

CAPE COAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

SPECIAL GAZETTE

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**PROCEEDINGS OF 2021 MATRICULATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021**

The 5th Matriculation Ceremony was held on March 12, 2021. In all One Thousand, Six Hundred and Nineteen (1619) matriculants participated.
The matriculants were from the underlisted schools and departments.

SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

- Mathematics, Statistics & Computer Studies
- Hotel, Catering and Institutional Management
- Post-Harvest Technology

SCHOOL OF APPLIED ARTS

- Tourism
- Fashion Design and Textile Studies
- Liberal Studies

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

- Building Technology
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Renewable Energy

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES

- Accountancy Studies
- Secretaryship and Management Studies
- Marketing Studies
- Purchasing and Supply Chain Management

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

9:00am	-	Matriculants' & Guest Seated
9:30am	-	Vice-Chancellor's Procession
Opening Prayer	-	Rev. K. B. M. Edu-Buandoh
National Anthem		
Opening Statement	-	Dr. Francis Narh Akrono (Registrar)
Presentation of matriculants	-	Deans of School
School of Business and Mgt. Studies -		Mr. Eugene Owusu Acheampong
School of Engineering	-	Dr. Charles Emmanuel Oppon
School of Applied Sciences and Technology	-	Dr. Emmanuel Kwaw
School of Applied Arts	-	Dr. Benjamin C. Ampimah
Administration of Matriculation Oath -		Registrar
CCTU Anthem		
Vice-Chancellor's Address		
Matriculation Pronouncement	-	Vice-Chancellor
Closing Prayer	-	Rev. H. A. Ndebugri
Recessional Hymn	-	To God Be the Glory



Registrar leading Convocation Members in Procession to the Matriculation grounds.



Members of Convocation proceeding to the matriculation grounds.



Opening prayer session of the ceremony



Convocation/matriculants standing for the National Anthem

**WELCOME/DECLARATION OF PURPOSE
REGISTRAR, DR FRANCIS NARH AKRONO**



Good morning, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Management of Cape Coast Technical University, I specially welcome all of us to this morning's Matriculation Ceremony.

The Matriculation Ceremony is a brief, simple yet very significant event on the calendar of the University.

Its purpose is to receive our freshmen and women into the 2020/2021 Academic Year of the University, making them full members of the University Community.

We will hear an address from the Vice-Chancellor, Rt. Rev. Ing. Prof. J. D. Owusu Sekyere. He will tell us the significance of matriculation and advice matriculants accordingly.

Students will swear the matriculation oath to be administered by the Registrar of the University. You will repeat the words of the oath after me when it is time for the oath. It is now time to call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Owusu-Sekyere to deliver his address.

PRESENTATION OF MATRICULANTS BY DEANS OF SCHOOL



Mr. Eugene Owusu Acheampong, Dean of School of Business and Mgt. Studies presenting the matriculants



Matriculants standing for the Oath



Dr. Charles Emmanuel Oppon, Dean of School of Engineering
presenting the matriculants



Matriculants standing for the Oath



**Dr. Emmanuel Kwaw, Dean of School of Applied Sciences and Technology
presenting the matriculants**



Cross section of matriculants standing for the Oath



**Dr. Benjamin C. Ampimah, Dean of School of Applied Arts
presenting the matriculants**



Section of matriculants standing for the Oath



Registrar, Dr. Francis Narh Akrono, administering the matriculation oath



Matriculants taking the Matriculation Oath



Convocation standing for the CCTU Anthem



Cross section of matriculants standing for the CCTU Anthem

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS AT MATRICULATION; RT. REV. ING. PROF. JOSHUA DANSO OWUS-SEKYERE



Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
Registrar,
Director of Finance,
University Librarian,
Director of Internal Audit,
Deans and Directors,
Heads of Department/Section,
Members of Convocation
Members of Staff,
Students' Representative Council,
Friends from the Media
Dear Freshmen and women
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

INTRODUCTION

I would first of all, on my own behalf, and on the behalf of Governing Council and Management, welcome you all, particularly the freshmen and women, to the Fifth Matriculation Ceremony of this great University. This ceremony is a solemn one, and it is to formally welcome and admit freshmen and women as Junior members into Cape Coast Technical University.

For the freshmen and women, I would like to believe that your presence here today, is an indication of your belief that CCTU can provide you with the requisite training to enable you perform creditable wherever you may find yourself. We take the confidence you have reposed in us seriously, and will do our best to provide with all that will ensure your success in the world of work after graduation.

You have come into a Technical University at a time when the Government of the day is placing a lot of emphasis on TVET. These are exciting times to be a student of a Technical University, as the future of this nation hangs squarely on your shoulders. The expectation of the nation of you is very high and we hope you will realize that and ensure that you take advantage of all that is provided in this institution to make you an asset to the nation.

ADMISSIONS

Ladies and gentlemen, for the 2020/2021 academic year the University received a total of 2,609 applications. We have admitted 1,619 students comprising 429 B-Tech students, 694 Higher National Diploma (HND) students and 506 Diploma students. Of the number admitted, 834 (51.5%) are males and 785 (48.5%) are females. This year's intake also represents about a 13.7% increase over that of the previous year.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

For this academic year, we have increased our programme offerings by introducing a number of 4-year B-Tech programmes, a few Diploma programmes as well as some certificate courses. For those of you who have been admitted into the 4-year B-Tech programmes, you are the pioneer students and are thus making history. We would like to encourage you set very high standards for yourself and set examples for those coming after you to emulate.

ACCOMMODATION

We do understand that most, if not all of you, would have wanted to be accommodated in a hostel on campus. The University however, has only one hostel which accommodates only two hundred and sixty-eight (268) students. This has never been a good picture and Management has had, and is still having conversation with investors on the construction of other hostels. We have signed a number of agreements and are hopeful that work will begin on one or two hostels before the end of this semester.

COVID-19 AND ITS CHALLENGES

The covid-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on all aspects of life and had led to a lot of adjustments and a new normal way of life. As an academic institution, we have also had to make some adjustments to ensure that our students and staff are protected from the virus. The institution therefore recommends a blended mode of learning where there is some online teaching and some face to face as well. We introduced the on-line learning management system at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic and we still encourage lecturers to use it to avoid having large numbers of students in a classroom.

A Blended mode of learning will require that all students have gadgets that will allow them access online content. We are aware that the SRC is facilitating the acquisition of tablets for all students. We encourage each student to get one of the tablets as they are essential tools for knowledge acquisition.

I would also like to entreat all of us to play our part in the fight against the virus by strictly adhering to all the laid down covid-19 protocols, that is; wearing of the masks, maintaining physical/social distancing, frequent hand washing or sanitizing.

The government of Ghana has and is procuring vaccines and by the roll out plan, we should all receive the jab soon. I wish to urge each and every one of us to make ourselves available for the vaccination when it is time.

NICHE AREA

Each Technical University has a niche area; this area becomes the central theme around which the University revolves. For CCTU our niche area is 'renewable energy' and the University is expected to be, as it were, a Center of Excellence in renewable Energy in Ghana. Renewable energy is energy produced from sources that do not deplete or can be replenished within a human's life time. The most common examples include wind, solar, Geothermal, biomass and hydropower. You will therefore, in your stay on this campus, be hearing a lot about renewable energy, and also be expected to relate most of what you do to renewable energy.



ADVICE TO MATRICULANTS

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. Talents, 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.

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 own 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 wish to assure you that we will do all that is humanly possible to ensure that you get the best out of your stay at CCTU.

I wish to see CCTU as a leading Innovative and Entrepreneurial Technical University in Ghana with local, national and global influence. I would also like for CCTU to produce students who are innovative, entrepreneurial in outlook, goal oriented, critical thinkers and adequately equipped to provide solutions to local, national and global challenges. I invite you all to partner with me and my administration to achieve the targets we have set before us.

Thank you and God bless you all.



Pronouncement of the matriculation oath by Vice-Chancellor, Rt. Rev. Ing. Prof. J. D. Owusu-Sekyer



Matriculants standing for the matriculation pronouncement



Convocation departing from the matriculation grounds



Cross Section of Convocation members

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