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UEW Graduates 16,489 at 24th Congregation



The Jophus Anamuah-Mensah Conference Centre was filled to capacity during the Winneba Campus sessions of the Congregation

The University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has graduated a total of 16,489 students at its 24th Congregation ceremonies held from Thursday, 17th to Saturday, 26th October, 2019 at the Winneba, Asante-Mampong and Kumasi Campuses of the University.

Winneba and Ajumako Campuses graduated 9,005 students representing 55% whereas a total of 1,569 students representing 9% graduated from Asante-Mampong Campus while Kumasi Campus ended the ceremony with 5,915 graduates representing 36%

On Thursday, 17th October, a total of 3,368 students from the Faculties of Science Education, Social Sciences Education, Ghanaian Languages Education and School of Business graduated at the Winneba Campus.

The Winneba Campus also saw a total of 3,036 students graduating from the Faculties of Educational Studies and Foreign Languages Education and Communication as well as the University's Institute for Distance and e-Learning (IDeL) Centres of Accra Academy, Accra College of Education, Accra Wesley Girls, St. John's Grammar, Asamankese, Assin Fosu, Axim, Dambai and Hohoe on Friday, 18th October.





Some of the graduands who could not hide their joy during the just ended 24th Congregation

The Winneba Campus sessions ended on Saturday, 19th October, with a total of 2,601 students from the School of Graduate Studies, School of Creative Arts and the IDeL Study Centres of Cape Coast, Denu, Ho, Koforidua, Odumasi Krobo, Sekondi, Tarkwa, Sogakope, Tema, Winneba and Kasoa graduating.

Asante-Mampong Campus took its turn on Thursday, 24th October, and graduated a total of 1,569 students from the Faculties of Agricultural Education, Science and Environment Education,

the School of Graduate Studies and IDeL Study Centres at Atebubu, Ejisu, Techiman and Mampong

Friday, 25th October saw a total of 2,765 students from the IDeL Study Centres of Tamale BATCO, Tamale NOBISCO, Navrongo, Wa, Yendi, Pusiga, Bechem, Enchi, Kumasi Girls, Kumasi UEW, Nkawkaw, Obuasi, Ofinso, Sefwi Wiawso, Sefwi Debiso and Sunyani presented with Diploma and First Degrees at the Kumasi Campus. The Faculties of Technical Education, Vocational Education,

Education and Communication Sciences, Business Education and the School of Graduate Studies at Kumasi graduated a total of 3,150 students on Saturday, 26th October, 2019

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni admonished the graduands to make their alma mater proud by positively impacting society. "As you step into the world of work, I encourage you to be innovative in supporting government to create jobs for many young people out there. Keep in touch with your colleagues, the Faculty and above all the University. Join the Alumni Association and do not forget to give back to your Alma Mater. I am confident in your capacity to overcome prospective challenges out there. I urge

you to contribute meaningfully to the development of the institutions you find yourselves in."



Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni during his advise to the graduands



Some graduands who graduated with 1st Class Honours in a handshake with the Vice-Chancellor and University Management



UEW Airforce Cadet Corps during a parade



Convocation members in attendance

Prof. Flolu Advocates for Further Discourse on Global Trends in Educational Reforms



Prof. Emmanuel James Flolu in his address

An Associate Professor of Music and Music Education and former Principal, College of Technology Education (COLTEK), UEW, Prof. Emmanuel James Flolu has called on the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) to use the 25th Anniversary celebration to engage in further discourse on major government educational reforms within the context of global trends.

He added that the discourse should be supported by literature arising out of empirical research to make informed views available for the benefit of government as well as policy implementers.

Prof. Flolu made the call on Wednesday, 16th October, 2019 at the Jophus Anamuah-Mensah Conference Centre, North Campus, Winneba during the first Public Lecture for the 25th Anniversary of the University.

Addressing participants on the topic "Teacher Education in Ghana, Reflections

on the Mandate of the University of Education, Winneba", Prof. Flolu highlighted relevant issues such as incubation period, the University Rationalisation Committee, the unwritten Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the constituent Colleges of Ghana Education Service (GES), proposed name for the University College, the desire of Kumasi and Mampong Campuses, the UEW Act 672 and the Multi-Campus University, from University College to autonomous University status, proposed names of the University, the wish of the Effutu Traditional Council, request for autonomous status for Kumasi and aftermath, the spirit of the law Act 672, UEW and National Education Policies and the way forward.



Prof. Flolu flanked by (from L-R) Prof. Ruby Hanson, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni, Prof. Obeng Mireku and Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq.

Prof. Flolu, in his presentation, examined some of the various dynamics which appear to have influenced the growth of UEW and he also explored some key opportunities and challenges including the educational steps taken

by government in the last decades. He informed UEW to develop a strategic plan which would see to the establishment of new campuses across the country and ensure that all the campuses have equal status.



"In this regard, we can only pursue a truly multi-campus University structure if we view UEW, with the current four campuses, Winneba, Kumasi, Mampong and Ajumako, as four Universities in one and if each is to be headed by a Principal we expect to have four principals. And this means that the Vice-Chancellor, who is based here at Winneba, the headquarters, should, in fact, be seen as carrying two positions in one: Principal of Winneba Campus and Vice-Chancellor of the University. In this way UEW will become bigger and stronger and our Vice-Chancellor will be the most powerful Vice-Chancellor in Ghana," he recommended. He used the occasion to call on every staff as well as stakeholders to contribute their quota for reconciliation. "We fought hard, worked tirelessly to pass on to the next generation this great beacon of teacher training university. As forefathers, nothing brings us the most gratification than to see the fruits of our labour and toils succeed. Yet we are at the crossroads. Our legacy is about to be destroyed. Our toils and labour are about to be in vain. Shall we look on for this to happen? This Silver Jubilee anniversary celebration should be treated as a defining moment for UEW: A time to pursue the next chapter not because it is easy, but because it is hard."

The Chairman of the UEW Governing Council, Prof. Obeng Mireku who chaired the occasion affirmed that the role of the teacher is pivotal and cannot be ignored because education is a necessary condition for development and the teacher is the orchestrator, implementer and ultimate definer of its reality.



Chairman of Council, Prof. Obeng Mireku

He admonished Universities, Colleges, the Teacher Education Division of the GES and all bodies involved in teacher education in Ghana to join forces to chart new content and emphatically, approaches to teaching that could promote critical thinking skills in teachers.



The Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq. during the purpose of gathering and welcome address indicated that public lectures are important in the life of every university because they create avenues for sharing views on cardinal areas on the mandate of the University and this will aid in re-strategising the University's efforts to achieve its vision and mission.

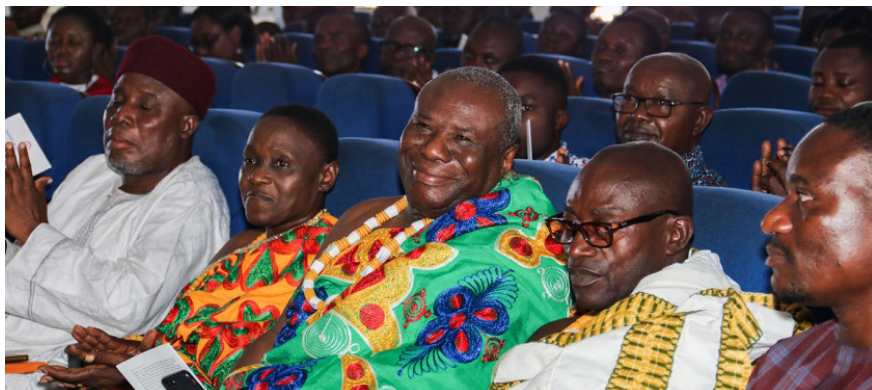


Students from the School of Creative Arts in a spectacular performance at the public lecture



The ceremony saw an impressive poetry recital and magnificent renditions by the School of Creative Arts.

Also present at the Lecture were the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni; Ag. Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ruby Hanson; Omanhene of Effutu Traditional Area, Neenyi Ghartey VII and his Entourage, Deans, Directors, Heads of Department, Lecturers, non-teaching staff and students.



Omanhene of Effutu Traditional Area, Neenyi Ghartey VII (third from right) with his entourage at the event

Chairman of UEW Council Calls for Financial Clearance for Staff Boost



Chairman of UEW Governing Council, Prof. Obeng Mireku

The Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Education, Winneba financial clearance to enable it increase its staff strength.

He stressed that the University continues to expand in both infrastructure and human resources to enable it cater for the increasing student population hence, the

need to employ more staff, particularly academic staff to meet its increasing population.

The Chairman of the Governing Council made the appeal at the Jophus Anamuah-Mensah Conference Centre, North Campus, Winneba during the 24th Congregation held from Thursday, 17th

October, 2019 and ended on Saturday, 26th October, 2019 at the Kumasi Campus.

"We earnestly appeal to Government for financial clearance to recruit more staff, especially academic staff to meet our expanded population, and in anticipation of the large number of Senior High School (SHS) students who will be seeking admission into the University following the government's flagship Free SHS initiative," he emphasised.



Graduands and Convocation members at the 24th Congregation ceremony



Prof. Mireku reiterated that the University is constructing ultra-modern lecture theatres, expanding student residential facilities and also improving the road network on its campuses to sustain the continued expansion of resources and Faculties.

He admonished graduands to let their

life impact positively on the society in which they find themselves and beyond as they are about to experience real life.

"Leave indelible marks for posterity to benefit as you transit into the 'real world' by your graduation today. Be the ambassadors of change wherever you find yourselves and exhibit an attitude worthy of emulation."

A total of 16,489 students graduated at the first session of the 24th Congregation ceremonies which took place at Winneba, Asante-Mampong and Kumasi Campuses.



University officials and dignitaries



Students from the School of Creative Arts entertaining graduands and invitees with a colorful performance

UEW Equips Academic Heads for 2019/2020 Academic year



Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has organised an orientation programme for Academic Heads, Deputy Registrars and Sectional Heads to remind them of policies, rules, structures, responsibilities, rights and sanctions of the institution in order to be industrious in executing their duties. The orientation took place at the Golden Bean Hotel in Kumasi on Monday, 7th October, 2019 for Kumasi and Asante-Mampong Campuses Academic Heads and Manna Heights Hotel on Friday, 11th October, 2019 for Winneba and Ajumako Campuses Academic Heads.

It discussed pertinent topics such as “the importance of orientation for University Heads; achieving our mandate through the implementation of Corporate Strategic Plan 2019-2023; the place of Deans, Directors, and Heads of Department (HoD) in University Management; ensuring excellence in our core mandate; functional financial administration practices in the public sector: the role of Deans, Directors, and HoDs; the role of the University library in the achievement of our core mandate; the role of procurement in achieving our core mandate; and supporting a student in distress: my role in a student-centered University”.



Speakers (from top left to bottom); Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni, Prof. Ruby Hanson, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq., Prof. Yaw Ameyaw, Mr. Viscount B. Buer, Mr. Francis Obeng, Mr. Dominic Nibeneanaa Kuutiero and Dr. Kwasi Amponsah

Speaking on the importance of orientation for University Heads, the Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq., stated that University Heads are managers and are involved in the daily administrative routines of the University hence, the necessity to regularly brief them through a well-tailored orientation programme to equip them for the particular academic year.

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni presented on the topic "achieving our mandate through the implementation of Corporate Strategic Plan 2019-2023". He threw more light on the vision, mission and mandate of UEW, core values and SWOT analysis. He urged the Academic Heads to exhibit academic excellence, good corporate governance, judicious utilisation and management of funds, gender equity and social inclusiveness, teamwork and partnership development, positive work attitude and be environmentally responsible to achieve the University's five-year strategic plan.

The Ag. Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ruby Hanson took participants through "the place of Deans, Directors, and HoDs in University Management". She charged the Academic Heads to be proactive in anticipating situations, setting goals and exercise self-initiative to be effective managers.

The Director, Quality Assurance, Prof. Yaw Ameyaw, in his presentation on the topic "ensuring excellence in our core mandate" entreated participants to adapt innovative teaching and teaching strategies and also organise local conferences to showcase what the University is doing for the public, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), National Accreditation Board (NAB) and stakeholders of the University. The Finance Officer, Mr. Francis Obeng enlightened participants on functional financial administration practices in the University whereas the University Librarian, Mr. Viscount Buer gave insight on the role of the University library in the achievement of UEW's core mandate.



Some contributors who made valuable contributions during the programme

The Ag. Head of Procurement, Mr. Dominic Nibeneanaa Kuutiero expatiated on the role of procurement in achieving the core mandate of UEW while the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Kwasi Amponsah climaxed the session with a presentation on "supporting a student in distress: my role in a student-centered University". Participants asked insightful questions and contributed constructively to every presentation.

Also present were the Deputy Registrar, Division of Human Resource, Mrs. Deborah Afful; Deputy Registrar and Head, Department of Publishing and Web Development, Mr. Jerry Addison Anyan; Senior Assistant Registrar and Head, University Relations Office and Media, Ms. Obaapanin Adu Oforiwaa; Manager, Radio Windy Bay, Mr. Jones Appiah-Kubi; Assistant Registrar, Employee Relations, Ms. Patricia Kaitoo; and Chief Administrative Assistant, Mr. Isaac Darkoh.



Participants listening attentively during the presentations

UTAG-UEW Executives Inducted into Office



Newly elected executive members of the University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG), University of Education, Winneba (UEW) Chapter have been inducted into office by the University Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Alexander Edwards.

The ceremony held on Sunday, 13th October, 2019 during an Interdenominational Church Service at the Jophus Anamuah-Mensah Conference Centre, officially unveiled the new executives of UTAG-UEW to members of the association as well as freshmen and continuing students of the University.



UTAG executive members (from R-L); Mr. Eric Sakyi Nketiah, Dr. Mavis Amo-Mensah, Mr. Pascal Kpodo and Dr. Ebenezer Teye Amanor-Lartey

The new executive members are the President, Mr. Eric Sakyi Nketiah, Department of History Education; Vice-President, Dr. Mavis Amo-Mensah, Department of Communication and Media Studies; Secretary, Mr. Pascal Kpodo, Department of Ewe Education; and Treasurer, Dr. Ebenezer Teye Amanor-Lartey, Department of Political Science Education. This follows the UTAG-UEW elections held on Friday, 27th September, 2019 at the Ajumako and Winneba Campuses of the University.

collaboration not just among members of UTAG but with the rank and file and other stakeholders of the University for the benefit of all," Mr. Nketiah said.

Among the University Officials present at the ceremony were the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni; Ag. Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ruby Hanson; Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq.; Finance Officer, Mr. Francis Obeng; Deans, Directors, Heads of Department and non-teaching staff of the University.



The President-elect speaking at the gathering

Speaking on behalf of the executives, the President-elect assured members of a unified and transparent administration. He pointed out that his administration would rally support to ensure progressive development of the association. "We have come in to primarily unify the UTAG front and pay attention to the welfare of the members.

We will provide transparent and humble leadership and work closely with Management and the Governing Council of the University towards the ultimate transformation of UEW. We are going to work to establish a closer



Some University Officials with the Vice-Chancellor (third from left) during the Service



Some students and staff who were present & Students from the School of Creative Arts in a performance during the program



The UEW Choir in attendance

279 UEW Students Awarded Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship for 2018/2019 Academic year



Some of the beneficiaries receiving their award letters

A total of 279 students at the four Campuses of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) have benefited from the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship Fund (VCSF) for brilliant but needy students for the 2018/2019 academic year.

At a short ceremony to present the grants to beneficiaries at Winneba, the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee and Director, Institute for Teacher Education and Continuing Professional Development (ITECPD), Prof. Dominic Danso Mensah admonished beneficiaries to be meticulous with their studies in order to maintain their Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.50 or better to continue to benefit from the University. The beneficiaries in Kumasi, Asante-Mampong and Ajumako campuses were presented at similar ceremonies organised on the campuses on 25th – 26th, 27th September, and 4th October,

2019 respectively. In all, 81 students received the award at the three aforementioned campuses while the remaining 198 awardees were presented in Winneba and the Institute for Distance and e-Learning (IDeL).

Among the University Staff present at the Winneba session were the Head, Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sports (HPERS), Prof. Henry A. Pufaa; Deputy Registrar, Office of the Registrar, Mrs. Hagar Bampah-Addo; Senior Assistant Registrar, Registrar's Office, Mrs. Dorothy Oppong Frimpong; and Member of the Committee, Mr. Eric Afutu.



Prof. Dominic Danso Mensah speaking to the beneficiaries

The Scholarship Scheme was launched three years ago to provide financial support to students of the University from low-income backgrounds to create an opportunity for them to have access to quality higher education. The beneficiaries received an amount of GH 1,000.00 each from the University.

The scholarship is opened to all students of UEW but candidates must show proof

of academic excellence and also indicate clearly that they are in financial difficulties to qualify for the grant. Moreover, in order for awardees not to relent in their studies once they win the award, the scholarship has been designed such that they would have to show proof of consistent academic excellence every year in order for the scholarship to be renewed.





Students from the Winneba Campus who benefited from the VCSF for the 2018/2019 academic year



Gender Mainstreaming Directorate Holds Workshop on Grant Proposal Writing



The Gender Mainstreaming Directorate has held a two-day workshop on Successful Grant Proposal Writing for female Senior Members to build their capacity in winning grants for the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni in his opening address, encouraged the Senior Members to develop the habit of writing proposals for grants to aid and improve their research and academic prowess.

"For the past decades, grant sourcing has become one of the requirements in the search for Vice-Chancellors, Deans and Chief Executive Officers in many institutions. Sourcing for funds has become a critical component of our lives as tertiary institutions in Africa because governments all over Africa have for the past twenty years or so, started realising the impossibility of totally sponsoring and taking care of the requirements of Universities in the sub-region," the Vice-Chancellor said.

The Head, Gender Mainstreaming Directorate, Ms. Eva Annan stated that the basic objective of the Directorate is to address gender representation gap in the University and obtain some gender balance adding, the workshop was one way to help accomplish that mandate.



Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni addressing participants



*Head, Gender Mainstreaming Directorate,
Ms. Eva Annan*



*Dr. Seth Adu-Afarwah during one of the
presentations*

The Resource Person, Dr. Seth Adu-Afarwah who is a lecturer at the Department of Food and Nutrition, University of Ghana, Legon, took the participants through various techniques of writing an effective grant proposal. He indicated that a typical proposal should have five components namely abstract, application checklist, research plan, budget and budget justification and other appendix elements.

Participants made dispassionate deliberations and recommendations on the presentation for their advancement. Present at the workshop were the University Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Alexander Edwards; Senior Assistant Registrar, Division of Operations, Mr. Francis Teye; female Senior Members and male staff.



A section of female senior members who present at the workshop



UEW Matriculates 13,754 Freshmen on Winneba Campus



The University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has today, Wednesday, 2nd October, 2019 matriculated a total of 13,754 registered students at the Winneba Campus of the University.

The ceremony, held at the Jophus Anamuah-Mensah Conference Centre Grounds, provided the opportunity for the freshmen to pledge their allegiance to the authority of the University through the administration of the Matriculation Oath.



Some of the students admitted for the 2019/2020 academic year

They are also expected to sign a bond of good behaviour and to subject themselves to the authorities in the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni reiterated UEW's commitment to building and sustaining a global centre of excellence for teacher education in the country.



Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni

According to the Vice-Chancellor, the University received a total of 38,898 applications with 37,733 going for undergraduate programmes and 1,165 for postgraduate programmes.

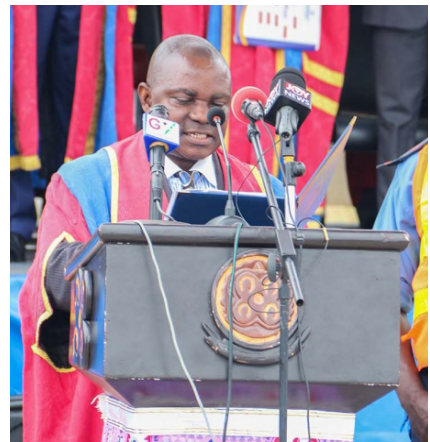
"The applications received represent a 90% increase over the previous year. The University offered admission to 29,459 applicants, representing an increase of 44% over the previous year. However, by close of registration, 15,171 students representing 18% over the previous year had registered.



The Winneba and Ajumako Campuses received a total of 26,208 applications. Of this number, 25,063 applied for undergraduate programmes while the remaining 1,145 applied for postgraduate programmes. The total number of applications received represents a 76% increase over the previous year. The University offered admission to 19,105 students in Winneba and Ajumako Campuses. This also represents a 70% increase over the admissions offered in the previous year. By close of registration, however, 9,181 students had registered which represents 8% increase

in registered students over the previous year," the Vice-Chancellor noted.

Rev. Fr. Prof. Afful-Broni encouraged the matriculants to strive for excellence in all their endeavours. "It is imperative to participate in other extracurricular activities so as to make you a balanced and well-rounded person with rich experiences. Be that as it may, your primary goal here is to study, you would have to strike a fine balance between your academic, extra-curricular and social life. You should allocate a fair amount of time to be spent on studies, social engagements and rest.



Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq addressing matriculants

The Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq. admonished the matriculants to study the laws of UEW carefully to ensure that they are well informed on issues pertaining to the University and more importantly make their stay in the University fruitful. He entreated them to work hard and uphold the good name of the University at all times.

"As students, we expect you to utilise the various facilities and opportunities

available on campus so that your stay in this University will be a blessing not only to you but also to your family and the country as a whole. It is the responsibility of all of us to help promote the image of our noble institution in a positive manner and also shape the destiny of our nation," the Registrar said.

The University will hold similar ceremonies at the Ajumako, Asante-Mampong and Kumasi Campuses on Thursday, 3rd and Saturday, 5th October, 2019 respectively.



Convocation members in procession

Ghartey Hall Freshmen Urged to be Resolute



The Management of Ghartey Hall in collaboration with the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs welcomed all affiliated freshmen to the University and the Hall on Wednesday, 25th September, 2019 at the South Assembly Hall, Winneba.

The Ag. Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Ernest Kwasi Amponsah, in his address, urged the freshmen to be resolute learners to accomplish their desired goals of coming to the University of Education, Winneba (UEW).

He informed the freshmen to regard their admission into the University of Education, Winneba as a privilege which should not be underestimated since huge numbers of people applied but not all were fortunate enough to be admitted. He charged them to strive for success. "Count your coming here as a privilege, be meticulous students and endeavour to participate in all University activities so that you will be accustomed to this noble institution," he advised the freshmen. Dr. Amponsah went on to entreat them to enjoy University life while they study hard.



Guest Speaker, Dr. Ernest Kwasi Amponsah

The Hall Manageress, Ms. Patricia Appiah-Boateng, under whose auspices the ceremony was held, admonished the freshmen and the continuing students present to respect authority and exhibit good behaviour to everyone, especially to the hall staff. She encouraged them to make good friends and work collaboratively to build their competencies and skills around different areas apart from their areas of study.



Ms. Patricia Appiah-Boateng



The Vice-President, Ghartey Hall, Mr. Daniel Appah, in his welcome address, implored members of the Hall to be patriotic to lift the name and veracity of the Hall higher



Mr. Daniel Appah, Vice-President of Ghartey Hall, delivering the welcome address



The Chief Garvian, His Royal Majesty Emmanuel Annor and his Entourage

The ceremony, which afforded the freshmen the chance to familiarise themselves with each other as well as their executives, saw the presence of His Royal Majesty, Emmanuel Annor (Chief Garvian); Hall Assistants; Ms. Deborah Essiful; Ms. Regina Oduro Ankomah; Mr. John Kennedy Impraim; Mr. Acyaye-Pratt; Ms. Hope Anderson; and Mrs. Henrietta Quansah as well as Ms. Mary Anaman and continuing and fresh students.

UEW Management Graces Okyenhene's 20th Anniversary Grand Durbar



The centre of attraction was at Ese Ho, Kyebi in the Eastern Region of Ghana as the First Three Gentlemen of the land graced the grand durbar of the 20th Anniversary of the Paramount Chief of Akyem Abuakwa, Osagyefo Amoatia Ofori Panin II. The Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) was also in attendance to witness the memorable occasion.



Dignitaries in attendance

Other high profile dignitaries present included former President, Ft. Lt. Jerry John Rawlings and his wife; the Chief of Staff, Hon. Akosua Fremaa Osei Opare; British High Commissioner, Lain Walker and his wife; US Ambassador to Ghana, Stephanie S. Sullivan; Traditional Rulers and Entourage; Senior Minister, Hon. Yaw Osafo-Mafo; Members of Parliament (MPs); Heads of Government Institutions and great personalities from all walks of life.



horse display by the people of Dagbon



Overlord of Dagbon, Yaa Na Abubakari Mahama II



Paramount Chief of Akyem Abuakwa, Osagyefo Amoatia Ofori Panin II

The ceremony, held on Saturday, 14th December, 2019, displayed rich Ghanaian culture such as dances, apparels, drums, appellations and poems.

In his speech, Osagyefo Ofori Panin II called on people from the Diaspora to invest in the education of the youth of Okyenman to improve their skills and standard of living as well as the community. "We have investable opportunities in this kingdom. We are looking for investors; investors who come and stay. The ones who will not only be interested in their profit but at the same time want to improve the communities in which they will work."

The Overlord of Dagbon, Yaa-Naa Abubakari Mahama II was the Guest of Honour. In his remarks, he entreated the Government to involve traditional rulers on matters of national interest and upliftment.

Prominent among the UEW delegation that graced the occasion were the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni; Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq.; Ag. Head, Department of Theatre Arts, Dr. Samuel Manaseh Yirenkyi; Ag. Head, Department of Music Education, Dr. Emmanuel Obed Acquah; and Head, University Relations Office and Media, Ms. Obaapanin Adu Oforiwaa.

UEW to Offer Speaker of Parliament Honorary Doctorate Degree



Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Prof. Oquaye

The Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has affirmed its intention to honour the Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Prof. Aaron Michael Oquaye with a doctorate degree for his unwavering contribution towards the remarkable history and politics of Ghana. According to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang, UEW occasionally honours citizens and international figures who have contributed adeptly to the course of humanity hence, the reason to offer the Third Gentleman of the land an honorary doctorate degree.



Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ofori-Birikorang delivering the purpose of the visit

Prof. Ofori-Birikorang, on behalf of the University Council and Management, made the statement on Friday, 20th December, 2019, when he led a five-member delegation to pay a courtesy call on the Speaker of Parliament to express the University's sincere gratitude for honouring its invitation to grace the International Human Rights Day, observed by the Centre for Conflict Resolution, Human Rights and Peace Studies (CHRAPs) of the UEW.

"The Governing Council and Management of the University have dug into the history of the Speaker, sat down to plan and concluded on this initiative. Therefore, on behalf of the Governing Council and Management of the University, we are formally conveying to you that we want to honour you with a doctorate degree because of the role that you played in the history and politics of this country and even in the education of so many of our citizens," the Pro-Vice-Chancellor said.



Rt. Hon. Prof. Oquaye was overwhelmed by the depth of UEW's appreciation and thought-provoking honour. He said that "it will be a great joy to have a special occasion like that to come and receive an honorary doctorate degree. It is nice to work for a doctorate degree but it is also nice for one to be bestowed upon you. So, we look forward to the appropriate day and we trust that we will have a very good useful time at a convocation of that nature," the Speaker of Parliament emphasised.

Among the University Officials present were the Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima, Esq.; Ag. Head of CHRAPS, Dr. Robert Ghunney; Ag. Head, Department of Human Resource Management, Dr. B. B. Bingab; and Head, Department of University Relations Office and Media, Ms. Obaapanin Adu Oforiwaa.



The Speaker of Parliament in a group photograph with the UEW delegation

UEW Research Team Visits Europe on a Collaborative Project



As part of a 3-year research project on 'Exploring Visual Cultures', an eight-member team of researchers and lecturers from the University of Education, Winneba visited Germany and Italy from November 10th – 18th, 2019. The essence of the visit, amongst others, was to explore the visual culture milieu of Germany and Italy, and attend a symposium at the Academy of Fine Art University in Germany to present image-based research papers on the said project.

This bilateral research project on images is meant to develop educational materials for effective teaching and learning, and the training of global citizens.

Leading the eight-member team were Dr. Patrique deGraft-Yankson, the Dean of School of Creative Arts and Prof. Yaw Sakyi-Baidoo, Dean, Centre for International Programmes. Other members of the team were Ms Selasie Sosu, Dr. Josph Essuman, Dr. Ebenezer Acquah, Dr. Osuanyi Quaicoo Essel, Mr. Eric Nketia and Ms Getrude Nkrumah.



One of the team leaders, Prof. Yaw Sakyi-Baidoo during a presentation at the Academy of Fine Arts, Munich

The Ghanaian team, as part of a familiarisation tour visited the centuries old Academy of Fine Art University, Germany led by their German counterparts, Prof Ernst Wagner and accompanied by Dr. Johanna. The tour included a visit to their art studios, workshops and class sessions.

This exposed the team to the art-based pedagogical praxis in the Academy. It also offered the team the opportunity to interact with the art teachers and students of the Academy and observe exploratory projects on Glass Art, Painting and Graphic Design.

During a stopover at the Museum Funf Kontinente, exhibits of African art collections in the gallery spaces and archives became the focus in re-establishing visual contact with centuries' old African artworks that were collected from the continent. The visual engagement reinforced reinterpretation of the artistic culture of Africa. From these collections, members of the Ghanaian team selected images for the purpose of critical analysis and interpretations for presentations to be published on the project websites.

A lecture and series of presentations at two Universities followed with a paper presentation by Ms Selasie Sosu at the Ludwig Maximilian Universit, Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1. Subsequently, the rest of the Ghanaian team presented a paper each at a public symposium in the renowned Academy of Fine Art. The papers were based on analysis and interpretations of images from Ghana visual culture perspective and its relationship with the SDGs.



A class engagement with high school students at Theresien-Gymnasium Munchen

Grouped into two, each of the teams observed and partook in co-teaching of Art Education lessons in selected Senior High Schools namely, Theresien-Gymnasium Munchen and Wilsbacher-Gymnasium respectively.

The purpose of the teaching was to explore different teaching environments and to experience how the images selected would be used effectively in the teaching and learning process to derive its intended educational benefits.



Class engagement with high school students at Wilsbacher-Gymnasium in Munich

The art education lessons, according to both groups, informed their future selection and use of images meant for the project since it had bearing on issues such as cultural appropriation, sensitivity and international educational relevance. It also helped to gather the students' perspectives and understanding of the images.

Other exploratory activities included a trip to Venice, Italy to observe the prestigious Venice Biennale known for exhibiting contemporary artworks in multinational perspective. The delegation

led by Prof Ernst Wagner traveled through Austria to Italy and toured the historic Venetian artistic sites and Museums to view the Early Renaissance artworks and architecture as well as the pavilions of the Biennale for two days.

Consequently, both teams held a strategic meeting on the project to climax the end of the visit.

UEW Collaborates with Association of Chartered Certified Accountants



The Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) on Monday, 16th December, 2019 signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) at the Council Chamber, North Campus, Winneba.

The MoU, which falls under the ambit of the College of Technology Education, Faculty of Business Education and the School of Business of UEW Kumasi and

Winneba campuses, will provide both parties the avenue to share platforms on relevant social and economic issues in order to influence policy formulation in Ghana.

As part of the partnership agreement, a joint training programme would be proposed and offered to the University community as well as the general public. It is expected to be accomplished using

ACCA's professional research insights and the technical expertise of ACCA fellows and faculty members of UEW.

An exemption accreditation scheme to grant a number of exemptions from ACCA papers will also be instituted to speed up the progression of ACCA students on campus into ACCA membership. Additionally, an internship programme for students will be established to complement this approach in order to give students the necessary practical

experiences prior to their graduation and admission into ACCA membership. There would be an award scheme which would be sponsored by ACCA to motivate students and faculty members as well as to promote academic excellence on both campuses. The scheme will cover the best finance and accounting students and best faculty member.



Portfolio Head, ACCA, Norman G. Wilhams in a handshake with the Vice-Chancellor, UEW, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni (right)

The Portfolio Head, ACCA, Norman G. Wilhams averred that "we are the world's most forward-thinking professional accountancy body. We believe that accountancy is vital for economies to grow and prosper, which is why we work all over the world to build the profession and make society fairer and more transparent".

ACCA has more than 219,000 fully qualified members and 527,000 students worldwide. Members and students of the Association are among the world's best-qualified and most highly sought-after accountants.

Present to sign the MoU were the Vice-Chancellor, UEW, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni; Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang; Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima; Dean, Faculty of Business Education, Prof. Isaac Boateng; Head, Department of Human Resource Management, Dr. B. B. B. Bingab and Head, Department of Accounting, Michael Amoh Asiedu.



Dean of School of Creative Arts Represents UEW at First International Conference of UNESCO Chairs



Dr. deGraft-Yankson during one of the sessions

The Dean, School of Creative Arts of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW), Dr. Patrique deGraft-Yankson has attended the first International Conference, Workshop and Meeting of UNESCO Chairs from 2nd to 4th December, 2019 in Wuppertal, Germany. The purpose of the conference which was to exchange information, experiences and

strengthen possibilities of collaboration among UNESCO Chairs was held under the theme, 'Linking Education, Transdisciplinarity and International Partnership'.

The programme organised by the UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurship and Intercultural Management, University of

Wuppertal, Germany was in cooperation with the German Commission for UNESCO and supported by the German Federal Foreign Office.

Dr deGraft-Yankson participated in the conference as an international partner to Professor Ernst Wagner, executive coordinator of UNESCO Chair in Arts and Culture in Education, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany, who also doubles as the Coordinator for the transnational project, "Exploring Visual Cultures". Dr. deGraft-Yankson led the UEW chapter of the project to establish the relevance of their activities within the framework of sections of the sustainable development goals (more specifically SDGs 4, 16 and 17) as well as the realisation of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

He undertook a collaborative project with other international team leaders from South Africa and Cameroon to present at the Best Practice and Research sessions on how visual objects (art works, design, media, architecture, crafts and symbols amongst others), could serve as relevant educational tools that can stimulate dialogue on SDGs in the classroom.

Additionally, the Dean of the School of Creative Arts, UEW, Dr. deGraft-Yankson had the opportunity to present a poster on the topic "Promoting Peace, Justice and strong Institutions through the Akan Adinkra Symbols". The poster highlighted the potentialities of traditional symbols and icons as 'images' which multi-perspective interpretations could serve as links to established cultural practices that can effectively drum home the significance of sustainability to a wider range of people, if consciously integrated into classroom activities.

Sessions and conversations during the conference focused on the role UNESCO Chairs have in supporting the United Nations 2030 Agenda, as well as the new Global Framework on Education for Sustainable Development for 2030 that UNESCO is launching.



Speaker of Parliament Advocates for Reinforcement of Women Empowerment



The Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Prof. Aaron Michael Oquaye has called for reinforcement of women empowerment and the enhancement of equal rights to boost women representation in decision making.

He advocated for allocation of seats to women who would like to contest for elections and urged political parties to reserve a quota for women to encourage their participation in politics and governance.



Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Prof. Michael Oquaye (right) exchanging pleasantries with the Vice-Chancellor (middle) and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of UEW

Rt. Hon. Prof. Michael Oquaye made this assertion on Tuesday, 10th December, 2019 at the Jophus Anamuah-Mensah Conference Centre, North Campus, Winneba during the International Human Rights Day celebration organised by the Centre for Conflict Resolution, Human Rights and Peace Studies (CHRAPS) of

the University of Education, Winneba (UEW).

"The traditional notion of 'the place of a woman is the kitchen' or 'women should take a backstage' has come a long way to influence our perspectives as a people and this line of thinking should be corrected at all levels," he said.



Dignitaries who graced the occasion

The Third Gentleman of the land was worried about the low representation of women in Parliament. He therefore charged leaders and political activists to play their roles adequately to change that trajectory.

His presentation also touched on prevalent issues such as "the rights of children and the vulnerable in society; the imposition of certain foreign practices on Africans by way of gay rights which are not human rights and the threat that if African countries do not comply, economic aid will be cut off; and the new world economic order of today which makes Africans continue to be producers of raw materials at the periphery of the global economic order, while the

developed nations remain firmly in the curtain of the global order".



Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq. welcoming participants

The Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq. alluded to developments at CHRAPS in his welcome address. He recounted how CHRAPS had transformed as part of the Department of Social Studies Education to be established in the 2015/2016 academic year as an independent Centre due to its peculiar subject-matter.

"The Centre runs three programmes – M.Phil on Full time, MA on Part time and Executive Masters on Weekends. Since becoming a Centre, it has graduated over 40 M.Phil and countless number of MA students. It is the desire and determination of the Centre to run Diploma and PhD programmes in Conflict Resolution, Human Rights and Peace Studies," he said.

CHRAPS launched its maiden journal titled "Issues in Conflict, Human Rights and Peace" to mark the celebration which was held under the theme "Stand up for Human Rights".

The occasion, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni, was graced by Traditional and Opinion Leaders, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang; Faculty Members, staff, students of the University as well as First and Second Cycle students in the Effutu Municipality.



Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni during the launch of the maiden journal of CHRAPS



Some First and Second Cycle students in the Municipality in a pose with Rt. Hon. Prof. Michael Oquaye

Faculty of Science and Environment Education Observes World Toilet Day 2019

The Faculty of Science and Environment Education, Asante-Mampong Campus in collaboration with Asanko Gold Ghana Limited has observed the 2019 World Toilet Day at the Esaase Bontefufuom Senior High School in the Amansie West District in the Ashanti Region of Ghana. This year's World Toilet Day was celebrated under the theme "Clean hands for all; Living no one behind". The day has been earmarked to promote health and education through hand hygiene and behaviour change.

The programme was attended by leaders of the traditional area, workers and sector managers of Asanko Gold Ghana Limited, the media, students and teachers of all basic schools in the Bontefufuom area, teachers and students from Esaase Bontetefufuom Senior High Technical School, WASH team as well as members of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW), Asante-Mampong campus.

The Faculty, for the past three years has been involved in giving Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) education specifically on hand hygiene and Tippy tap construction in schools through its WaSH Team led by Dr. Richard Amankwah Kuffour.

Dr. Richard Amankwah Kuffour in a speech stressed the need to have toilet facilities and practice hand washing with soap in the various homes and schools. Participants were educated on the importance of toilet and effective hand washing. They were also taken through how to construct their own Tippy tap, when and how to practice hand washing with soap under running water.

The WaSH team from UEW, Asante-Mampong campus assisted school children to construct Tippy taps for all the schools that attended the occasion at the end of the programme.

136 UEW Students Receive NAKDeF Scholarship



A total of 136 students from COLTEK of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) have been awarded scholarships by the Newmont Akyem Development Foundation (NAKDeF), a subsidiary of Newmont Gold Corps (formerly Newmont Ghana Limited).

A 10-member NAKDeF team led by Madam Gloria Mensah has called on the Management of the College of Technology Education, Kumasi (COLTEK) to officially present the list of the beneficiaries and to explore the possibility of a stronger bond between NAKDeF and UEW. Addressing the team, College Registrar, Mr. Michael Kofi Adu suggested that the gold mining company considers offering special awards for the College's best performing students and best performing NAKDeF sponsored students on its various academic programmes.

Such a move, he said would go a long way to bridge the gap between NAKDeF and Corporate Ghana and the same time serve as a way to encourage serious academic work among students.

Mr. Adu was also of the opinion that the institution of a special award would not only boost the bond between the two institutions but endear them to the benefactor the more. This will further increase the profile of the organisation particularly in the area of being alive to its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). He said UEW is happy to establish stronger relations with Newmont Gold Corps (NGC) and very optimistic that such a move would culminate in mutually beneficial outcomes for the two institutions. He stressed that this collaboration was in line with theme four of UEW's 2019-2023 Corporate Strategic Plan which amplifies the University's dedication to establish partnerships for development.

Leader of the visiting 10-member NAKDeF team, Madam Gloria Mensah assured COLTEK that the special award request would be relayed to the management of the Foundation for consideration. She explained that not long after operations in Ghana and particularly in the Akyem area of Ghana, her Company instituted the scholarship package to

support best performing students from its catchment areas. From 2014/2015 when the scholarship scheme started, she said, about 3,000 students had benefited, adding that until the introduction of the Free SHS policy, the scheme covered students from second cycle institutions as well.

The visit, she explained, was to assure UEW of her outfit's undying commitment to continue sponsoring the beneficiaries for their entire years of studentship and therefore, it should not be alarmed in the unlikely event of slight delays in payment. Again, she hoped that UEW would

cooperate with the benefactors should it become necessary for the corporate entity to request the results and assessment of conducts of the beneficiaries since the scholarship is tied to continued excellent academic performance and good conduct of beneficiaries.

The scholarship amounts, ranging from GH¢2, 000 to GH¢3,000 is to pay University Facility User Fees and take care of other pertinent cost(s) that the beneficiaries might incur in relation to life on campus.

COLTEK-GSDI Partnership Extended

COLTEK - GSDI

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The Ghana Skills Development Initiative (GSDI) III and its partners including the European Union and the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) have decided to sponsor a stretch of the partnership between the College of Technology Education, Kumasi (COLTEK) and GSDI III towards the development of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Ghana. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Education Winneba (UEW), Rev. Fr. Prof.

Anthony Afful-Broni who announced this in Kumasi said the decision followed the impressive feat that had been chalked under the original partnership for which COLTEK and GSDI III signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on April 4, 2019.

Under that MoU, GSDI III was to provide technical support in areas such as school management and Competency-Based Training (CBT) in a bid to strengthen

COLTEK to implement a state-of-the-art teacher training in Ghana. In this arrangement COLTEK was to offer training for trainers of TVET programmes and also develop curricula that would spearhead the promotion of TVET in the country. Only six months after signing that MoU, the Vice-Chancellor said the partnership had culminated in the development of two very high standard manuals – one for in-service School Management Training and the other for Competency-Based Training. He was hopeful that the next phase of the partnership would also result in outcomes that would push forward the frontiers of education in Ghana and expedite

her development. The Ashanti Regional Minister reiterated the Government's unwavering efforts towards merging COLTEK and the College of Agriculture (CAGRIC) into an autonomous university to train TVET teachers for the various TVET institutions in Ghana.

He assured that the Government would continue to support the University and complete various projects that were already at different stages of completion.

UEW Management pays Courtesy call on Okyenhene



The Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) on Saturday, 7th December, 2019, paid a courtesy call on the Paramount Chief of Akyem Abuakwa Traditional Area, Osagyefo Amoatia Ofori Panin II to express its sincere gratitude for his honouring the invitation to deliver the 2nd Public Lecture to mark the University's 25th Anniversary celebrations.

The visit also served as an opportunity to officially introduce the substantive Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang, whose appointment was

approved by the University Council after emerging victorious in the Pro-Vice-Chancellor election held on Friday, 21st November, 2019, to the Akyem Abuakwa Paramount Chief.



Osagyefo Amoatia Ofori Panin II interacting with UEW Officials

Osagyefo Amotia Ofori Panin II was delighted about the recognition given him by the UEW to deliver the 2nd Public Lecture of the 25th Anniversary. He appreciated the expression of gratitude shown by Management. He used the opportunity to extend an official invitation to the University to participate in the main activity of his 20th Anniversary celebration as Paramount Chief of Akyem Abuakwa.

Among the University Officials present were the Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima, Esq.; Ag. Head, Department of Theatre Arts, Dr. Samuel Manaseh Yirenkyi; and Senior Assistant Registrar and Head, University Relations Office and Media, Ms. Obaapanin Adu Oforiwaa.



Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima, Esq and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang



The University Relations Officer, Ms. Obaapanin Adu Oforiwa and Dr. Samuel Manaseh Yirenkyi

Gomoa West District to sign MoU with UEW



The District Chief Executive (DCE) of Gomoa West, Hon. Bismark Baisie Nkum has revealed his outfit's intention to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) to formalise and strengthen relationship between both parties.

He hinted that his outfit had identified gaps in the education system of Gomoa West which needed to be addressed as quickly as possible to improve the academic prowess of teachers and pupils in the District; hence, the necessity for the MoU.



DCE of Gomoa West, Hon. Bismark Baisie Nkum

The Gomoa West DCE disclosed this on Friday, 29th November, 2019 at the Gomoa Senior High Technical School (GSHTS) during a two-day skill training workshop organised by the Centre for School and Community Science and Technology Studies (SACOST), UEW for Junior High School teachers in the District.

"Already we have been engaging with Prof. Kolawole and his team, I think University of Education, Winneba primarily is concerned with the upbringing of our children. Also they offer professional tutelage to those who come to teach our children. This is the right time for us to formalise our relationship with the University and this must be cemented in the form of evidence. In future whenever we identify lapses or gaps, we can send our teachers to pursue short courses to upgrade themselves.



Prof. Kolawole Raheem

The Head of Department, SACOST, Prof. Kolawole Raheem assured the DCE that the MoU would be a win-win for both parties. "We have already established a strong relationship with them and we believe this MoU will surely come to fruition," he added.

The Director, Institute for Educational Research and Innovation Studies (IERIS), Prof. Jophus Anamuah-Mensah said that SACOST exposes people to the scientific and mathematical concepts in the environment; thus, the workshop was to expose teachers to things they could make of use in the environment and to make science and mathematics richer, better and acceptable to lots of students.



Prof. Jophus Anamuah-Mensah

He advocated for more of the tuition to be done outside the classroom in order to expose students to things around them. "Let us ensure that our kids, pupils and the children of Ghana are able to learn better than they use to do."

The District Director of Education, Mr. Benjamin Kwame Goka asserted that the importance of the study of Mathematics and Science could not be overemphasised. "Science and Mathematics education equips students with fundamental skills to navigate the subject throughout school and beyond. Skills in measurement and comparison not only contribute to Science and Mathematics literacy, but they also build capacity across the curriculum," he affirmed.



District Director of Education, Mr. Benjamin Kwame Goka addressing the teachers

The two-day skill training workshop on promoting innovative contextualised teaching of Science and Mathematics saw realistic presentations by Mr. Emmanuel Kutorglo, Mr. Ahmed K. Amihere, Mrs. Nelly Sakyi-Hagan and Ms. Rebecca Esi Quansah.

The workshop, financed by the Gomoa

West DCE, equipped participants with the practical and innovative skills of teaching using locally developed innovative and contextualised Teaching and Learning Materials (TLMs) to enable the teachers to overcome most of the problems they face in their teaching career as Mathematics and Science tutors



Presenters during the two-day workshop (from top left); Mr. Emmanuel Kutorglo, Mrs. Nelly Sakyi-Hagan Mr. Ahmed K. Amihere, and Ms. Rebecca Esi Quansah.



Teachers from the district in attendance



Participants during a demonstration session

ITECPD Organises Three-day Workshop for Affiliate Colleges of Education



The Institute for Teacher Education and Continuing Professional Development (ITECPD), University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has organised a three-day workshop to build the capacity of tutors of the affiliated Colleges of Education in test item construction at the Windy Lodge Hotel, Winneba.

The workshop which is a continuation of the course manual training was specifically intended to help tutors understand the use of table of specification for item construction, how to use the course manual to set appropriate test item, and for college subject leads

to adequately support colleague tutors to use the course manual to develop items for assessment.

The three-day workshop drew 96 subject leads from the 15 affiliated Colleges of Education and six subject leads from UEW for the courses being done this semester at the Colleges of Education for the four-year Bachelor of Education (B. Ed.) programme.

The workshop was facilitated by two of the finest educational measurement experts in the country, Dr. Yayrah Dzakadzie and Dr. Eric Anane.



Speaking at the opening of the three-day workshop, the Director of ITECPD, UEW, Prof. Dominic Mensah underscored the importance of the exercise stressing that there is a strong link among contents of the curriculum, teaching, and assessment. "Assessment, being a critical component of the curriculum must generate test items that align with the curriculum and what has been taught. The right assessment items and tools must be developed and used to earn the results that meet the required standards especially when 60% of the assessment is under the ambit of the Colleges of Education in the affiliation arrangements."

He further noted that the level of test items developed and used at the Colleges of Education must be in accordance with the National Teachers' Standards (NTS) and the assessment policy for Colleges of Education.

He explained that the issues alluded to above precipitated the organisation of the workshop and urged participants to pay keen attention to and support the programme so that the collective goal of all stakeholders could be achieved. Some participants who interacted with the media at the programme expressed delight for the opportunity the workshop had offered them on test item construction.

They promised to share the new ideas acquired at the workshop with their colleague subject tutors back at their respective Colleges of Education to improve academic work.

"I say that it's been an eye-opener. I've learnt a whole lot of things at this workshop. I can only be grateful for this opportunity. I can't wait to be back at my college to share and support colleges with these fine ideas to grow the subject we teach and by extension our college."



IERIS-UEW Holds Exhibition and Seminar to Observe African Universities Week



The Institute for Educational Research and Innovation Studies (IERIS) of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has held an exhibition and a seminar to mark the 2019 African Universities' Week, a period on the calendar of the Association of African Universities (AAU) earmarked for higher education institutions across Africa to commemorate the establishment of AAU.

The exhibition, held at the IERIS forecourt, displayed beautiful artistic works, attractive beadworks and practical Teaching and Learning Materials (TLMs). The seminar also discussed mind boggling topics such as "contextualising teaching and learning of science, the war for quality talent: towards a peaceful and secure Africa through quality Higher Education and University Community Relations".



From right to left; Prof. Jophus Anamuah-Mensah, Dr. Edison Pajibo, Prof. Kolawole Raheem and Dr. Emmanuel Tamanja

The presentations were respectively facilitated by the Head, Centre for School and Community Science and Technology Studies (SACOST), Prof. Kolawole

Raheem; Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Educational Policy Studies (CEPS), Dr. Edison Pajibo; and Senior Research Fellow, National Centre for Research

into Basic Education (NCRIBE), Dr. Emmanuel Tamanja. The events, which saw exceptional cultural displays by the Department of Theatre Arts, was attended by the then Ag. Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Dean, Faculty of Science Education, Prof. (Mrs.) Ruby Hanson; University

Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Alexander Edwards; Director, IERIS, Prof. Jophus Anamuah-Mensah; Deputy Registrar, IERIS, Mrs. Wilhelmina Tete-Mensah; lecturers, staff, basic school teachers and pupils.



Some exhibits on display at the event

The Association of African Universities (AAU) is the apex organisation and forum for consultation, exchange of information and co-operation among institutions of Higher Education in Africa. AAU represents the voice of Higher Education in Africa and supports networking by African institutions of Higher Education. The AAU is based in Accra and has a current membership of over 360 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The African Universities' Week which is celebrated annually on the 12th of November by Universities in Africa

coincides with the birth of the AAU in Rabat, Morocco, on 12th November, 1962. The African Universities' Week aims to present a unique platform to promote critical dialogue among stakeholders on how to improve Higher education in Africa. The African Universities' Week celebrations have become a premier event on the calendar of AAU and this day has been celebrated by HEIs since 2000. The theme for the 2019 African Universities Week was "Towards a Peaceful and Secure Africa through Quality Higher Education".



Prof. Andrews Ofori-Birikorang Appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor of UEW



The Management of the University of Education, Winneba, on behalf of the Governing Council, has appointed Prof. Andrews Ofori-Birikorang as the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University. The appointment takes immediate effect. Until his appointment as Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ofori-Birikorang was the Dean of Faculty of Foreign Languages Education and Communication.

For his education, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang attended Amankwatia Experimental School, Kumasi for his basic school education and proceeded to Opoku Ware School, Kumasi where he gained his GCE Ordinary and Advanced Levels Certificates. He proceeded to

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science Technology (KNUST) and graduated in 1989 with a BA (Social Sciences) in English and Law. In May 2003, Prof. Ofori-Birikorang pursued a Certificate in Public Administration Programme at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

In the year 2003, he gained admission to Ohio University (OU) in Athens, Ohio and completed a Master in International Affairs programme in 2005. That same year, he was admitted into a doctoral programme in the School of Media Arts and Studies at the Scripps College of Communication in the same institution to read a PhD in Mass Communication

and graduated in 2009. Prof. Ofori-Birikorang worked as a teacher in the Ghana Education Service and taught English and English Literature at Aduman Secondary School from 1991-1996. He was later employed at the Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) as a Prosecutor from 1996 to 2003 before leaving for the United States for further studies.

Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang was employed as a Lecturer in the Department of Communication and Media Studies at the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) in May 2010. He was appointed the Departmental Graduate programmes coordinator in August, 2011. In August 2012, he was appointed Head of Department and functioned in that position till August 2016. Prof. Ofori-Birikorang was in August 2017 appointed as the Director of the Externally Funded Project Office (EFPO) of UEW. The following month, September 2017, he was appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages Education and Communication, a position he has held until this election to the office of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

At the University of Education, Winneba, Prof. Andy Ofori Birikorang serves on several high ranking Boards and Committees including: the Academic Board, the Appointments and Promotions Board, the Executive Committee, the Graduate Board, the Strategic Plan Development Committee, and the Strategic Plan and Monitoring Committee. In his capacity as the Dean, he has since September, 2017 functioned as the Chairman of the Board of the Faculty of Foreign Languages Education. Prof. Ofori-Birikorang has also performed several other University

duties including chairing University Audit Committee on affiliated institutions that run communication and media studies-related programmes. At Ohio University, he was Graduate Assistant and was later appointed a Teaching Assistant for the 2008/2009 academic year. During his student days at OU, he was elected Vice-President of the African Students Association from 2005 to 2006.

After his appointment as Lecturer in May 2010, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang was promoted to the rank of Senior Lecturer in July 2015. In December, 2018, he was promoted to the Rank of Associate Professor.

At the national level Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang is a member of the National Media Commission (NMC) as the representative of the Journalism and Communication Training Institutions in Ghana. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Communicators Educators Association of Ghana (CEAG). In addition, at the international level he is a member of several professional associations including: International Communication Association (ICA), the International Association of Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), the Association of Educators in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), and the Africa Studies Association-Africa (ASAA).

At the Department of Communication and Media Studies where he lectures as an Associate Professor, he teaches four courses: Communication Theory, Development Communication, Research Methods in Communication, and New Media Technology. His areas of research include communication and critical pedagogy, popular culture and African media, gender and media, media theories,

development communication and social media and identity research. He has several publications to his credit in peer-reviewed journals. Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang is very passionate about teaching and sees the profession as his call to serve Ghana and mankind. He is passionate about mentoring and

socializing with his students as well as having intellectual discourses with them. He is also a strong gender advocate and likes to be referred to as a feminist. Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang has three daughters.

