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VICE-CHANCELLOR LEADS STAFF DURBAR TO SET AGENDA FOR 2026

The Vice-Chancellor of Accra Technical University, Professor Amevi Acakpovi, has once again demonstrated his commitment to inclusive leadership by spearheading a staff durbar to officially usher the university into the 2026 academic year.

The durbar, held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at the University Auditorium, brought together management and staff to openly discuss issues affecting the institution and to share ideas aimed at advancing the university's growth and development.

Addressing the gathering, Professor Acakpovi outlined key priorities and initiatives for the year 2026. These include the finalisation and launch of the Accra Technical University Strategic Plan, capacity building in artificial intelligence, strengthening Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) through clear performance targets, and the introduction of cost rationalisation measures to ensure efficient use of resources.



The forum also provided an opportunity for staff to raise concerns and contribute to discussions on critical operational challenges. Key among these were campus security, health and sanitation, teaching and learning activities, infrastructure development, and internet connectivity.

The interactive nature of the durbar was evidence of the Vice-Chancellor's listening approach to leadership, as staff were encouraged to freely express their views and propose practical solutions to the challenges discussed.



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The staff durbar set a positive tone for the year, stressing management's commitment to collaboration, transparency, and shared responsibility in building a stronger and more responsive Accra Technical University.





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Prof. Acakpovi Invested as ATU Vice-Chancellor, Commits to Leadership That Listens

Accra Technical University (ATU) has formally invested Professor Amevi Acakpovi as its second substantive Vice-Chancellor, marking a significant chapter in the university's journey as a fully-fledged tertiary institution. The colourful ceremony, which was well attended, brought together dignitaries, directors, corporate partners, staff, alumni, and students to witness the historic occasion.

Professor Acakpovi, who previously served as Acting Vice-Chancellor, has already led the University through important milestones in academics, staff development, strategic partnerships, and infrastructure improvement. His investiture now confirms his mandate to steer the affairs of the university going forward.

Addressing the gathering, Professor Acakpovi expressed gratitude to the University Council and the entire ATU community for the trust placed in him. He acknowledged that the appointment comes not only with honour but also with responsibility and assured the university of his readiness to lead with humility and purpose. He emphasised his commitment to a leadership style that listens, engages, and values the contributions of staff and students.

He shared the strategic direction of the university, which is drawn from ATU's strategic plan and will guide management decisions over the next five years. Key focus areas under his leadership include skills-based and future-ready teaching and learning, digital transformation, modern infrastructure, quality assurance and compliance, applied research and innovation, staff development and welfare, strong partnerships, and sustainability through green technologies. He noted that these priorities are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and are expected to have a positive impact on both the university and society.

Professor Acakpovi described the strategic pillars as clear and practical commitments, supported by defined implementation plans and monitoring systems. He also called on the university community to support the administration,





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describing staff and students as the backbone of the institution and the custodians of its values and standards. He reaffirmed his pledge to lead in a way that empowers people and supports their growth.

The guest speaker, Professor George K. T. Oduro, urged the university community to work closely with the Vice-Chancellor to achieve the shared vision of ATU. He stressed the importance of allowing systems to function effectively within the framework of the Technical Universities Act, 2016 (Act 922), noting that strong systems are essential for protecting academic life and integrity.

In a speech delivered on behalf of the Deputy Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Clement Abas Apaak, emphasis was placed on strengthening collaboration between industry and academia. The message encouraged the Vice-Chancellor to build a university that remains closely linked to industry while putting systems in place to support staff and students. It noted that such partnerships help students succeed and drive national development.

With his formal investiture now complete, Professor Ackapovi begins his tenure with a clear message of inclusive leadership. His pledge to listen, engage, and work closely with staff and students sets the tone for the next phase of ATU's growth, as the university moves forward with shared responsibility and a common vision for progress.





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McDan Urges Strong Industry Link as ATU Invests New Vice-Chancellor

The Executive Chairman of the McDan Group of Companies, Mr. Daniel McKorley, popularly known as McDan, has called for stronger collaboration between industry and academia as Accra Technical University (ATU) formally invested Professor Amevi Acakpovi as its second substantive Vice-Chancellor.

Speaking at the investiture ceremony, on January 15, 2026, at the University's ceremonial grounds, McDan said universities, especially technical universities, have a key role to play in preparing students not just for certificates, but for real work and business life. He noted that leading a university comes with responsibility and service, and encouraged the new Vice-Chancellor to lead with humility, kindness, and a clear sense of purpose.

McDan, who is a well-known Ghanaian businessman and founder of the McDan Group with interests in logistics, aviation, construction, and trade, said the country needs universities that are innovative and closely linked to industry. According to him, leadership positions are temporary, but the impact made through

service and results will last.

He stressed the need for practical training, proposing a model where students spend fewer years in the classroom and more time gaining hands-on experience in industry before graduating. He explained that technical universities are well placed to produce entrepreneurs, adding that students should leave school ready to create jobs, not only to look for them.

McDan further encouraged ATU to deepen its partnerships with private sector players and focus on research that can solve real problems. He assured the University of the readiness of the McDan Group to work with ATU by offering industry exposure, practical knowledge, and opportunities that connect classroom learning to the world of work.

He congratulated Professor Acakpovi on his investiture and expressed confidence that under his leadership, ATU would grow into a centre of excellence that produces graduates who contribute meaningfully to national development.

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ATU Welcomes New Students into University Life



Accra Technical University (ATU) has officially welcomed its Students were also guided on academic life at ATU. They were fresh students for the 2025/2026 academic year with a series of advised to take their studies seriously from the very beginning, orientation programmes aimed at helping them settle smoothly attend lectures regularly and avoid last-minute learning habits. into university life. The programme, which was in departmental Emphasis was placed on the importance of academic honesty, sessions, was held from January 12 to January 14, 2026, at the especially during examinations, with clear warnings against all University's auditorium. forms of examination malpractice.

Spearheaded by the faculty deans and the student affairs, the Another key area covered was the use of digital systems on campus. orientation was designed to guide new students on what to Fresh students were educated on how to access the student expect academically, socially and administratively as they begin portal, register their courses, use official university email accounts their journey at the university. It also served as an important and follow proper procedures to avoid administrative challenges. platform to introduce them to the values, rules and support They were reminded that online registration is an essential part of systems that define life at ATU. being recognised as an active student of the university.

As part of the programme, students were taken through the general The orientation further addressed student welfare and conduct. structure of the university and reminded of their responsibility Students were educated on acceptable behaviour on campus, to uphold the image and standards of the institution. They were mutual respect and the need to maintain professional boundaries encouraged to take pride in being part of a technical university in their interactions. Issues relating to personal safety and that places strong emphasis on practical training, innovation and harassment were also highlighted, with students informed about discipline. the importance of reporting any inappropriate behaviour through



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the right channels.

In addition, students were introduced to key academic resources available to support their studies. The university library was highlighted as a major learning hub, offering both physical books and electronic materials to aid research and independent study. Students were encouraged to make good use of these facilities throughout their stay at the university.

Communication was another important focus of the programme. Students were advised to rely only on official university communication platforms for information on academic activities, fees, examinations and other important notices. This was to help them avoid misinformation and confusion often spread through unofficial channels.

With the orientation programme completed, fresh students are now officially welcomed into our scholarly community, having been given the foundation for a smooth transition into university life and a focused academic experience.





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