

# CAPE COAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER

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## INAUGURATION OF CAPE COAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY GOVERNING COUNCIL



The Minister for Education, Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum, on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 inaugurated an 18-member governing Council for Cape Coast Technical University during a short ceremony at the Ministry of Education in Accra. Preceding the administration of the Oath of Secrecy by the Minister for Education, the Chief Director at the Ministry of Education, indicated that the appointment was in accordance with section 5 of the Technical Universities Act (922) which states that “the Council shall be the governing body of the University” and that the following persons present for the inauguration have been appointed as such.



The Honourable Minister for Education, Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum, administered the Oath of Secrecy and reiterated that the Council was appointed by the President in consultation with the Council of State and is mandated to steer the affairs of the university by providing strategic leadership, guidance and direction. In his remarks, the Honourable Minister for Education, commended the Council on their appointment and requested them to bring their expertise to bear on the development and the delivering of the Cape Coast Technical University mandate. He further indicated that members must be guided by the Oath of Secrecy in all their dealings and information that needed to be communicated must come from the Office mandated to do so. He remarked that if they really wanted to see Cape Cast Technical University as one of the best Technical Universities in Ghana and beyond then members should eschew issues that create divisions since such things greatly affect development and progress of any institution. He categorically stated that the Government and for that



matter the Ministry of Education is not interested in petty politics in the Council but rather interested to see Cape Coast Technical University becoming the best in its category.

The Honourable Minister for Education, Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum stressed that the role of the Technical Universities in the country is unique. The Technical Universities serve as catalyst for growth and development and that explains why the government is really committed to the development of the Technical Universities in Ghana. He opined that Cape Coast Technical University has to tell her stories for the world to know the achievements and capabilities and it is by this that the Government and donor agencies would come on board to help. He intimated that he had no doubt in his mind that when all efforts are strategically geared towards the goals of Cape Coast Technical University, the industrialization agenda of the country as well as the University becoming the innovation hub and centre of excellence would be achieved. The Minister for Education, Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum further challenged Cape Coast Technical University to strategically put in place mechanisms to attract the best of students and also increase the student population. He was grateful that the Chairman of Council (Rev. Prof. Harold S. Amoono Kuofi), the Vice-Chancellor (Rt. Rev. Ing. Prof. J. D. Owusu-Sekyere) and the Registrar (Dr. Francis Narh Akrono) were still in the seat.



Rev. Prof. Harold S. Amoono Kuofi, the Chairman of Council for the newly inaugurated Cape Coast Technical University Governing Council, responded on behalf of the Council Members and expressed his appreciation for the trust and confidence reposed in them by the Government to serve and contribute to the development of Cape Coast Technical University. In his remarks, Rev. Prof. Harold S. Amoono Kuofi, pledged on behalf of the members to do their utmost best within the mandated period so as to address the issues of the University. He indicated that CCTU needed to be repositioned to address the requisite technical manpower of the nation and that the Council was poised to work in unity to achieve it.



The Chairman of Council added that the Council would prioritize its efforts to increase student population as well as bring on board industry driven demand programmes that would exhume positive public image. He further stated that as a Technical University of choice they would collaborate with the Honourable Minister for Education so that goals of CCTU and by extension the government would be achieved. He further stated that expertise of every member on the Governing Council would be harnessed to work together with the leadership of the University to bring significant progress.

Rev. Prof. Harold S. Amoono Kuofi, the Chairman of Council expressed his utmost gratitude and boundless joy to the President and the Minister for Education for the investment that were being made at CCTU and that they would do their best to uplift the image

of CCTU. On that note, Rev. Prof. Harold S. Amoono Kuofi, the Chairman of Council accepted his appointment as the Chairman of Council and indicated that he would carry out his role with utmost integrity.

## **LIST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **NAME**

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN  
VICE-CHANCELLOR  
GOVERNMENT NOMINEE  
GOVERNMENT NOMINEE  
GOVERNMENT NOMINEE  
CTVET REPRESENTATIVE  
GTEC REPRESENTATIVE  
GEA REPRESENTATIVE  
APTI REPRESENTATIVE  
AGI REPRESENTATIVE  
TUTAG REPRESENTATIVE  
CHASS REPRESENTATIVE  
ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE  
JUNIOR STAFF ASSOCIATION REP.  
CONVOCATION (TEACHING) REP.  
CONVOCATION (NON-TEACHING) REP.  
SRC REPRESENTATIVE  
SENIOR STAFF ASSOCIATION REP.

### **CONSTITUENT UNIT**

- Rev. Prof. Harold S. Amonoo-Kuofi  
- Rt. Rev. Ing. Prof. J. D. Owusu-Sekyere  
- Madam Roberta Annan  
- Ing. Michael Krakue  
- Dr. Emmanuel Plas Otwe  
- Mr. Michael Ampong  
- Madam Angela Adowa Asare Affran  
- Mr. Samuel Obiri Aduama  
- Mr. Ishmael Arthur  
- Ing. Samuel Avaala Awonea  
- Mr. Uriah S. Tetteh  
- Mr. Henry Arthur Gyan  
- Mr. Richmond Yeboah  
- Mr. Daniel Gakpo  
- Mr. Derick Agyei-Gyamfi  
- Mr. Frederick Appiah  
- Mr. Emmanuel Nana Otu Addo  
- Mr. Aaron Turkson

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR  
REGISTRAR/SECRETARY  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

- Prof. Samuel K. Ansah  
- Dr. Francis Narh Akrono  
- Mr. Kwabena Owusu



## CAPE COAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY HAD ITS 18TH CONGREGATION CEREMONY ON SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2022 AT THE CEREMONIAL GROUNDS ON THE UNIVERSITY PREMISES.



Cape Coast Technical University had its 18th Congregation ceremony on Saturday March 5, 2022 at the ceremonial grounds on the University premises. The ceremony was colourful and very eventful. The event saw the presence of high profiled dignitaries who travelled far and near to come and grace the occasion. Notable amongst them were the Honourable Deputy Minister of Education, Mrs. Gifty Twum Ampofo, Hon. Dr. Kwamena Minta-Nyarku, MP for Cape Coast North, Hon. Ernest Arthur and Cape Coast Metropolitan Chief Executive and the Archbishop of Cape Coast Metropolitan Catholic Diocese (Charles Palmer-Buckle). Others were the Governing Council members, and Pro-Vice Chancellor from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi. There were also other cherished dignitaries who supported the ceremony either in cash or kind and also awarded deserving students in the fields of endeavour.

A total number of 946 students who completed their programmes of study in Degree, Higher National Diploma, Professional Diploma and Diploma programmes in 2021 were presented at the ceremony. Out of this number, 185 graduated with Bachelor of Technology, 475 were awarded Higher National Diploma and 286 obtained Professional Diploma and Diploma

certificates. A number of students who distinguished themselves in various disciplines were honoured.



The overall best graduating student was a student in the Department of the Electrical/Electronic Engineering and School of Engineering. He was in the person of Mr. Kato Maxwell Kumah. He received the Professor Samuel Ato Duncan Special Award.



**EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH OF  
HONOURABLE DEPUTY MINISTER  
OF EDUCATION, MRS. GIFTY TWUM  
AMPOFO**



It is gratifying, ladies and gentlemen, to state that all the TVET Institutions now captured under the Ghana TVET Service have been included in the next academic year's (April 2022) Computerized School Selection and Placement System (CSSPS) for selection by the Junior High School graduates to enjoy the Government's flagship programme "FREE TVET/SHS FOR ALL". There is also the opportunity for those who complete their TVET programmes to continue from the National Proficiency levels through Certificate levels to HND, B.TECH, M.TECH to the Doctor of Technology level with the National TVET Qualifications Framework (NTVETQF), which is being implemented by the Commission for TVET.

In addition, government has rolled out the pre-engineering programme for secondary school graduates with non-science backgrounds. The Pre-Engineering programme is a one-year detailed course designed to prepare and train secondary school graduates with non-science backgrounds for enrollment into Bachelor of Science in Engineering course at the university. It is exciting to know that the Pre-Engineering programme is a game changer that will open doors to many non-science secondary school graduates, especially Visual Arts graduates who have the desire and possess the ability and creative mind to be trained as the innovative and creative engineers to drive Industrialization in our dear country.

This Pre-Engineering programme is in accordance with the Education Strategic Plan 2018-2030 which targets a 60% enrollment of stu-

dents in tertiary education enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

I have been informed that the AVIC project, a project that will serve a multi-faceted purpose for CCTU, forms part of the measures to enhance the practical nature of Higher Technical and Vocational Education Training programmes being offered in the University. The laboratory of the AVIC project has the full complement of modern workshops and laboratories for Civil, Mechanical and Electrical/Electronic Engineering to offer practical training to students in soil, concrete, bitumen and aggregate testing; welding, automobile, maintenance and repair, CCNC milling, fabrication and building of transistors; and electrical drive system, electronic workshop and electrical/electronic power system respectively.

I must also congratulate the Management of CCTU and workers of AVIC holding cooperation that despite the initial setbacks faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the project has been completed.



Finally, ladies and gentlemen, let me once again say Ayekooo!!! to all our fresh graduates and wish to emphasise how privileged I am to witness this day with you. Go out there and shine forth as true ambassadors of Cape Coast Technical University. . Congratulations!!!  
God bless you all.



**EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH OF  
THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF CCTU,  
RT. REV. ING. PROFESSOR JOSHUA  
DANSO OWUSU-SEKYERE**



There are some very interesting developments in some Departments which are worth mentioning.

- The Cape Coast Technical University Centre for Design and Innovation with support from the Ghana Energy Commission, developed a solar trike (Solar powered aboboyah).
- The CEDI also completed a contract for the manufacture of a briquette making Machine for Furnart Ghana Ltd. This machine is intended to allow Furnart to effectively utilise their sawdust and wood waste.
- In the same year under review, the CEDI again designed and constructed highly functional, durable and noiseless trollies for the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital

**ISSUES AFFECTING THE SMOOTH  
RUNNING OF THE UNIVERSITY**

Ladies and gentlemen, permit me to speak briefly about a number of issues hindering the smooth running of the University.

- Student accommodation has been a challenge and Management of the university has put in a lot of effort by getting two private developers, Primesec Ghana and CTA Development Group,

who have expressed interest in building hostel facilities for students.

**A WORD TO THE GRADUATING CLASS**

And now to the graduating class who are the reason we are here today, today, the University is officially dispatching you into the wider world as its able ambassadors. We know that it hasn't been easy, as most of you have endured numerous challenges on the long path to completion of your programmes of study.

A new life starts here as graduates of one of the finest Technical Universities in Ghana. I urge you all though, to make maximum use of the knowledge and skill you have acquired to impact lives, the society and the nation as a whole.

The University has an Alumni Relations Office to ensure that members of the Alumni Community are linked up to enable them assist the University to mobilise resources and students. I am informed that the National Alumni Association has launched a Google application to ease the burden of past students travelling to campus for their academic documents. Please use it; don't let it go waste. I wish to also use this platform to encourage you to join the nearest Alumni Association and I pray that you will be true ambassadors of CCTU.

**CONCLUSION**

As I end my report, I would like to express our special thanks to our Guest of Honour, the representative of the Honourable Minister for Education for gracing this 18th Graduation ceremony. To the organising committee thank you all for a good job well done. Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, thank you once again for honouring our invitation. May the Almighty take you back safely to your various destinations. Thank you all for your attention.



## 6TH MATRICULATION CEREMONY IN PICTURES



**M**atriculation is a ceremony which officially receives our fresh men and women into the University making them full members of the University Community. Cape Coast Technical University as one of the noble institutions in Ghana located in Cape Coast had its matriculation ceremony on Friday, March 11 to formally receive freshmen and women admitted in the 2021/2022 academic year.

al Diploma 453 and Professional Diploma and Diploma students 348. Of the number enrolled 640 were males representing 45.6% while 762 were females representing 54.4%.

### **EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF CCTU, RT. REV. ING. PROFESSOR JOSHUA DANSO OWUSU-SEKYERE ADVICE TO MATRICULANTS**



The University received a total number of 2,103 applications and out of this number, 1,899 were offered admission to pursue their programmes of choice. Records indicated that 1,402 of the number offered admission registered as students. The Breakdown were bachelor of Technology 601, Higher Nation-



Let me now give you a word of advice: the only commodity that is distributed equally in life is time!! But, time and tide, they say, waits for no man. As such, as students, you must endeavour to be time conscious. Respect and value time, and remember that you waste time at your own expense.



You are also here primarily to obtain a Degree or a Diploma, and you must never forget that. Many things will clamor for your attention but it is important that you do not lose your focus. Get the best of every good thing any extra-curricular activity has to offer but do not get distracted from the main reason for coming to CCTU.



For many of you, this is the first time that you are in a sense, on your own. There may be a sense of freedom; freedom from parental control, freedom from the control of House Masters and Mistresses; freedom to do whatsoever you wish. Never forget that “with great freedom also comes great responsibility”. Also know that there is no absolute freedom in the University; you will have to give account at a point for your actions.

The University environment is also a place where vices are picked up and developed. Tal-



ents, gifting and latent skills can also be unearthed and developed. I would urge you to determine to come out a better person than you came in. Be extremely careful of your choices and consequent actions.

I also encourage you to cultivate the spirit of discipline. No human being attains the desired success without discipline. Sacrifice some of your desires for a better tomorrow. Do not allow the investments of your parents and guardians to go down the drain.

Lecturers and Academic Counselors shall be available to guide you, so long as you are willing to be guided. Remember to make time to read official notices and pay attention to University rules and regulations. These will guide you and help you make the right decisions.

## CONCLUSION

Finally, on behalf of the Governing Council, Management, staff and my behalf, I would like to congratulate you on your admission and welcome you once again as Junior Members of the Cape Coast Technical University.

I pray that the Almighty God will protect you, prosper you and make you all a source of pride to your families, country and humanity.





## 2021 RETIREES SEND-OFF CEREMONY HELD



The University has a culture of always appreciating the selfless services of its employees at the end of their active years. To this end, a send-off ceremony was held for seven (7) employees, comprising four (4) senior members, one (1) senior staff and two (2) junior staff members who retired from the University at the end of December 2021. They were; Mr. Kwame Tenadu (Department of Liberal Studies), Mr. James Asante Aboagye (Department of Civil Engineering) Mr. John Egyadum (Directorate of Finance) and Mr. Osei Akoto (School of Applied Arts). Others were Ms. Emma Jackson (Department of Civil Engineering), Mr. Freebody Annan (Security Section) and Madam Rosemary Quarthey (Estate Section).



Dr. Francis Nark Akrono, the Registrar of the University, welcomed the retirees and indicated that it's a momentous occasion and there-

fore Management expresses its gratitude to them for their hard work and above all their selfless services to the University.



In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Rt. Rev. Ing. Prof. J. D. Owusu-Sekyere, on the behalf of the University and on his own behalf expressed his appreciation for their unflinching support as well as having contributed immensely in diverse ways to the life and work of the University while in active service. He congratulated them on their retirement and indicated that the University would continue to count on them for their contribution towards the development of the University.

The retirees as part of their packages were given a citation of appreciating their immense contribution and number of years served. The various employee association Chairpersons,



TUTAG, TUSAAG, TUAAG and TUWAG delivered messages of felicitation to their members. It was in deed a solemn ceremony. The retirees came with their family and friends to grace the occassion.



The Retirees expressed their appreciation to the University for acknowledging their diverse contributions toward the development of the University. They were full of joy and praise to the University for the Send-off ceremony which symbolizes epitomizes that the services

rendered to the University were worth it. They were also grateful for the social and other benefits that they enjoyed while in active service. On that note of appreciation, the University Chaplain prayed for strength, long life and manifold blessings from the Almighty God for the retirees and a joyous retirement.





## CAPE COAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, SME GROWAFRICA SIGN MOU TO ESTABLISH ENTREPRENEURSHIP BUSINESS HUB



Cape Coast Technical University in its quest to train and equip students with practical skills in entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial skills development, partnered with an agency whose core mandate is to stimulate the entrepreneurial attitude and mindset of students. This in turn will equip the students with the know-how which eventually will lead to the creation of jobs and thereby reducing unemployment.



The University on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 and the representatives of SME GrowAfrica signed an M.O.U. to formalize the partnership which seeks to promote and stimulate entrepreneurial mentality among the students. It was also used as an occasion to launch the University's Entrepreneurship Business Incubation Hub through SME GrowAfrica Incubation2Enterprise program.



Prior to the signing of the M.O.U. the Incubate2Enterprise project Director, Mr. Scofray Nana Yaw Yeboah, took the participants through a short presentation. In the Course of the discussion, Mr. Yeboah said that the issue of funding was not a challenge but ideation and the personal development of “incubates” in the area of ethical leadership, teamwork, financial Management, Marketing, Pitching, Ubuntu mindset etc are the fundamental traits needed to start-up their businesses.

Rt. Rev. Ing. Prof. J. D. Owusu-Sekyere, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, signed the M.O.U. on behalf of the University while Mr. Kwesi Ofori Junior, the Chief Executive Officer of SMEGA also signed for the Company. In his remarks, Rt. Rev. Ing. Prof. J. D. Owusu-Sekyere indicated that his core vision of the Cape Coast Technical University is to

instill entrepreneurial attitude in the students which would empower them to become agents of change. He urged the students and the school of Business and Management Studies to take full advantage of the partnership and



the incubation hub to develop themselves to come out as successful business people. On that note of advice, he expressed his appreciation to SMEGA for selecting CCTU out of many universities in Ghana. He added that the University was looking forward to it blooming into a huge thing in the not-too-distant future. Responding, Mr. Kwesi Ofori Junior, was grateful to the Vice-Chancellor and the University community, especially the School of Business and Management Studies for formalizing the partnership with their company. He was optimistic that CCTU will become a point of reference for other institutions to engage the company on the Incubation2Enterprise project. He explained that the project would be done in phases which would ensure that businesses go through a thorough process for development. He further stressed SMEGA was prepared to support as many people as were ready to participate in the project hence not limited to only the students and alumni. He opined that any group that wanted to participate in the project must have a viable project that they wanted to execute. He remarked that the approach of the SMEGA is to help the entire University to churn out very viable business and very good entrepreneurs in the future to help grow the Ghanaian economy.

For his part, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Joe Techie, urged the students to become agents of change through the innovation and entrepreneurship project. He affirmed that the partnership would reinvigorate



students to develop their own business plans and eventually have it established.



The Head of the Department of Entrepreneurship and Agribusiness (Mr. Solomon T. Yeboah) and the Acting Dean of the School of Business and Management Studies (Mr. Eugene Owusu-Acheampong) led the representatives from the University. Other members were Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor S. K. Ansah, Dr. Nina Afriyie and Mr. Daniel Antwi.

Other team members from SMEGA at the signing and launching of the project were Deputy Director of Incubate2Enterprise (Mr. Stephen Opoku-Dankwa), Director of Sustainability and Partnership for SMEGA (Ms. Alice Darko) and a Board Member (Madam Salaaai Mamkem).





## REV DR. ROBERT AMPIAH-KWOFI PAYS A COURTESY CALL ON THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



The Ahava Revival Outreach (ARO) in collaboration with Cape Coast Technical University (CCTU) Chaplaincy organized a three-day power-packed revival crusade under the theme “Jesus the Miracle Worker (Matthew 4:23-24) at the University ceremonial grounds. The programme was from Wednesday, March 16, 2022 to Friday, March 18, 2022 at 6:30 pm each night. The Main speaker was a renowned Preacher and Evangelist, Rev. Dr. Robert Ampiah-Kwofi, the General Overseer of the Global Revival Ministries, Accra.



On Friday, March 18, 2022, Rev. Dr. Robert Ampiah-Kwofi paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Rt. Rev. Ing. J. D. Owusu-Sekyere. Rev. Dr. Ampiah-Kwofi was accompanied by his wife, Mrs Ampiah-Kwofi. He indicated that the visit was part of effort aimed to reignite and strengthen the relationship existing between the campus ministries, University body and his Outreach Ministry. He assured the Vice-Chancellor of his support and prayers for the University.



The Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the University and on his own behalf expressed his appreciation to Rev. Dr. Robert Ampiah-Kwofi and his team for the Crusade and believed that more of such programmes would be organized to help all of us become strong in the Lord. At the end of the discussion, special prayers were said for the Vice-Chancellor and CCTU.



Present at the meeting were Pastor Ebenezer Duncan and executives of Ahava Revival Outreach and Dr. (Mrs.) Boham and the chaplaincy of CCTU.

# CCTU COUNSELLING UNIT ORGANISES STUDY HABIT SEMINAR FOR THE STUDENTS



The Counselling Unit of Cape Coast Technical University has been organizing Study Habit Seminar to assist students to develop healthy habits towards their academic work on departmental basis. The Head of the Counselling Unit, Dr. Mrs. Esther Boham in his opening remarks indicated that students often arrive ill-prepared for studying at university where teaching regularly takes place in large class sizes, where students are taught by staff who are involved in a variety of other roles in addition to teaching, and where the emphasis is on independent learning. She further said studies by Murtagh, 2010 indicated that the transition from the highly controlled, teacher-driven learning environment of high schools to university, where the student is responsible for their own learning, is perhaps the biggest challenge for the first year students.

At the Seminar students were taken through ten (10) sections of the Study Habit Profile, namely allotment of time, assignment, concentration, consultation, corrections, procedure in

study, reading and library use, written works and taking examinations. Dr. Mrs. Boham explained to the students what time allotment means, the courses that need much focus to getting the best and also advised them on how efficient and effective their time should be used other than spending time on seemingly unne-



cessary things as well as do their assignment on time. She further said some of the students are easily attracted to their phones, television and other activities such as chatting (WhatsApp, Facebook etc.). They advised them to avoid things that would distract them when studying because the purpose for being on campus was to study and acquire knowledge. Dr. Mrs. Boham advised them to consult their friends when they don't understand some aspect of a lecture and indicated it was more shameful to consult a friend in an examination room which amounts to examination malpractice.





The speaker said the students should do further reading or studying beyond what the lecturer gives to them. They were further encouraged to plan whatever they want to study and try answering questions after the end of every chapter or a section of a book they read. Students were advised to often visit the library and developed a habit of going to the library. Regarding examination, the students were encouraged to prepare very well before going to the examination center as well as plan out their points properly to answer questions in an examination. Students were then made to complete an inventory and they were taken through the scoring and interpretation. In the end they became aware of the areas they need-

ed to work on.

In her concluding remarks, Dr. Mrs. Boham, recommended that, students should let the primary purpose of coming to the university be the driving force and helping them to get the best out of it. They should also respect one another and encouraged them to live a responsible life on campus.



Present at the seminar were the Head of the Department of Food Sciences and Postharvest Technology (Dr. Maurice Tibiru Apaliya) and the School Officer, School of Applied Sciences and Technology (Mrs. Felicia Doku).

# CCTU DELEGATION VISITS COA RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED



Cape Coast Technical University (CCTU) to fulfill its mission of providing quality technical and sustainable solutions for communities and industries within the country and the sub-region has taken another giant step.

Duncan) for accepting them to their facility. He further expressed the appreciation of the entire University and on his own behalf to the C.E.O. and his Management for their immeasurable contribution towards the 18th Congregation of the Cape Coast Technical University.



On Tuesday, 29th March 2022, the Vice-Chancellor (Rt. Rev. Ing. Prof J. D. Owusu-Sekyere) and his team of officers paid a working visit to the COA Research and Manufacturing Company Limited (COA RML) facility at Abura Dunkwa. After the usual pleasantries, the quality Control Officer (Mr. Isaac Arhin) took the CCTU delegation on a tour of their production facilities. At the meeting the leadership of the Cape Coast Technical University (CCTU) was very thankful to the Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O.) of COA RML (Prof Samuel Ato



The Vice-Chancellor remarked that such gestures are not to be taken lightly and for that matter the presence of CCTU on their premises was an ample evidence of how CCTU cherished the donation and would also like to deepen such friendship for mutual benefit. He further intimated that the visit was also to see how best CCTU could collaborate with COA RML to help CCTU do what it does better and vice-versa. Furthermore, the Vice-Chancellor indicated that CCTU came with an “Engineering Eye” and would bring a team over to engage the production team and make the nec-



essary recommendations. It also came up that CCTU was ready to help with the publicity of their programmes on Eagle FM station on campus which has a wider coverage in central Region. Again, CCTU could also be engaged for hospitality with food services.



The Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O.) of COA RML (Prof Samuel Ato Duncan) on his part expressed his profound gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor and his team for the visit as well as familiarizing themselves with production processes of the COA Mixture of which they could be good ambassadors of the product. He indicated that Cape Coast Technical University being a science and technology institution in the central region would be the best institution to collaborate with. He believed the collaboration in the area of research would help take the plant medicine through an advance scientific research which would be accepted by the international level. The C.E.O. used the occasion to brief the leadership of CCTU on what the company has been able to do so far. He said that COA RML is now on the list of essential medicines at the hospitals. He further mentioned that the new site for the production of the medicine would be a fully automated structure and that lapses identified



in the current structure would be a thing of the past. He admitted that CCTU's collaboration would go a long way to help them scientifically improve upon what is being done. In his response to availability of the COA Mixture on the international market, the C.E.O. indicated that the product is in countries like Dubai, United States of America, United Kingdom, South Africa, Tanzania and other countries. He further said it could also be obtained on amazon.com. On that note, he extended invitation to the leadership of CCTU and the entire university community on the launching of the company's strategic plan among other things on the 10th of April, 2022 at the University of Cape Coast.

The Deputy C. E. O. (Nana Ohemeng Awire) on behalf of the C.E.O. presented three boxes of the COA Mixture to the Vice-Chancellor and the delegation. The Registrar (Dr. Francis Narh Akrono) on behalf of the delegation and the University community expressed his profound gratitude to the C.E.O. and his team for the presentation and requested for the blessings of the almighty God to protect and guide them in all their endeavours.

The team from CCTU were the Dean of the School of Applied Sciences and Technology (Prof Rita E. Sanful), Prof a visiting lecturer



from Kenya, Director, Centre for Renewable Energy(Dr. Charles E. Oppon) and Director of Quality Assurance(Dr. Emmanuel Kwaw). The rest are the Head of the Department of Food Sciences and Postharvest Technology (Dr. Maurice Tibiru Apaliya), Director of Internal Audit (Mr. Stephen A. Atianeere), The Director of Public Affairs (Mr. Benjamin Edu-Mensah), the Head of Alumni Relations/



Eagle FM (Mr. Richmond Yeboah) and the photographer (Mr. James Baidoo)



Present at the meeting from the side of the COA RML were, the Board Chairman (Nana Kwebu Ewusie), Dr. Grace Bimpong (Executive's Secretary), the Accountant (Mr. Lawrence Arthur), Director of Administration (Dr. Nsiah Agyemang), Secretary (Ms. Comfort Ampiah) and the Head of Public Relations (Mr. Dela Kissieh).





# CAPE COAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST SIGN MOU WITH CENPOWER OPERATIONS & SERVICES LIMITED



Cape Coast Technical University (CCTU) and the University of Cape Coast (UCC) have signed a separate Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cenpower Operations & Services Limited. The MOU for CCTU is to offer Students of the Departments of Electrical/Electronic Engineering and Mechanical Engineering of the Cape Coast Technical University the opportunity for experiential learning through a structured, supervised, and professional setting at Cenpower Operations & Services Limited.



The Registrar of CCTU, Dr. Francis Akrono in his welcome address elucidated that the signing of the MOU was aimed at creating industrial relationships between CCTU and Cenpower Operations & Services Limited. He further stated that for CCTU, industrial collaboration is key to the fulfillment of the programme accreditation requirements. It

will also provide opportunities for students to have practical experiences of what would be learned in the lecture rooms which will in turn prepare them to adequately meet new trends in the world of work.



Mr. Julio Gomez, the Plant General Manager for Cenpower Operations & Services, expressed his delight in the collaboration between CCTU and UCC and indicated that Internship Education is an academic concept designed to strengthen a student's learning experience by integrating on-campus studies with closely related work experience. He added that the collaboration would help nature young Ghanaian engineers to be able to meet new demands. Mr. Brew Butler who was part of the Cenpower delegation, disclosed that the internship programme couldn't have been initiated at a better time than this as it falls in line with the Pres-



ident's passion for TVET. He was optimistic that the collaboration would bear its intended fruits for all three organisations involved.



The Vice-Chancellor (Rt. Rev. Ing. J. D. Owusu-Sekyere) for CCTU on the other hand was gladdened for such a collaboration. In a brief statement, he indicated that as a Technical University, collaborating with industry was very key hence the collaboration with Cenpower Operations & Services was a great opportunity. He was hopeful that the programme would be of immense benefit and would inure to the benefit of the two Universities (CCTU & UCC).



The leader of the delegation from UCC, Prof. Mrs. Sarah Darkwa, the Vice Dean for the School of Graduate Studies, on behalf of UCC, expressed her delight to collaborate with Cenpower Operations & Services. She noted that the Vice-Chancellor for UCC is so much passionate about entrepreneurship and believes that the collaboration would be a tremendous benefit and looked forward to a successful partnership and greater fortunes.

Other dignitaries present at the meeting were Prof. Samuel K. Ansah – Pro-Vice-Chancellor, CCTU, Mr. Alhassan Mumuni - Head of Department, Electrical/Electronic Engineering, CCTU, Mr. Richard Akwada – Head of Department, Mechanical Engineering, CCTU. Also present were Mr. Benjamin Edu Mensah, Director, Public Affairs, CCTU, Ms. Lily Doe,

Head Industrial Liaison Office, CCTU. Prof. Rupino Zugle and Mr Hesse the Vice Dean and Registrar of the School of Graduate Studies UCC respectively.





