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ATU TAKES OVER CANTONMENTS ESTATES PHASE I REGENERATION PROJECT

The Management of ATU officially took over the Cantonments Estates Phase I regeneration project from the contractor (Project 7) on Monday, November 4, 2024.



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The scope of the regeneration works includes landscaping and paving the compound of the three-storey Block G, the installation of water sprinklers and three 10,000-liter Polytanks to ensure a sustainable water supply, tiling of the common areas, and the construction of a state-of-the-art security post.

Additionally, the project involves general painting and decoration of the walls, as well as improvements to security lighting. The scope also covers upgrades to the drainage system at the Vice-Chancellor's official residence, along with landscaping, beautification, and paving. The aim of the project is to create a comfortable, serene environment for residents and their families, while enhancing overall well-being.





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ACCRA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY FACILITATES AI TRAINING FOR ENHANCED MILITARY ADMINISTRATION

The Ghana Armed Forces, as part of its efforts to enhance efficiency and productivity, have received specialised training on the use of Generative AI tools in accelerating administrative tasks. The two-day training which was facilitated by Accra Technical University took place on the 28th and 29th of October at the Ghana Armed Forces Computer Center



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Addressing participants at the opening of the training, the Director of the IT Department at the Ghana Armed Forces, Colonel Emmanuel Otu Seppey drummed home the pivotal role technology plays in ensuring balance between speed and accuracy in their administrative duty. He mentioned that the world has transitioned to the Artificial Intelligence (AI) era, and everybody must embrace and incorporate it into their work. He said that the benefits of using AI are immeasurable and encouraged participants to seize the opportunity to improve their productivity at work.

He urged participants to fully engage themselves and make the most out of the work training and their daily lives. The Director of Human Resource and Organisational Development of Accra Technical University, Mrs. Linda Tormetti in her goodwill message encouraged participants to invest themselves in the use of AI tools and explore the possibilities that abound in the technology. She stated that there is a gap in the adoption and use of AI in Africa, so there is a need for comprehensive education on its use to catch up with the rest of the world. She further disclosed that Africa lags behind others in the investment and allocation of AI, stressing the need for targeted resources in AI-driven fields. She expressed confidence that the training would bring transformative changes to participants' work routines. Mr. Obed Oduro from Accra Technical University's Library Department spearheaded the training session, taking participants through the concept of AI and how it can be incorporated into their administrative tasks.

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He taught participants AI prompting techniques that will help them get the most out of the tool to serve the purpose for which they use it. Participants were also taught how to use AI tools such as ChatGPT, Claude and Microsoft Copilot to carry out administrative activities like writing memos, reports, minutes, and responding to emails. Mr. Oduro mentioned the dynamism and efficiency AI brings to writing and organisation, adding that participants should learn how to get the best results by ensuring clarity in their prompts. The training also covered essential security measures to safeguard sensitive information when using AI, a critical aspect for military personnel.

Mr. Oduro advised on best practices, including disabling history, using non-institutional emails, and avoiding specific details in prompts. These measures, he noted, would help secure sensitive data and ensure safe AI interactions. Participants engaged in hands-on exercises, experimenting with ChatGPT to generate sample reports, and exploring AI applications such as transcription, image recognition, optical character recognition, and creating personalised AI models. The two-day training offered insights into the use of AI by institutions such as the Ghana Armed Forces and the potential for capacity building, increasing efficiency, reducing errors and enhancing productivity. Through its hands-on approach, participants grasped the scope of ChatGPT by developing prompting skills for assigned tasks, improving their overall user experience with the technology.





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ATU SECURITY PERSONNEL RECEIVE NEW UNIFORMS AND GEAR

Security personnel at Accra Technical University (ATU) have been outfitted with new uniforms, including combat boots and dress shoes, to enhance their professionalism and comfort on duty.



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The uniforms were officially presented to the team by the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Amevi Ackapovi, alongside key members of the university's management team, including the Director of Finance, Director of General Services, and Director of Internal Audit.

During the presentation on 4th November, 2024 at the Council Chamber, Professor Ackapovi urged the security staff to take good care of their new attire and uphold the high standards of professionalism and discipline expected in the security service. He also emphasized the importance of vigilance in their roles and assured them that the university management would continue to provide support, including ongoing training in modern security practices, to further enhance their skills and development.

The security personnel expressed their gratitude for the thoughtful gesture, assuring the Acting Vice-Chancellor that they would continue to improve their service to the university community. The ceremony included a formal parade, where Professor Ackapovi conducted an inspection of the newly uniformed security team.





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SCRIPT MASTERS WIN ATU'S STATISTICAL DATA HACKATHON WITH 'TRASH TO CASH' WEB APP

Accra Technical University are the latest entrants in the Statistical Data Hackathon, a competition organized by the Ghana Statistical Service with the focus on using data to provide innovative solutions to contemporary problems.



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In an official launch on 1st November 2024 at the University's auditorium, five teams, Script Masters, Mystical, Arch Data, Stats Squad, and Byte Bandits him on were presented by the University to battle for the coveted prize and an opportunity to represent the University at the National level. The participating teams were made up of students who are studying various programmes at the University.

Speaking at the launch of the competition the acting Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Amevi Ackapovi expressed his excitement at the arrival of the competition at the doorsteps of the University. He emphasized the relevance of data in making informed decisions and innovative solutions to societal problems. He said that it is crucial for policy makers, Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies, and other government institutions to capitalize on data to get to the core of issues that concern the country. For this reason, he reiterated the importance of the availability of data as a necessity to advance the search for sustainable solutions.

He commended the efforts of the Ghana Statistical Service for striving to make data available with the institution of the online data bank which will be a point for reference for all research in Ghana. He said this will help to ease the conduct of research as students and academics would not have to rely on data abroad in tackling issues that have local and national bearing. He admonished respective teams to look beyond the competition and see it as an opportunity to contribute to innovative

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solutions to the challenges of the country. He advised that the inability to win the coveted prize should not deter participating groups from advancing their ideas as such ideas can be a game changer in the long run. He was confident of the prospects of the teams that have been presented by the University and was optimistic about going all the way to winning the ultimate prize at the national level. The Chief statistician and the Director of Business, Industry and Trade Statistics, Dr. Owusu Kagya stressed the focus of the Statistical Data Hackathon in applying innovative technologies, analytical procedures, and visualization aimed at addressing challenges experienced at the national level.



He mentioned the concerted efforts of the Ghana Statistical Service in making data available for interested parties for their use. He highlighted the institution of the Data and Statistical online banks as one of its major achievements as a data producer centered entity. He encouraged students, lecturers and anyone who has a stake in using data to address problems to come out with solutions to use the institution's data bank and explore the opportunities for driving innovations and creative solutions. The six teams were tasked to use data made available by GSS's online data bank to come up with innovations and creative ideas that will offer value to society. Each team was supervised by a mentor who is a member



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of the faculty in the University. The teams had 36 hours to analyse a plethora of data to come up with an idea and creative solutions to a problem. The competition ended with Script Masters emerging as winners with a solution to create a web application known as “Trash to Cash” which provides a platform for household waste segregation. An innovation to address environmental issues and plastic waste.

The winners received a cash prize of Gh¢5000 and they had the pride of representing the University at the national level, competing the likes of Takoradi Technical University, Koforidua Technical University, Sunyani Technical University, Bolgatanga Technical University and Dr. Hilla Liman Technical University. In addition to this, the participating teams were all given a cash prize of Gh¢1000 by the ATU Management. Professor, Ackapovi encouraged all participants to make the most of the opportunity to turn their ideas into sustainable solutions that would not only be relevant to the competition but the nation at large. He went on to challenge the winners to waive the flag of the University high by winning the ultimate prize. The GSS Statical Data Hackathon is an innovative competition that gives students from Tertiary the platform to showcase their analytical skills using data to provide solutions to everyday issues and problems of national and global relevance.



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