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The formalisation of this partnership is imminent, as Luciano Scelza is scheduled to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ATU. This agreement will delineate the framework for the collaborative training venture, benefitting students by providing them with real-world experience in hospitality management.

The items generously donated by the Italian charity organisation were delivered to ATU on Saturday, April 27th, 2024. The delivery was orchestrated with the assistance of the captain of the Italian navy vessel, Bettica ship, Giuseppe Bonfiglio, and his dedicated team. Their efforts ensured the safe and timely arrival of the much-needed equipment, further cementing the bonds of cooperation between ATU and its international partners.



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This donation not only enhances ATU's technological infrastructure but also signifies the commitment of global organisations to supporting education and skill development in Africa. The collaboration between ATU, the Italian charity organisation, and the Marriot Hotel holds great promise for empowering students and fostering excellence in the field of hospitality management.

Il Sorriso Che Vorrei, which translates to The Smile I Would Like, is a non-profit Clown Care Volunteer Association with a mission to donate and give themselves to all people who find themselves in situations of pain, difficulty and suffering.



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The health walk, which kicked off in the early hours of Wednesday morning, saw a large turnout of university staff, students despite the morning showers. Participants were treated to a lively performance by the brass band, from which played a mix of upbeat tunes and popular Ghanaian music, keeping everyone energised and motivated throughout the walk.

Upon arriving at the Mpehuasem Campus, participants were led through an invigorating aerobics session, expertly led by a team of fitness instructors from the Ghana Armed Forces. The high-energy workout got everyone moving and grooving, with many participants showcasing their best dance moves.

The event aimed to promote physical fitness, well-being, and togetherness among university staff and students, as well as celebrate the contributions of workers to the development of the nation. The health walk and aerobics session were a fitting way to mark Workers' Day, which is celebrated annually on May 1st.



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In a statement, Mr. Martin Owusu Amoamah the Dean of Student Affairs of ATU expressed his gratitude to all participants and stakeholders who made the event a success. “We are thrilled to celebrate Workers’ Day in such a unique and engaging way. This event is a testament to our commitment to promoting physical and mental well-being, as well as community spirit.”

The health walk and aerobics session form part of a series of events to mark the University’s 75th Anniversary celebrations. by the university to mark its 75th anniversary, which falls on May 1st, 2024.

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Ambassador Churcher lauded Accra Technical University's unwavering commitment to showcasing Ghana's educational excellence on an international platform. She emphasised the university's pivotal role in strengthening educational ties between Ghana and Benin through its active engagement in the embassy's education fair.

She highlighted the rich academic heritage of Ghana, noting its reputable universities and diverse educational programmes. She underscored the importance of educational exchanges between Ghana and Benin, stressing the potential for cultural enrichment and mutual growth through such events.

"The path to progress and prosperity lies in education," Ambassador Churcher remarked. She added, "By investing in our youth and facilitating cross-border educational initiatives, we pave the way for a brighter future not only for Ghana and Benin but for the entire West African region." She advocated for unity and closer ties between West African countries. 'Language should never be a barrier, I want to see the day when the Ghanaian child speaks fluent French and the vice-versa', the Ambassador stated. "I am much more than excited to see that most attendees at this fair are women," she intimated.



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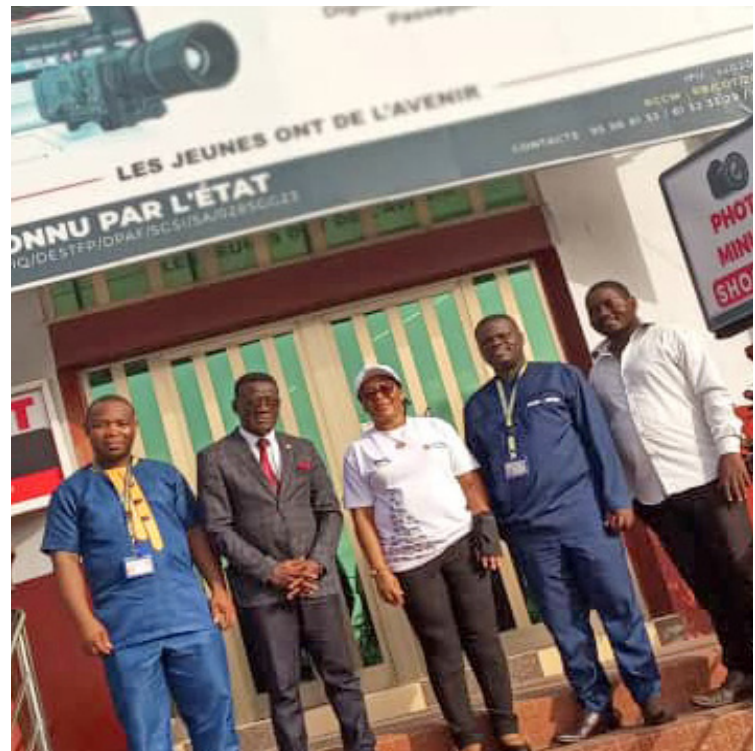
Ambassador Churcher further highlighted the broader diplomatic significance of educational exchanges, citing them as pillars of bilateral cooperation and solidarity. She encouraged attendees to leverage the fair's platform to forge meaningful connections and explore possibilities for academic pursuits in Ghana.

The fair featured presentations by representatives from Ghanaian educational institutions, including KNUST and Accra Technical University, providing attendees with insights into academic offerings, scholarship opportunities, and collaborative initiatives. Prospective students from Benin expressed keen interest in furthering their education in Ghana and enhancing their English proficiency.

Accra Technical University remains committed to advancing Ghana's educational interests abroad and looks forward to continued collaboration with the Ghanaian Embassy in future editions of the education fair in Benin.



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The event, which ran from 12 noon to 4 pm, saw the active participation of 1,760 senior high school students, both boarding and day students, all in their final year.

ATU took center stage during the breakout sessions, engaging students with comprehensive information about the university's academic programmes, admission procedures, scholarships, and career prospects. Representatives from the university passionately addressed queries and guided students towards making informed decisions about their higher education journey.

The university extended gratitude to the organizers for hosting such a fruitful event and expressed enthusiasm for future fairs.

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