This edition is dedicated to Dr George Mawusi Afeti (First Principal of Ho Polytechnic), the Late James Yaovi Vodzi (Last Principal of Ho Technical Institute) and all the Founding Fathers of the institution for their immense monumental contributions of leadership and development that have birthed a Technical University. It also covers major university events and faculty activities during the quarter under review. Notable among them are; matriculation of the second intake of fresh students for the 2016/17 academic year, international collaborations and visits, Send off party for the Japanese Volunteer and admission outreach. We wish you a pleasant reading and looking forward to receiving feedback from you.

2017 holds a lot of beautiful prospects for Ho Technical University. Our conversion to a University per the Technical Universities Act 2016 (Act 922) more than ever demands that we focus our attention on the transformation and institutional re-engineering project that we embarked on since September 2014. We are in a change process and there is the need to continue to learn and do what Universities do to deepen the brand of Ho Technical University, making it a reference point for technical and vocational education worldwide. Whilst thanking Management, Academic Board, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Students and all other stakeholders for their support and contributions, do let us work together to attain the vision, mission and aspirations of HTU. Kudos!

MAIDEN AFETI-VODZI LECTURE

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HTU HOLDS MATRICULATION FOR FEBRUARY INTAKE
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He was elevated to the Supreme Court Bench in Ghana on June 11, 2008. Prior to being appointed a High Court Judge in June 2002, Jones Dotse has had a distinguished career at the Ghana Bar spanning November 1978 when he was called to the Bar up to 2002 when he was elevated to the Bench, a period of some 23 years at the Bar.

During this period, he had been a State Attorney for three years, and worked for twenty (20) years as a private Legal Practitioner.

He has held many positions at the Bar, rising to become a Regional President of the Bar Association and member of the Legal Service Board in 2001 to 2002.

Justice Jones Dotse is a team player and gets on well with all manner of persons.

He has attended several courses in the United States, Canada and Nigeria just to mention a few in his legal and judicial career.

He attended and presented a paper at the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Conference Magistrates and Judges Conference in Guyana, September 2016 on the topic "Upholding The Rule of Law in the Court Room – Elements of Unfair Trials". Justice Dotse was a member of the Governing Council of Ho Polytechnic from 1994 to 2003.

He is currently the Board Chair of the Judicial Training Institute. A position he has held since 2010.

Justice Jones Dotse was in February, 2008 appointed Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of The Gambia a position he still occupies.

Jones was born in June 1953 and hails from Kpando in the Volta Region of the Republic of Ghana. He is married with three daughters and is a Christian.

Justice Dotse was the Guest Speaker of the maiden Afeti-Vodzi Lecture Series held on the 23rd March, 2017.

The Faculty of Art and Design organized a Mini Fashion Durbar for the Department of Fashion Design and Textiles to showcase their products on a variety of beach wears. The Head of Department, Elizabeth Obinnim used the occasion to appeal to the students to become entrepreneurs after graduation in order to reduce the unemployment situation in the country. She further stated that, the Department is recognized as a top-notch trainer in the area of Clothing Design and the scope of activities within the Department connects with industry. The courses are designed to cover all facets of fashion, give students a creative and technical appreciation of the industry as well as an understanding of the business aspects of Fashion. The Head of the Department made it clear to the students that, the Department of Fashion Design and Textiles has a reputation for producing graduates who have an enviable mix of industry relevant knowledge and skills underpinned by sound academic theory. Hence, striving to promote their own innovative designs should be of great concern to them.

The Department of Industrial Art participated in a Regional Art Exhibition Week organised by Sasa Clothings to commemorate Ghana’s 60th Independence anniversary celebrations. The theme for the exhibition was “Promoting Entrepreneurship through Arts, Fashion and Tourism.” The Department showcased students’ works from all the five options of study within the Industrial Art programme. Some of the products included drawings, paintings, sculptures, ceramics graphic designs.
The Head of Department, Mr. Samuel Kwame in a speech, noted that, the Volta Region is blessed with talented artists. The Department's participation in the exhibition was to sell the Department to the public; educate prospective students on their programmes in order to polish their talents; disseminate knowledge on how to integrate various raw materials from the immediate environment by employing modern technologies in design and production of works of art to compete in the local and international market; as well as to prepare creative and innovative artists with theoretical and practical skills in the three domains of cognitive, psychomotor and affective for national development.

1. Remedial Classes
The Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology with the approval of the Academic Board has instituted remedial classes for students who want to improve upon their WASSCE grades and it is open to the general public. The remedial class is currently underway and will end in September, 2017.

2. Faculty Orientation for radio programme 'FASTLANE'
The Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has initiated a radio programme dubbed 'FASTLANE' to enlighten the general public on the various programmes being pursued in the Faculty and their relevance to economic development. The orientation was organized for selected faculty from the five departments within the Faculty.

3. Google Digital Skills Training
The Department of Computer Science in collaboration with Google and Wineloya Digital Advertising organized a training seminar to give staff and students of Ho Technical University the opportunity to gain some digital skills.

The program was held on Wednesday, 30th November 2016 in the G. M. Afeti Auditorium. Staff and students of the University were in attendance. The digital skills training helped participants to understand the digital space, use of online tools for research and social sharing, and online advertising.

4. Agro Enterprise Development Department
The Department of Agro Enterprise Development embarked on outreach programme in the various second cycle institutions in the Volta Region to scout for prospective students. This became necessary due to low intake of students into the Agro Enterprise Development programme. Careful analysis of the situation point to the fact that many applicants do not know the content and prospects of the programme. It was thus aimed at creating awareness and educating prospective students and the general public, especially General Science and Agricultural Science students about the career opportunities in pursuing the Agro Enterprise Development programme in Ho Technical University.
The Faculty of Business and Management Studies in collaboration with International Programmes Office of the Ho Technical University organized a Practitioner's Forum on Wednesday, 29th March, 2017 in the G.M. Afeti Auditorium on the topic “Experiences of Public Administration Expert in the USA: Lessons for Ghana”.

The facilitator of the forum was Mr. David L. Ellison, Principal Planner and Public Administration Expert at City of San Antonio (Airport System) of the United States of America. His presentation covered areas such as the nature of Public Administration; Centralization and Decentralization; Difference between Politics and Policies; Leadership, Politics-Administration Dichotomy, as well Local Administration and Governance.

The forum was well attended by Faculty, Senior Administrative Staff and a cross-section of students especially from the Faculty of Business and Management Studies.

The Maiden AFETI-VODZI lecture attracted an audience from academia, practitioners from different sectors, religious leaders, chiefs, students and the general public to the G.M. Afeti Auditorium of the Ho Technical University on March 23, 2017 to listen to a lecture in honour of Dr. George Mawusi Afeti and the late James Yaovi Vodzi.

In his opening remarks, the Interim Vice-Chancellor of the University, doubling as the Chairman of the occasion, stated that, the Lecture was instituted to celebrate the leadership roles played by both Dr. George Mawusi Afeti and the late James Yaovi Vodzi.

Mr. James Yaovi Vodzi, the last Principal of the erstwhile Ho Technical Institute, was instrumental in its conversion into a Polytechnic. He managed the institution during transition in 1992 and handed over to Dr Afeti in 1993 as Principal of a newly converted Ho Polytechnic as a tertiary institution. It has been said that Mr Vodzi single handedly declared Ho Technical Institute as a Polytechnic, compelling the government to eventually accord the status on the Institution ahead of Government's own scheduled date of declaration, as the process of conversion seemed slower than expected.

Dr. George Mawusi Afeti, the first Principal of Ho Polytechnic has been credited with substantial infrastructural and human resource development of the then Ho Polytechnic. He is hailed for putting in functional institutional frameworks that led to the development and smooth take-off of Bachelor of Technology (B'Tech) programmes, making Ho Polytechnic a pacesetter in this regard.

Dr Archibald Letsa, the Volta Regional Minister who launched the lecture series commended management of the University for instituting the Afeti-Vodzi Lectures and encouraged the young ones to learn from the achievements of the honorees by embracing Technical and Vocational Education, which is in line with government’s policy.
Delivering the Lecture, Justice of the Supreme Court, His Lordship, Justice Jones Victor Mawulom Dotse, charged Technical Universities to support the work of artisans by creating the necessary linkages to ensure knowledge transfer and contribute meaningfully to national development. The Technical Universities must link up with the industrialists, practical craftsmen and artisans to provide them with theoretical support in their fabrication and manufacturing of small scale industrial machines. This, he sees, as the surest way to make theory and practice complement each other. "My charge to the Ho Technical University is that, in order to maintain the legacies of Vodzi and Afeti, the University must create the necessary linkages and interface with those who practice in the various vocations and trades," he reiterated.

Assessing the leadership roles of both honorees, Justice Dotse remarked "Vodzi, like John the Baptist, prepared the way for Dr. Afeti. I can say that, both Vodzi and Afeti were persons who exhibited a high degree of confidence and integrity in their work. Dr. Afeti on the other hand, came to explore the dreams he had about technical education and decidedly raised it to greater heights." Both honorees were given plaques for their contributions.

In expressing appreciation for the honour done them, Dr. Afeti, admonished all duty bearers to endeavour to leave legacies in their various positions. "It is not what you take away that matters, it is what you leave behind that matters. Image is everything."
The second batch of fresh students for the 2016/2017 academic year was on Friday, 31st March, 2017 matriculated at a ceremony in the G. M. Afeti Auditorium. In all, 435 students were admitted and matriculated into the various programmes of study. This is an improvement over the 2015/2016 academic year 2nd batch admissions when the initiative began.

Delivering his welcome address, the Interim Vice-Chancellor, Prof E. K. Sakyi, reiterated that the decision of the Academic Board to introduce the second batch of admissions for each academic year was receiving positive results as shown in the number of students opting to take this advantage. He thanked the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, Deans, Heads of Department and lecturers for supporting the initiative. The Vice-Chancellor called on all staff to give their utmost support to the 2nd batch students due to the special nature of their academic calendar.

To the Matriculants, the Vice-Chancellor admonished them not to lose sight of the reason why their parents spent money to bring them to the University, and that as they pursue their various programmes of study, it was essential that they integrate academic excellence with integrity, self-discipline and moral uprightness throughout their stay on campus. He assured the students that Management will do everything possible to provide conducive environment for teaching and learning to take place.

Miss Rita Makafui Amegatse thanked Management of the University on behalf of the Matriculants and pledged their willingness to abide by rules and regulations of the University. She further pledged that they were not going to disappoint their parents and the University for the opportunity given to them through the second batch admissions window.

The Registrar took the Matriculants through the matriculation oath and declaration of obedience.
FATHER
DEDICATED TO DR. AFETI AND LATE VODZI

Frantically desperate to satisfy the needs of dependants; comfortable to be known as the boss; ready to remove the dross; silently discouraging doss; for a hallowed patent to emboss; as the mural on generational doors.

Adorably affectionate and mindful of the shades and builds; of strengths and frailties; in the abundance of properties; dutiful to necessities; in fulfilment of sound qualities; disposed in the land of no partialities.

Tactically positioned to ensure; he directs the paths of each child into the best of meadow places; to wear the beautiful sown laces; in praise of comely graces; in step with duteous traces; in acolyte with winning aces.

Happily honoured when fulfilled; as a mentor because he excelled; in unclotting and demarcating the knotty lines; in consonance with the rules; having bargained at times in a truce; for them not to be loose; in order to escape the noose.

Endures the throes with the family through challenging times. Though secretly bearing the highest brunt in the face on imposing threat; working effectively to entreat; endeavours to stand in his feat; mindful of the Achilles heel; he bellows in agony not to unseat; and prays for an end to fit.

Remembers that through it all; as he stands tall; after the muddle in the hall; quietly braced after the norms; God paddled him through the storms; and writing him a story; to give God the glory and to raise high the image!

Dr. G.M. Afeti -Principal, Ho Poly 1993-2006
Mr. J.Y. Vodzi (late)-Principal, HTI 1980-1992

Eli Atatsi
Ho Technical University (HTU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Hamm-Lippstadt University of Applied Sciences (HSHL) of Germany. This will create a long-term partnership between the two universities and facilitate exchange programmes between staff and students. It will also foster development of joint degree programmes, joint research publications, grant application and strengthen institutional mentoring between the two institutions.

The Interim Vice-Chancellor of the University of HTU, Prof. Emmanuel K. Sakyi, signed on behalf of HTU, while the President of HSHL, Prof. Klaus Zeppenfeld, signed for the Germany-based University. In an address, Prof. Sakyi was optimistic that the partnership would help promote purposeful education and research for mutual benefit, hence partnering with Hamm-Lippstadt University. “The state of the art educational facilities and their industry-oriented technical expertise make this German University a perfect match for HTU and we stand a lot to gain from the Hamm-Lippstadt experience in this direction”, he stated.

Prof. Zeppenfeld was glad that both universities were bent on developing practice-oriented courses with a clear orientation towards current and future market requirements. He indicated that both institutions, run the same bachelor degree programmes, exhibiting a strong commitment to provide excellent education for the students, with the objective to educate students for a successful work life in the fields of Engineering and Business. It would be a great opportunity for our students to spend a semester abroad at your University and, in return, we would be very glad to welcome your students at our University in Germany”, Prof. Zeppenfeld stated.

To strengthen the ties between HTU and Universite de Lome, a four-man delegation led by the Interim Pro-Vice Chancellor visited Lome upon the invitation of School authorities on 24th January, 2017 to look at effective ways of operationalising the terms of the MOU signed between the two institutions. At a meeting held between the two sides, it was agreed that students would be exchanged beginning with thirty (30) students from the Engineering Department of Universite de Lome who would undertake a one month practical training in the Amatrol laboratory at Ho Technical University. This training would be spiced with English language proficiency lessons and visits to key industrial establishments to give participants a firsthand experience of how work goes on. It is hoped that this would mark the beginning of further diverse academic co-operations between the two institutions.

The French club of HTU participated in Kermese which is an annual festival aimed at showcasing francophone culture in Ghana on Saturday 25th March, 2017. The festival was enriched with insightful events and activities such as concerts, French contests, a fair, comedy shows, job forums, crafts, dance, music,
Management of Ho Technical University established Alumni Relations Office under the Office of the Registrar to address all alumni related matters. The Office is responsible for driving the University's objective of making its alumni strategic stakeholders in the development of the Institution. The Office serves as the liaison between the University and its Alumni.

The functions of the Office include the following:

1. Serve as liaison or link between the University and its Alumni by facilitating the sharing of information and communication between the University and its Alumni;
2. Establish a medium or platform by which Alumni will make meaningful contributions and assistance toward the development of the University (their Alma Mater);
3. Promote academic and social fraternity among alumni, staff and students of the University by organizing symposia, lectures, seminars and other social activities;
4. Establish and maintain a central fund from which funds will be pooled for developmental projects in the University.
5. Establish and build relationship with a wide range of alumni, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally thereby maintaining regular communication with alumni via direct contact, email blast and print publications.

With the conversion of the Polytechnic into a Technical University, the Management is ever ready to collaborate with all its Alumni and the Alumni Association to become strategic stakeholders in the development of the University. All HTU Alumni are therefore encouraged to get connected as soon as possible.

HTU SCOUTS FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

A send-off dinner in hour of Mr. Yoshihiro Enomoto popularly known as JOSH was organised by Management to show appreciation for his enormous contribution to the Department of Electrical/Electronic Engineering. JOSH came to the Department as a volunteer from the Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) in 2015.

Enumerating the contribution of JOSH to the Department, the Head of the Department of Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Mr. Frank Kulor gave a tall list of works and equipments that JOSH single handedly or through JICA donated to the Department. A complete laboratory according to the Head of Department was virtually stoked with modern teaching and learning equipments through the efforts of JOSH. He could not hide his joy and the fact that the Department was doing everything possible to extend his stay with the Department a bit longer but that could not materialize.
The Head of Cooperation of the Embassy of France, Dr. Jean-Luc Mure, has stated the readiness of the French Mission in Ghana to help establish institutional linkages between universities in France and Ho Technical University (HTU). According to Dr Mure, this is one of the means of deepening cooperation and friendship between Ghana and France. The Embassy in Ghana has already embarked on a programme with some universities in Ghana to promote the French language and to assist students to acquire new experiences. Even though Ho Technical University was not part of the programme, the Embassy will add HTU to the programme which includes entry of students into a competition that would present some new opportunities for such students. Even though Ho Technical University was not part of the programme, the Embassy will add HTU to the programme which includes entry of students into a competition that would present some new opportunities for such students. Even though Ho Technical University was not part of the programme, the Embassy will add HTU to the programme which includes entry of students into a competition that would present some new opportunities for such students.

Areas of cooperation identified include:

1. Hospitality and Tourism Management
2. Linkage of the national broadcaster of France to Volta Premier FM.
3. Exchange of Students.
4. Provision of support for the teaching and learning of the French language.
5. Establishment of language laboratory.

Accompanying Dr. Mure was Julie Founier Angelo (Attachée de Cooperation pour le Français)

The Head of Department, Mrs. Eli Atatsi, recognized and appreciated the efforts being made by the Embassy to incorporate HTU in its already existing programmes and appealed to the Embassy to resource the University Library with materials that will enhance the teaching and learning of the French Language. She also appealed for assistance to establish a Modern Language Laboratory. The Department of Applied Modern & Communication is currently providing French language lessons to students and others who seek to be proficient in the language.

The Interim Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Emmanuel Sakyi, reiterated the essence of learning the French language by stating that the University's proximity to Francophone countries such as Togo and Benin can create better opportunities for students who are bilingual and multilingual.

The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Richard Akplotsyi further enumerated the good works of the volunteer and pleaded with him to link the University to opportunities in Japan when he returns. The Dean said that the Faculty has really benefited a lot from JOSH and hope that those who will be replacing him will be of his caliber.

The Interim Vice-Chancellor, Prof. E. K. Sakyi, admonished staff to learn from the attitude of JOSH, especially his commitment to work and modesty. The Vice-Chancellor recounted how JOSH impressed on him to get him out of the hotel in which he was accommodated because he did not want the University to spend so much on him. Prof. Sakyi noted that before the University accommodation was ready, JOSH had already moved in without basic facilities provided. He thanked JOSH and wished him well as he goes back to Japan.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar jointly presented gifts and plaque on behalf of Management to JOSH.

FRENCH EMBASSY TO SUPPORT HTU

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