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## UEW Signs Agreement for Construction of a Lecture Block at Asante-Mampong



Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) on Monday, 27th April, 2020 signed an agreement with Messrs. Berock Ventures Limited for the construction of an ultra-modern one-storey lecture block at the Asante-Mampong campus of the University.

The 1,000 capacity, one-storey lecture block would be fitted with ancillary facilities including washrooms, server rooms, WI-FI access and public address systems for teaching and learning. The lecture block, which is expected to be completed in a year from the date of commencement, is being funded with Internally Generated Funds (IGF).

At a brief ceremony to sign the agreement, the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni commended Messrs. Berock Ventures Limited for their dedication and commitment to previous projects. "The contractor has exhibited a high sense of competence; he has demonstrated a deep respect for time and it is our prayer that this will continue."



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

The Executive Chairman, Messrs. Berock Ventures Limited, Mr. Rockson Dogbegah stressed that his outfit was committed to improving the quality of life of Ghanaians through the use of appropriate and sustainable infrastructural development solutions delivered in a timely and quality manner. He assured Management of the successful delivery of the project at Asante-Mampong. He stressed his outfit's readiness to possess the site and to kick start the work immediately.



*Executive Chairman, Messrs. Berock Ventures Limited, Mr. Rockson Dogbegah*

He also lauded Management for the excellent relationship and timely payment during works at the University's North Campus, describing UEW as one of its best clients that has respect for the terms of the contract.

Among construction works the company has undertaken for the UEW include the ultra-modern students' Centre and a lecture block both at the North Campus in Winneba.



Present at the short ceremony were the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang; Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima, Esq.; Director, Physical Works and Development, Mrs. Grace Peprah; Coordinator of Works, Procurement Office, Mr. Albert Yamoah; and Head of Commercial Unit, Messrs. Berock Ventures Limited, Mr. Thomas Kutin.

## COLTEK-UTAG, Individuals Extend Support to Staff Rendering Essential Services on Campus



*Head of the Security Unit, Mr. Gabriel Homanya (1st right) expressing appreciation for the donation*

The College of Technology Education, Kumasi (COLTEK) branch of the University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG) and several individual staff of COLTEK have made donations to the skeletal staff who remained on duty to render essential services in the College during the lockdown of Greater Kumasi and its contiguous districts because of COVID-19.

Key among the donations were a cash amount of GH 5,000.00 presented to the staff of the College Clinic by COLTEK-UTAG and 50 packs of small-size bottled water to the Security Unit of the College.



*Local Chairman of UTAG, Dr. Stephen Baffour Adjei handing over the cash donation*



Handing over the GH 5,000.00 to the Clinic, the Local Chairman of UTAG, Dr. Stephen Baffour Adjei commended the staff of the Clinic for their exceptional dedication to duty in rendering critical medical services to members of the College Community and the general

public despite the high risk to the staff contracting the Coronavirus in the process.



*Dr. Stephen Baffour Adjei handing over the bottled water to COLTEK Security*

He explained that the donation was to appreciate and motivate the staff to continue working hard for the University in these challenging times. To that end, Dr. Adjei called on other Associations and individuals to support staff on duty.

The Head of College Clinic, Dr. Ato Kwamena Sagoe, thanked UTAG and all others who had made donations to the Clinic for their kind gesture. He said the gesture was a great motivation, particularly, to the NABCO and National Service Personnel and persons on Voluntary Attachment at the Clinic who were risking their lives to work hard in spite of the lockdown and high risk to the disease.



*Head of College Clinic, Dr. Ato Kwamena Sagoe*

He was thankful to Management for providing adequate essentials to the Clinic to ameliorate the challenges that might have been encountered in such dire times. The Head of the Security Unit, Mr. Gabriel Homanya, also expressed

gratitude for receiving 50 packs of bottled water on behalf of the College Security Unit from UTAG. He said that the gesture would go a long way to encourage the staff to work harder.



Various other public-spirited individuals, who would rather remain anonymous, also gave out cash donations and various items including packs of bottled water and snacks to the Clinic, Security Staff, and labourers of the College.

## Clothing Production Unit Hones both Technical and Vocational Skills



The Coordinator of Clothing Production Unit (CPU), University of Education, Winneba (UEW), Mrs. Victoria Ghanney has disclosed that CPU not only focuses on academic work but also sharpens the vocational and technical skills of its students.



*Coordinator, CPU, Mrs. Victoria Ghanney*

She reckoned that several dressmakers had acquired knowledge from CPU and become very successful in the fashion industry.

Mrs. Ghanney disclosed this in an interview she granted to the Department of Media Relations, UEW. She said that the erstwhile Vocational School which was established in the year 1985 and later converted into CPU in 2013 has been producing academic gowns, gents' and ladies' African wear, sportswear, classic and fashionable shirts, custom-made T-shirts, corporate uniforms, laboratory coats, chef's uniform, ladies' fashion clothes and office wear for the University community, other universities, corporate bodies and members of the general public.



*Some products of CPU*

She declared the intention of the Unit to strive to be a leader in fashion outerwear by deploying innovation and wonderful designs to provide total customer satisfaction to the Ghanaian public and beyond. "CPU would continue to innovate, lead, enhance and provide best-value clothing products and services to customers in Ghana and worldwide," she said.

Mrs. Ghanney recounted the achievements of CPU since its establishment in the UEW. According to her, the Unit had produced ceremonial robe for the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast, ceremonial robes for four Eminent Personalities who were awarded Honorary Doctorate Degrees by the UEW during the August, 2014 Special Congregation, 1,000 Master Degree academic gowns for students and Convocation Members of the UEW, 500 Doctoral academic gowns for UEW students and Convocation Members, 10,000 academic gowns for Bachelor Degree students amongst others.

She noted that the Unit is currently equipped with 53 industrial sewing machines, three industrial neatening machines, five flat lock industrial sewing machines, five four-thread industrial sewing machines, eight domestic electric sewing machines, one fusing machine and one industrial vacuum steam iron.

Mrs. Ghanney, however, stated that her outfit faces certain challenges she had brought to the attention of Management. She was hopeful that Management would address same in due course.

Mrs. Ghanney indicated that in the future, her outfit would be producing sportswear for schools in and around Winneba and the University community, corporate uniforms for other institutions like the forces, security officers among others, laboratory coats for University students and other institutions, choir robes for various churches, seat covers for auditoriums in the University, academic gowns for sister institutions in Ghana and fashionable and classic shirts for customers in and around Winneba.





## UEW Receives Nose Masks from Gracelove Creations to Fight Covid-19



*Director of Health Services Directorate, Dr. (Mrs.) Beth Offei-Awuku receiving the items on behalf of the University*

Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) on Tuesday, 21st April, 2020, received 150 medically approved nose masks from a benevolent private clothing entity, Gracelove Creations to fight the dreaded Coronavirus 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.

In brief remarks, the Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima, Esq. expressed Management's gratitude and contentment to the donation. "This local firm is actually contributing its quota to help combat the Covid-19 pandemic. Many a time, individual firms think that it is rather a renowned institution which has to donate to individuals but this local firm has proved otherwise, and that is highly commendable."



*Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima, Esq. announcing the purpose for the event*

The donation of 150 pieces of mask, according to the spokesperson of Gracelove Creations, Mr. Timothy Mensah was the firm's mite to helping the University community to contain and stop the spread of the pandemic.



*CEO of Gracelove Creations (left), Ms. Joana Eshun and her Spokesperson (right), Mr. Timothy Mensah*

He assured the University Management that his outfit would continue supplying nose masks free of charge to the University till the disease is defeated. He also revealed that UEW was the first organisation to benefit from the kind gesture adding, the next beneficiary would be the office of Effutu Municipal

Assembly. Mr. Mensah asserted that each mask was padded with foam apart from the cloth to prevent viruses from penetrating. He entreated everyone in the University and the Effutu community to prioritise the wearing of nose mask as it is the best precautionary measure to control and limit the spread of the virus.



Receiving the items on behalf of the University, the Director, Health Services, Dr. (Mrs.) Beth Offei-Awuku was enthralled by the benevolence of Gracelove Creations to a famous institution like UEW. She, on behalf of Management, thanked Gracelove Creations for the unexpected kind gesture.

Among the University officials present were the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni; Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang; Finance Officer, Mr. Francis Obeng; Ag. Internal Auditor, Mr. Isaac Marfo Oduro; Director, Physical Works and Development, Mrs. Grace Peprah; Deputy Registrars, Deans, Directors and Heads of Department.



## UEW Management Strives to Contain Spread of Covid-19



Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) is making great efforts to contain the spread of the novel Coronavirus 2019 (Covid-19) should students be asked to return to campus for academic work. This was revealed by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Pro-VC), Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang during a disinfection

exercise initiated by Zoomlion Ghana and Citi TV at the University. Zoomlion Ghana and Citi TV with support from the Government of Ghana have been embarking on disinfection exercises in universities in the country as part of measures to contain the spread of the global disease, COVID-19.



The Covid-19 disinfection team visited UEW on Thursday, 16th April, 2020 to fumigate lecture halls, Institute for Educational Research and Innovation Studies (IERIS) Block and walkways on all three campuses of the University at the Winneba Campus.

Addressing the media during the exercise, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang expressed Management's readiness to welcome students back on campus immediately the virus is controlled. According to him, Management had put in place a lot of stringent measures to protect staff and students from the virus.



*The Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ofori-Birikorang addressing the media during the exercise*

"Since the announcement by the President that schools should close down, we have rolled out a lot of things. First, we have ensured that critical and emergency staff only come to the office. Second, we have fixed on all the walls hand sanitizer equipment fully stocked and also provided partial personal protective equipment such as nose masks and hand gloves.

that comes with waking up every morning and not knowing what will happen on campus will reduce," the Pro-VC averred. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor entreated staff, the Effutu community and the public in general to adhere to laid down precautionary measures by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Government of Ghana.

Also, the University Clinic in partnership with the campus radio, Windy Bay 98.3 MHz Fm is rolling out special and sensitisation programme on the pandemic for the community," he said. He indicated that the exercise was vital in breeding confidence and assurance in the campus environment thereby reducing anxiety and panic in people. "Since this exercise has been done, it means that the anxiety, the fear and panic

The Leader of the disinfection team, Mr. Gideon Sogbey stated that, the purpose of the exercise was to try as much as possible to contain the spread of the covid-19 especially within the public areas. He indicated that his team consisted of 58 sprayers along with one thermal fogger and two fogger machines mounted on pick-ups.



*Leader of the disinfection team, Mr. Gideon Sogbey (middle) telling the purpose for the exercise*

The University is currently running its academic programmes for the semester online through its Learning Management Systems (LMS) as a result of the closure of universities as announced by His Excellency, Nana Addo Danquah Akufo-Addo to fight the Covid-19 pandemic.



## COLTEK Implements Robust Measures, Fumigates Against COVID-19



The College of Technology Education, Kumasi (COLTEK) of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has been fumigated as part of efforts to fight COVID-19 in the College.

COLTEK benefitted from the fumigation exercise under the auspices of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development through the Ashanti Regional Coordinating Council and the

Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies recently carried out to combat the global pandemic of COVID-19 in the Ashanti Region. An eight-member team led by the Kwadaso Municipal NADMO Director, Mr. Samuel Aboagye Ofori undertook the exercise to disinfect key areas of the College, including Halls of Residence, markets and the Principal's Lodge.



*8-member team led by Kwadaso Municipal NADMO Director, Mr. Samuel Aboagye Ofori*



Addressing authorities of the College, Mr. Samuel Aboagye Ofori, assured that the 'Chlorine Powerful Disinfectant' used for the exercise is harmless to human beings. He re-echoed the need for Ghanaians to respect and abide by the laid down protocols for fighting the Coronavirus pandemic so that the efforts and investments being made by the Government in that respect, would yield good returns to the entire nation, ultimately.

The Principal of COLTEK, Prof. Frederick K. Sarfo and the College Registrar, Mr. Michael Kofi Adu were both grateful to the Government and particularly, the Kwadaso Municipal Assembly for extending the exercise to COLTEK.

Prof. Sarfo, particularly, described the fumigation exercise as a fitting addition to all the efforts that the College has been committed to making since it became evident that COVID-19 cases had been recorded in the country.

He explained that COLTEK was already implementing very robust measures on campus to ensure that the College was free from the ravages of COVID-19.

Among them, he referred to efforts that had been made to swiftly improve conditions at the College Clinic in readiness for any eventuality.

He indicated Management's provision of hand sanitisers and packs of Sante+ Medicated Wipes for all offices in the College as well as the positioning at vantage points on the campus, Veronica Buckets full of disinfectants with accompanying tissue papers for use by the College Community and all who visit the college to transact business.

"We have also splashed on the notice boards on the campus, the necessary information on COVID-19 for community sensitisation and making sure that staff observe to the letter, all Coronavirus prevention protocols that UEW Management, Government of Ghana (GoG) and World Health Organisation (WHO) have made public," he said.







## OIA Engages the University Community amidst COVID-19 Pandemic

# OIA Engages the University Community Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic

The Office for Institutional Advancement (OIA), University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has been remarkable in engaging the University community and in promoting education-related online activities on the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic which has led to the temporal shutdown of universities in Ghana.

Since the closure of universities as announced by the President of the Republic and following a directive by the Ministry of Education (MoE) through the National Council For Tertiary Education (NCTE) to Higher Education Institutions to roll out all academic activities online, the OIA has brought on board through its webinar series, seasoned academics and professionals to shed light on various perspectives of the COVID-19 pandemic revealing its impact on health, academic activities as well as general work at the University.

The webinar series has sought to, among other things, provide information virtually, strengthen bonds with students, staff and other key stakeholders who are now in

various locations due to the shutdown of universities, and to offer immediate feedback on COVID-19 related issues through interactive question and answer forum.

The webinar series has also presented an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the capacity of UEW to explore the digital space in offering remote education sessions as well as brand the University both locally and internationally.

Topics treated so far include "The COVID-19 Pandemic: Implications on Health and Academic Activities at UEW"; "COVID-19 and UEW-LMS: Time with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor"; "Guidelines for Conducting Assessments on UEW-LMS"; "COVID-19: Implications on Distance Education and Affiliated Colleges of Education Students at UEW"; and "COVID-19: Managing Related Psychosocial Distress".

All five webinars, moderated by the Ag. Director, OIA, Dr. Mavis Amo-Mensah, have seen seasoned facilitators such as the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andy Ofori-

Birikorang; Dean, Faculty of Business Education, Prof. Isaac Boateng; Director, IDeL, Prof. Francis Owusu-Mensah; Director, ITECPD, Prof. Dominic K. D. Mensah; Dean, FFLEC, Dr. Christiana Hammond; Director, Health Services, Dr. (Mrs.) Beth Offei-Awuku; Director, ICT Services, Dr. Ephrem Kwaa-Aidoo; Graduate Coordinator, Department of Psychology and Education, Dr. Richardson Addai-Mununkum; Head, Student Records Office, Mr. Raymond Bentum Boison, Psychologist/Coordinator Guidance and Counselling Unit, COLTEK-UEW, Mr. Ficus Gyasi; and Physician/Clinical Psychologist 37 Mil. Hosp./President Ghana Psychological Association, Dr. Erica Danfrekua Dickson.

According to the Alumni Relations Officer and Assistant Registrar, OIA, Mr. Frank Amoako Arthur the webinar series, has come to stay. He assured the University community of subsequent webinars focused on the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Initially, we planned for six but due to the exigencies of the situation, new topics had come up and we have incorporated them to the list that we had already prepared. As we said, it is a constant and continuous engagement with our stakeholders so it is going to continue until the end of the pandemic and even after the pandemic, we wish it becomes a perpetual programme of our strategic measures going forward," he affirmed.

## UEW Health Services Begin Decontamination Exercise



The Health Services of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has started decontaminating all four campuses of the University to ensure the safety of final year students who are back on campus to complete the 2019/2020 academic year. This was occasioned by the novel COVID-19 pandemic which forced a change in the University's mode of delivering academic activities.



The decontamination of lecture rooms, surfaces, doors, walkways and staircases for safe and effective academic work is programmed to place at least three times a week. This is complemented by enhanced cleaning services of all spaces, surfaces and handles to curtail

the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Management, consistent with the government's promise to supply the University with the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), is providing students with nose masks for adequate protection while on campus.



Additionally, hand sanitisers, hand sanitizer dispensers, veronica buckets as well as hand washing basins have been fixed on all floors of lecture blocks, halls of residence and other major facilities. The temperature of all students, staff and visitors are being monitored at the entrances to the University and all other major facilities. In a related development, Zoomlion Ghana on Friday, 12th June, 2020, disinfected Ajumako campus of the UEW.



## Management Signs Commencement Agreement with Kingdom Books and Stationery



Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has today, Wednesday, 17th June, 2020 signed a Memorandum of Commencement with Kingdom Books and Stationery Limited at the Council Chamber, North Campus, UEW.

This is to enable Kingdom Books and Stationery Limited (KBSL) to commence the construction of a purpose-built UEW Bookshop at the University's North campus. By the agreement signed today, UEW has granted access to KBSL to commence the project to ensure early completion.



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

In brief remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni expressed hope in the operators to give the University's Bookshop an ultramodern facelift.

In his response, the General Manager, KBSL, Mr. Peter Gyateng assured Management of his outfit's eagerness to deliver a quality task.



*Mr. Gyateng, General Manager, KBSL*

When completed, KBSL is expected to bring to bear its over 45 years of experience in supplying quality books and other office essentials to enhance the

delivery of quality educational processes at UEW. Present at the short ceremony were the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang; Principal, COLTEK, Prof. Frederick Sarfo; Principal, CAGRIC, Prof. James Kagya-Ayemang; Dean, FES, Prof. Samuel Hayford; Finance Officer, Mr.

Francis Obeng; Deputy Registrar, HR, Mrs. Deborah Afful; and Senior Assistant Registrar, HR, Mr. Isaac Yaw Manu. The General Manager of KBSL was accompanied by the Warehouse Manager, Mr. Isaac Kofi Arkhust and Financial Controller, Mr. Peter Akomaning.

## Minister Commends UEW Management for Proactive Measures to Receiving Final Year Students



*From left to right; Prof. Ofori-Birikorang, Prof. Kwesi Yankah, Prof. Afful-Broni and Surv. Osei-Barima*

The Minister of State in Charge of Tertiary Education, Prof. Kwesi Yankah has lauded the Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) for its proactive steps to receiving final year students back on campus, after an unusual break occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Minister expressed extreme satisfaction with the rigorous measures put in place by the University authority to ensuring the safety of final year students who are back on campus to complete the 2019/2020 academic year.



*Prof. Kwesi Yankah, Minister of State in charge of Tertiary Education*

This came to light on Monday, 15th June, 2020 when the Minister paid a courtesy call to the University to observe its preparedness to receiving and helping the final year students successfully exit their respective programmes, cognisant of the need to put in place the necessary protocols to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic on campus.

Prof. Yankah was also delighted to seeing some level 400 students who had reported to campus adhering to the

precautionary measures initiated by the President of the Republic, His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo and the University Management.

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni disclosed that a suitable place has been reserved at the University Hospital for COVID-19 related cases on campus. He added that Management was working very closely with the public and private health facilities in the Municipality.



"We have been very supportive of the Municipal Directorate of Health. Sometimes, we offer our vehicles to even send the samples and vice-versa. We have also taken part in some of the contact tracings for the Municipality; so there is a very good collaboration," he asserted.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang indicated that most of the final year students had completed and submitted their long essays and project work to their departments. Thus, all that they need to do as they return to campus is to wrap-up with their take-home papers and subsequently submit same.

The Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq., who briefed the Minister on the University's re-opening arrangements for the final year students, stressed Management's commitment to bringing the semester to a logical conclusion for continuing students of the University.



*Surv. Paul Osei-Barima, Registrar of UEW*



Present at the meeting and tour were the Finance Officer, Mr. Francis Obeng; Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Ernest Akwasi Amponsah; Ag. Dean, Faculty of Foreign Languages Education and Communication, Dr. Christiana Hammond; Ghartey Hall Manageress, Ms. Patricia Appiah-Boateng; and Kwegyir Aggrey Hall Manageress, Ms. Theresa Awusi Jabialu.

## UEW Credit Union Supports COLTEK Clinic



*brief donation ceremony*

The Board of Directors of the University of Education, Winneba Corporative Credit Union (UEWCCU) has presented six metal three-in-one visitors' chairs to the Clinic at the College of Technology Education, Kumasi (COLTEK) as its contribution towards the fight against the spread and management of the COVID-19 pandemic at the College.

The chairs, valued at about GH 7,000.00, will augment furniture at the Out-Patients-Department (OPD). This will go a long way to enhance the Clinic's commitment to ensuring the effective observance of physical distancing, a key COVID-19 protocol while guaranteeing the comfort of its patrons.

Receiving the chairs on behalf of Management of COLTEK, the Principal, Prof. Frederick Kwaku Sarfo expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Board of Directors of UEWCCU for the kind gesture.



*Prof. Frederick Kwaku Sarfo, Principal of COLTEK*

He said that the donation was timely, considering the pressure on all health facilities in the country currently because of the COVID-19 pandemic. He described the move as a good corporate social responsibility to boost effective and efficient healthcare delivery at the College.

He was particularly grateful to the Clinic staff for their dedication and hard work despite the high risks that health staff face because of the COVID-19 pandemic. "News of COVID-19 infection and deaths among health personnel in the country

and abroad is well-known but you have not allowed that to cow you into shirking your duty. Rather, you have acted with extreme professionalism and sought the good of staff and citizens in our environs," he observed.

Presenting the Chairs, a Board Member of the UEWCCU and Deputy Registrar, Mr. Michael Kofi Twum-Ampomah indicated that the donation was in response to a request made by the Clinic to the Union. He hoped that the chairs would help to bring comfort to patrons of the clinic.



*Board Member of the UEWCCU presenting the chairs*

Meanwhile, he thanked COLTEK Management for providing necessary space for the Union's offices and appealed to it to give a favourable response to the UEWCCU's request for relocation to a more suitable area on campus. The Head of the College Clinic, Dr. Ato Kwamena Sagoe was grateful for the gesture.

He said it would help the Clinic to enhance its social distancing practice. Also present at the ceremony were the College Registrar, Mr. Michael Kofi Adu; Vice-Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Philip Oti Agyen; Prof. Joseph Mbawuni of the Faculty of Business Education (FBE), staff of the UEWCCU and the Clinic.



*Principal of COLTEK, Prof. Frederick Kwaku Sarfo and College Registrar, Mr. Michael Kofi Adu*





## UEW Partners Right to Play to Train Future Teachers



Management of the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) has today, Monday, 22nd June, 2020, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a global organisation, Right to Play at the Council Chamber, North Campus, UEW.

The MoU gives Right to Play the green light to support UEW in the training of future teachers in different Faculties in the Colleges of Education and assist to capacitate the tutors who are teaching these future teachers to improve and impact the learning outcomes of Ghanaian children.

The two parties would also collaborate to conduct research in communities where the teachers are teaching and share the knowledge thereof, with universities and other players in the educational sector impact of learning through play. Again, both parties would work together to organise conferences to equip themselves with the learning outcomes and experiences of children in different schools.



*Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni, Vice-Chancellor of UEW*

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni assured the visitors that UEW was extremely ready to work collaboratively with them to make the teaching profession a sought-after profession.

"It is very heartwarming that you have come; we would have a lot in common. We would have a lot to collaborate and we would have a lot to do as we build capacity to improve the output of our lecturers and our students who will then go out and become the young and professional educators," he stated.



*Ms. Josephine Mukakalisa*

Leader of the Right to Play delegation, Ms. Josephine Mukakalisa expressed optimism that her outfit's partnership with the leading Teacher Education University in Ghana and sub-Saharan Africa, would attain the intended goal of helping future teachers and less privileged children in the Ghanaian society to rise above adversity using the power of quality education through play.

"This is a new experience for Right to Play working with University and pre-service training specifically and it will be a centre of excellence for us. We have to invest all our effort so that it becomes a model for other universities or other organisations or even the Ministry of Education which will need to invest more in this approach. With this, we can produce tangible results on the impact of learning through play in the teaching and learning practices and the performance of the schools and performance of the children," she said.



*Prof. Samuel Hayford, Dean, Faculty of Educational Studies*

The Dean, Faculty of Educational Studies, Prof. Samuel Hayford, who gave the purpose for the meeting, recounted the exploits and experiences of the visitors. Right to Play is a global organisation with the mission to protect, educate and empower children in the most disadvantaged communities to rise above adversity using the power of play. Their programme priorities are in quality education, gender equality, health and wellbeing as well as child protection.

The focus of Right to Play programmes in Ghana is on poor rural areas where elevating the quality of teacher training and student-teacher relationships is most needed. Through after-school clubs, their play-based activities educate students about their rights and teach them how to protect their health, safety and ability to participate in education.

Among the University staff present at the meeting were the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andy Ofori-Birikorang; Registrar, Surv. Paul Osei-Barima Esq.; Finance Officer, Mr. Francis Obeng; Head, Department of Psychology and Education, Prof. Dandy Dampson; Head, Department

of Special Education, Dr. Daniel Dogbe; Head, Department of Basic Education, Dr. Sakina Acquah; and Deputy Registrar, Division of Academic Affairs, Mr. Collins Owusu-Ansah.



## The Clothing and Textiles Unit Hoists Fashion in Ghana to Another Level



The largest auditorium in the University, Jophus Anamuah-Mensah Conference Centre resonated colourful fashion designs and splendid modeling performances by final year students of the Department of Home Economics Education from Wednesday, 17th to Thursday, 18th June, 2020.





*Dinner and Bridal garments*

The fashion show, which is a requirement for the final year students who opted for Professional Techniques in Clothing Construction as their final course, is organised annually to aid the students unearth their God-given talents and potentials as well as entertain the University community. The show also gives the final year students the platform to showcase new designs and new ways of doing things to dressmakers in the community.



*Formal garments*



The students, supported with African print by Tex Styles Ghana Limited (GTP), depicted different shades of bridal, dinner and formal apparel produced exclusively by them.



Head of the Department, Prof. Phyllis Forster, who was enthused by the high level of creativity and originality from the final year students, expressed hope that the students were going to excel in their teaching field and help inculcate the habit of wear Ghana into their pupils.



*Prof. Phyllis Forster, Head, Department of Home Economics Education*

"In fact, what I have witnessed today is mindboggling; I know our students can sew, but then they have done a very professional job today. What I have seen today is comparable to any famous fashion designer's work," she extolled. Lecturer of the course, Ms. Rosemary Quarcoo encouraged the students to continue working hard and endeavour to make appealing garments. She urged the students never to be afraid of making mistakes, explaining that it is through these mistakes that they will establish their own businesses and employ others to reduce the unemployment situation in Ghana.



*Ms. Rosemary Quarcoo, a Lecturer*

She stated that, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Department's way of organising the fashion show changed a bit prompting her to teach and guide students through virtual means to make their garments. She, however, disclosed that the experience had helped her outfit to discover new ways of doing things.

Professional Techniques in Clothing Construction is a course that helps students to put together all the skills acquired in Clothing and Textiles throughout their four years of study at the Department of Home Economics Education. It also equips students with the techniques for making intricate styles in the Clothing and Textiles industry making the students have the confidence to step out into the world of work.

The course exposes students to entrepreneurial and business management skills to enable them to set up their own clothing businesses. This is envisioned to alleviate poverty and reduce unemployment in the country. It also intends to educate the community on the potentials and benefits of studying Clothing and Textiles/Fashion. Additionally, it is meant to encourage students of the Department and Senior High School students who shy away from Clothing and Textiles/Fashion to venture into it.



