice-Chancellor of Accra Technical University, expressed his enthusiasm for the continued partnership. “Our collaboration with A-Tech Group Korea

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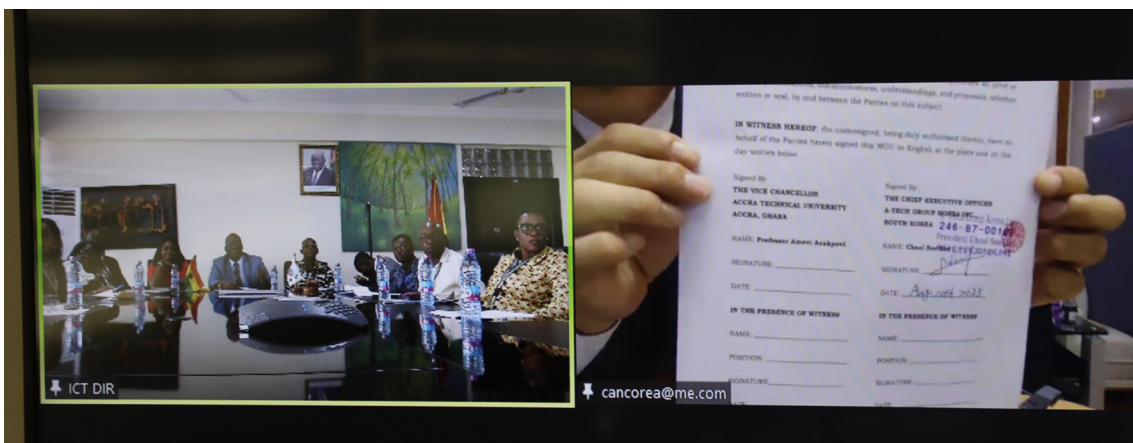


has consistently demonstrated the power of international partnerships in driving technological advancement. The certification of our Drone Centre will undoubtedly empower our students and participants with relevant and forward-looking skills.”

A-Tech Group Korea Inc., renowned for its innovation and expertise, has been an instrumental partner in co-designing the training courses and sharing their industry insights. This collaboration not only strengthens the ties between the institutions but also paves the way for a robust exchange of knowledge and expertise.

As the world continues to evolve in the realm of technology, this renewed collaboration signifies a commitment to staying at the forefront of innovation and equipping individuals with the skills they need to thrive in an increasingly digital world. The MoU signing is a testament to the ongoing partnership’s success and its potential to shape the future of technology education.

With the MoU now in place, both Accra Technical University and A-Tech Group Korea Inc. are set to embark on another chapter of impactful collaboration, solidifying their roles as trailblazers in technological education and advancement.



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- PO Phil Ocloo

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ATU GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO 137 STUDENTS, EMPOWERS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Accra Technical University (ATU) held its Scholarship Award Ceremony on Friday, 18th August, 2023, recognising the outstanding achievements of 137 students who were granted scholarships for the 2022/2023 academic year.

The event, held at the ATU Guest lodge, was graced by the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Amevi Acakpovi, who lauded the collaborative efforts that led to these scholarships.

In his address, Prof. Acakpovi extended his gratitude to the dedicated staff who tirelessly sought funds for the scholarships. He singled out Mrs. Esther Dorte for spearheading the search and also acknowledged the contributions of the former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Samuel Nii Odai. He also praised Dr. Sarah F. Hackman Duncan, the Vice Dean of Student Affairs, for her role in chairing the selection committee responsible for the awards.

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The scholarship recipients, representing various faculties, were granted a 40% tuition fee waiver for the current academic year, with the payments having already been made and reflected in their iCampus accounts.

The scholarships were awarded in eight distinct categories, reflecting the diverse talents and needs of the student body:

- 1. Brilliant but needy students - 80 recipients**
- 2. Community engagement - 7 recipients**
- 3. Female students in STEM fields - 14 recipients**
- 4. National Service Personnel - 13 recipients**
- 5. Students from less endowed community schools - 5 recipients**
- 6. Sports men and women - 5 recipients**
- 7. Alumni - 5 recipients**
- 8. GNPC - 13 recipients**



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Awardees were encouraged to maintain a strong commitment to their studies, as their academic records would be reviewed on a semester basis. Speaking on behalf of the recipients, one awardee expressed gratitude to the university's management and the selection committee for their dedication to supporting students. They pledged to uphold the university's reputation and continue to excel academically.

Mr. Martin Owusu Amoamah, the Dean of Students, commended the awardees for their accomplishments and urged them to remain steadfast in their pursuit



of academic excellence. He also expressed appreciation for the committee's tireless efforts in making the scholarship dream a reality.

During the ceremony, Mrs. Esther Dortey shared exciting news about upcoming scholarship opportunities from organisations such as Ghana Gas, GNPC, GetFund, and the Ghana Scholarship Secretariat. She encouraged students to also aspire

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to be recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's awards for the best students with a GPA of 4.5 and above.

Dignitaries present at the event included Dr. Mrs. Sylvia B. Oppong-Mensah, the Registrar; Prof. Ernest C. Winful, the Dean of International Programmes and Institutional Cooperation; Prof. Alice C. Mensah, the Dean of Applied Science; and esteemed lecturers.

The Scholarship Award Ceremony celebrated the commitment of ATU to academic excellence and the empowerment of its students through financial support and recognition.