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UHAS Matriculates 2,016 Regular Students for the 2025/2026 Academic Year

The University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) held concurrent matriculation ceremonies at its Ho and Hohoe campuses on Saturday, January 31, 2026 for the 2025/2026 Regular Academic Year students.

Matriculation is a statutory university requirement which involves taking the matriculation oath and signing the matriculation register, formally signifying a student's official admission and induction into the university community.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Lydia Aziato, presided over the ceremony at the main campus at Sokode-Lokoe, Ho during which she applauded the newly matriculated students for choosing UHAS as the institution for furthering their studies.

Professor Aziato encouraged the students to uphold the tenets of the Matriculation Oath and be guided by the rules and regulations outlined in the Student Handbook. She also advised them to pursue discipline in their academic journey to achieve success and be prepared to make sacrifices for a better future.



The Vice Chancellor declared that the University was compelled to reduce students' intake by 27% from last academic year due to infrastructure challenges. She however gave the assurance that Management, with the firm support from Government, are taking steps to surmount the challenges. She called on the students to help in maintaining the existing infrastructure by saying 'Take pride in your learning environment, and let us work together to preserve its beauty, safety, and functionality.' She also admonished the fresh students to be mindful of their immediate environment and promptly report suspicious activities to the

necessary authorities, for their personal safety and security. She indicated that the University is increasingly investing in technology towards combating academic dishonesty, thereby promoting academic honesty and upholding the integrity of scholarly work at UHAS.

Professor Aziato stated that, as parts of efforts to make further education easily accessible to working professionals, the UHAS Fred N. Binka School of Public Health has introduced Weekend Masters Programmes while the UHAS School of Nursing and Midwifery introduced sandwich options in Master of Philosophy in Nursing and Master of Philosophy in Midwifery programmes.

The ceremony at FNBSPH, Hohoe was presided over by the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Frank Edwin and he read the Vice Chancellor's speech.



On the Ho campus, Ms. Mavis Naa-Nuertekie Agyemang and Mr. Evans Bubune Mensah delivered an inspiring address on behalf of their colleagues. Mr. Ephraim Fiifi Dontoh and Ms. Thelma Botchway did same on behalf of their colleagues at the Hohoe Campus. In all, the students in their respective speeches showed the commitment of the cohort to their respective chosen fields of study, signifying the beginning of a journey of responsibility, discipline, service,



resilience and character development as healthcare professionals in training. They gave the assurance that their cohort would commit to "lifelong learning" to realize their full potential at every stage of their academic and professional journey in UHAS.

The University, which is the first and only state university in Ghana wholly dedicated to the training of healthcare professional, currently runs 23 undergraduate and 26 postgraduate programmes in the various fields of Health and Allied Sciences. The University has just received accreditation from the Medical and Dental Council to run the Graduate Entry Medical Programme (GEMP) and admission processes for the first cohort are currently ongoing. GEMP is a four and half year Medical programme for holders of Bachelor of Science or equivalent degrees in Science-based programmes including Physician Assistantship, Pharmacy, Nursing, Midwifery, Biological Sciences, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Nutrition, Dietetics, Food Science, Biomedical Engineering, Laboratory Sciences, Physiotherapy, Agricultural Science, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Radiography, etc. with a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.5.

UHAS-ITAM Natural Products Laboratory Receives FDA GLP Certification



The University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) Institute of Traditional and Alternative Medicine (ITAM) Natural Products Laboratory has officially been awarded Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) certification by the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) of Ghana, effective October 14, 2025.

This certification marks a significant milestone in UHAS-ITAM's mission towards enhancing healthcare through the seamless integration of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine (TCAM) into Ghana's national healthcare framework. The Institute continues to advance this mission through education, training, research, product development, advocacy, community engagement, and service delivery.

The FDA certification affirms that the UHAS-ITAM Natural Products Laboratory meets the stringent quality and safety standards required under Ghana's Public Health Act. This national recognition not only strengthens the credibility of the Laboratory but also elevates the

reputation of UHAS, reflecting the University's commitment to excellence in natural product research and testing.

Beyond regulatory recognition, the GLP certification provides a robust platform for the provision of remunerated analytical and testing services. Traditional medicine practitioners and natural product manufacturers—within Ghana and international—can now access the Laboratory for essential toxicological testing, microbial analysis, and phytochemical profiling. These services support the national regulatory process for herbal product registration and foster productive partnerships with industry stakeholders.

By this stride, UHAS-ITAM is positioned as a leading health research institute dedicated to community service and adherence to globally accepted laboratory standards, enhancing the University's capacity to host cutting-edge research projects and engaging in high-impact collaborative ventures.

UHAS Undergoes 2nd GTEC Cyclical Institutional Review

The Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC) has successfully conducted its Second Five-Year Cyclical Institutional Review of the University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS), from Monday, January 12 to Friday, January 16, 2026.

The review forms part of the Commission's statutory mandate to assess the performance of tertiary institutions and to ensure continuous improvement in quality assurance, governance, and academic delivery. The exercise aimed at evaluating progress made since the previous institutional review, conducted five years ago, to address identified gaps and promote sustained institutional growth and development.



The GTEC engagement started with a meeting with the University Management during which the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Frank Edwin, on behalf of the University, presented the University's report on the Second Cyclical Review, covering the period 2021–2025 and highlighted the status of

recommendations arising from the 2020 review in the following strategic objective areas: Advancement in cutting-edge research; Enhancement of academic environment; Strengthening internal management processes; Stakeholder engagement; Promotion of diversity, culture, brand, and institutional identity; Financial sustainability and capital investment; Provision of state-of-the-art facilities, laboratories, and technology; Risk management, monitoring, and results-based management; Communication strategy and global outreach.

Other activities under the engagement included interaction with the Management of the various schools and institutes of the University, interaction with the student body and a tour of selected university facilities to assess general infrastructure, learning environments and support systems.



The GTEC delegation was headed by Professor Mahama Duwiejua (Chairman of GTEC Council and Head of the Assessment Team). During the debriefing session, he commended UHAS Management for its openness and cooperation throughout the audit process.

Other members of the GTEC delegation included Professor Mohammed Salifu (Former GTEC Director-General), Professor Augustine Ocloo (GTEC Deputy Director-General), Professor Kwame Bosiako Omame Antwi (a GTEC



Assessor), Dr. Emmanuel Oware-Nyarko (GTEC Director of Quality Assurance) and GTEC administrative support staff - Mr. Kwaku Boateng and Mr. Michael Owusu-Acheaw.

The Senior Management of the University comprising the Vice Chancellor, Professor Lydia Aziato, the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Frank Edwin and the Registrar, Ms. Yaa Amankwaa Opuni, together with other Management members comprising Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and Heads of Administration of the various schools and institutes of the University actively participated in the exercise.

The successful conduct of the Second Cyclical Institutional Review affirms UHAS' commitment to accountability, quality assurance and continuous improvement in the delivery of healthcare and allied sciences education.

Volta Caucus together with Regional Minister inspect Progress of Work on UHAS Hohoe Campus – Fodome Site

The Volta Regional Minister, Honourable James Gunu together with the Volta Caucus in Parliament headed by their Chairman, Honourable Emmanuel Bedzrah (Member of Parliament for Ho West), who also doubles as the Chairman of the Ghana Education Trust Fund (GETFund), paid a working visit to the Hohoe Campus - Fodome Site of the University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) to inspect the progress of work on Monday, February 2, 2026.

The visit brought together chiefs and elders of the Fodome Traditional Area, government functionaries, Members of Ghana's Parliament representing constituencies in the Volta Region and UHAS Management. It formed part of efforts by the Volta Caucus to assess ongoing infrastructural projects in the region as well as engage key stakeholders on the way forward.

According to Honourable Gunu, the primary objective of the visit was to jointly examine the pace and quality of work on projects in the region together with members of the Volta Caucus and to explore practical ways of accelerating the completion of the projects. He underscored the strategic importance of the UHAS Fred N. Binka School of Public Health, billed to be the first beneficiary school of the ongoing project at the Fodome Site, describing it as being critical to broadening the academic scope and national relevance of the University. The Regional Minister requested for a regular update from the University Management on the project as one of the means of keeping the project on track.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Volta Caucus and GETFund Board Chairman, Honourable Bedzrah, among other things, assured the University community of the



Caucus' commitment to ensuring the timely completion of the 12-year old project. He disclosed that a contract for accommodation facilities at the site has just been agreed upon as an addition to the ongoing administration and lecture hall facilities. Overall, he expressed satisfaction with the level of progress made on the ongoing project. Honourable Bedzrah also highlighted the completion of the Eastern Corridor Road Project, noting its significance in facilitating smooth transportation and movement within the region.

The Vice Chancellor of UHAS, Professor Lydia Aziato, expressed her appreciation to the Volta Regional Minister, the GETFund Chairman and members of the Volta Caucus for their continuous support.

She emphasized the need for a quick completion of the 12-year old project at the Hohoe Campus-Fodome Site, citing congestion challenges at the current temporal location of the Fred N. Binka School of Public Health (FNBSPH) within the premises of the Volta Regional Hospital in Hohoe. Professor Aziato also appealed for expedited action regarding the construction of the UHAS campus internal roads at the Ho Campus – Sokode Site and Hohoe Campus – Fodome Site.

Speaking on behalf of the Paramount Chief of Fodome Traditional Area, Togbe Adze II, Divisional Chief of Fodome Agbesia, welcomed the delegation and commended the Volta Caucus for involving traditional authorities in



development-related engagements. He noted that such inclusion promotes accountability and transparency in project implementation. Togbe Adze II added his voice to the call for acceleration of work on the Fodome Site project, stressing its potential to boost socio-economic development in the Fodome and Hohoe communities.

Other dignitaries present included Honourable Dzifa Gomashie (Member of Parliament for Ketu South), Honourable

Richmond Edem Kpotosu (Member of Parliament for Ho Central), Honourable Edem Agbana (Member of Parliament for Ketu North), Honourable Worlanyo Tsekpo (Member of Parliament for Hohoe), Professor Frank Badien (Dean, UHAS-FNBSPH, Hohoe), Mr. Mahama Adongo (UHAS Director of Internal Audit), Arch. Ruth Xorladem Ayitsey (UHAS Director of Works and Physical Development) and Mr. Gabriel Agbanyo (President of UHAS Alumni Association).

UHAS marks World NTDs Day with Public Awareness Float in Ho

The University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS), through its Centre for Neglected Tropical Diseases (CNTD), on Thursday, January 29, 2026, organized a public awareness float through the principal streets of Ho to mark the 2026 World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day.

The event formed part of national efforts to raise awareness on Neglected Tropical Diseases, a group of over twenty-one preventable and treatable conditions that affect millions of people worldwide, fourteen of which are endemic in Ghana. Diseases such as elephantiasis, trichomoniasis, leprosy and leishmaniasis continue to disproportionately affect vulnerable and marginalised communities.

The float, which preceded the official national commemoration held on Friday, January 30, 2026, aligned with the 2026 campaign theme “Act Now to Eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases”, calls for urgent and coordinated action by policymakers, health professionals and communities to accelerate efforts towards the elimination of NTDs.

Speaking during the float, the Director of the Center for Neglected Tropical Diseases (CNTD) at UHAS Institute of Health Research (IHR), Dr Alfred Kwesi Manyeh emphasized the importance of early education and sustained awareness, particularly among students in the health sciences. He explained that involving the future doctors, nurses and community health workers, etc. equips them with adequate essential knowledge on NTDs even before they enter



professional practice, thereby helping to reduce stigma and promotes compassionate care for affected persons. The colourful procession attracted the attention of residents across the Ho Municipality, as UHAS staff and students engaged community members, distributed informational leaflets and demonstrated basic hygiene practices that help prevent the spread of NTDs. The public education interaction reinforced the role of communities in preventing and controlling the diseases.

Dr Manyeh and other health advocates stressed that the elimination of NTDs requires collective and sustained effort, noting that students and young professionals play a critical role in sustaining long-term progress towards elimination.

The main national ceremony to mark the 2026 World NTDs Day was held on Friday, 30 January, at the Social Welfare School Park in Madina-Accra, under the theme “Unite, Act, Eliminate”. The annual

commemoration seeks to raise public awareness and draw attention to the social and economic impact of NTDs, particularly on poor and marginalised populations.

Delivering the keynote address on behalf of the Minister of Health, Dr Adams Hafiz Taher affirmed the Government of Ghana's strong commitment to eliminating NTDs. He noted that the diseases are preventable and treatable, with treatment provided free of charge. He disclosed that Ghana is among fifty-eight countries globally that have eliminated at least three NTDs.

He further indicated that Ghana is currently combating 14 NTDs through interventions such as Mass Drug Administration, improved access to safe water and sanitation and strengthened community engagement, stressing that success depends on shared responsibility.

The Greater Accra Regional Director of



Health Services, Dr Robert Amesiya, described NTDs as a silent but significant public health challenge that continues to affect the most vulnerable members of society. He called for sustained collaboration to improve sanitation, enhance disease surveillance and deepen community engagement to ensure lasting gains.

The National NTDs Ambassador, Rev. Dr Joyce Aryee drew attention to the stigma associated with NTDs and expressed optimism that continued progress would one day remove the word “neglected” from their name. She advocated the integration of NTD screening into primary healthcare delivery and the National Health Insurance Scheme to promote early detection and treatment. Describing community leaders as custodians of trust, she urged increased vigilance at the community level, dedicated support for Mass Drug Administration campaigns and sustained media engagement.

Development partners at the event expressed concern about a 41 per cent reduction in global funding for NTDs over the past year, compounded by recent funding suspensions, which pose a threat to sustaining progress. Despite these challenges, the partners reaffirmed their commitment to supporting Ghana's NTDs

programme and called for increased domestic financing, local ownership and continued multisectoral collaboration.

The UHAS-led float and the national engagements underscored the urgent need for collective action to eliminate NTDs and reaffirmed the University's commitment to advancing public health through education, research and community engagement.

Parul University Officials visit UHAS to Deepen Collaboration

The University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) and Parul University in India signed a total of three (3) Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on August 18, 2025. Subsequently, a team from Parul University paid a courtesy call on UHAS Senior Management on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 to discuss issues relating to the operationalization of the three (3) MoU.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Lydia Aziato, in her welcome address appreciated the personnel from Parul University, India for the official visit. She related that though the instant MoU were targeted at UHAS Institute of Traditional and Alternative Medicine (UHAS-ITAM), the School of Medicine (SOM), School of



Pharmacy (SOP), School of Allied Health Sciences (SAHS) and School of Nursing and Midwifery (SONAM) could also have a level of collaboration with Parul University due to their respective areas of speciality.

The Director of International Affairs of Parul University, Mr. Vandit Anjaria, during the interaction declared that 'the partnership with UHAS is the first of its kind in Africa and we are poised to execute all aspects of the collaboration'. Mr. Anjaria intimated that their university intends "to bring students all over the world, UHAS inclusive, to experience their studies practically at Parul University'.

The Assistant Director of International Affairs of Parul University, resident in Ghana, Professor Ankitkumar Brahmbeih, indicated that Parul University aspire to operationalize exchange programmes between faculty, staff and students, as well as curriculum development programmes for both universities.

The Ghana Country Representative of Parul University, Mr. Bernard Quarm, among other things, commended UHAS for the commitment so far shown towards the operationalization of the collaboration between UHAS and Parul University.

Ms. Yaa Amankwaa Opuni, the Registrar of UHAS concluded the interaction with the following words: Holistic training should not be localized and there must be an exposure to the transfer of knowledge between faculty, staff and students of Parul University and UHAS.

Parul University is an Indian private university known for its multidisciplinary approach in fields like Medicine, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, among others, that has over 65,000 students. The University started operations in Ghana since 2016.

The collaboration with Parul University particularly positions UHAS towards growth in traditional and alternative medicine and cultural exchange in India, Ghana and beyond.



Saskatchewan University pays Courtesy Call on UHAS Vice Chancellor

A two-member delegation from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor of the University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS), Professor Lydia Aziato, on Thursday, February 5, 2026 to explore areas of mutual interest for collaboration.

The delegation comprised Dr. Shehnaz Alidina, Associate Dean for Engagement and Development and Ms. Ana Carolina Maldonado Robles, Director of Globalization at the College of Nursing.

In her welcome address, Professor Aziato gave an overview of UHAS, underscoring the University's position as the only state university in Ghana solely dedicated to the training of healthcare professionals.

The Director of UHAS Institute of Health Research (IHR), Professor Alexander Ansah Manu, briefed the delegation on the mandate of the Institute and introduced them to the centres of the Institute which are Centre for Malaria Research (CMR), Centre for Neglected Tropical Diseases Research (CNTDR),

Centre for Non-Communicable Diseases Research (CNCDR) and Centre for Health Policy and Implementation Research (CHPIR).

As part of the visit, Ms. Maldonado Robles had the opportunity to interact with a section of UHAS students, during which she highlighted the City of Saskatoon's new automatic baseline funding policies for PhD students, among others.

The engagement with Saskatchewan University is expected to lead to collaborative opportunities beneficial to both universities.

UHAS Professor Peter Wisdom Atadja Honored with Prestigious Chinese Academy of Sciences 2026 President's International Fellowship Initiative Award

The Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry (SIOC) and Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) have announced that Professor Peter Wisdom Atadja has been

awarded the 2026 President's International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI) Visiting Scientist Award. This distinguished honor, conferred by CAS, recognizes Professor Atadja's outstanding contributions to global scientific innovation and his leadership in advancing research collaborations across borders.

Professor Atadja is a faculty and past Dean of University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) School of Basic and Biomedical Sciences (SBBS), Ho, Ghana, and a consultant and advisor as Chief Scientific Officer for Landcent, a global health technology company engaged in the development of malaria prevention product. He has long been celebrated for his pioneering work in cancer drug discovery and development at the Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, and more recently, tackling poverty-related diseases, particularly malaria. His scientific vision and commitment to collaborative innovation have had a transformative impact on global health research.

As part of the PIFI programme award requirements, Professor Atadja will undertake 6-month special research in China this calendar year, 2026, during which he will conduct in-depth cooperation with research teams from SIOC and other top institutions under the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

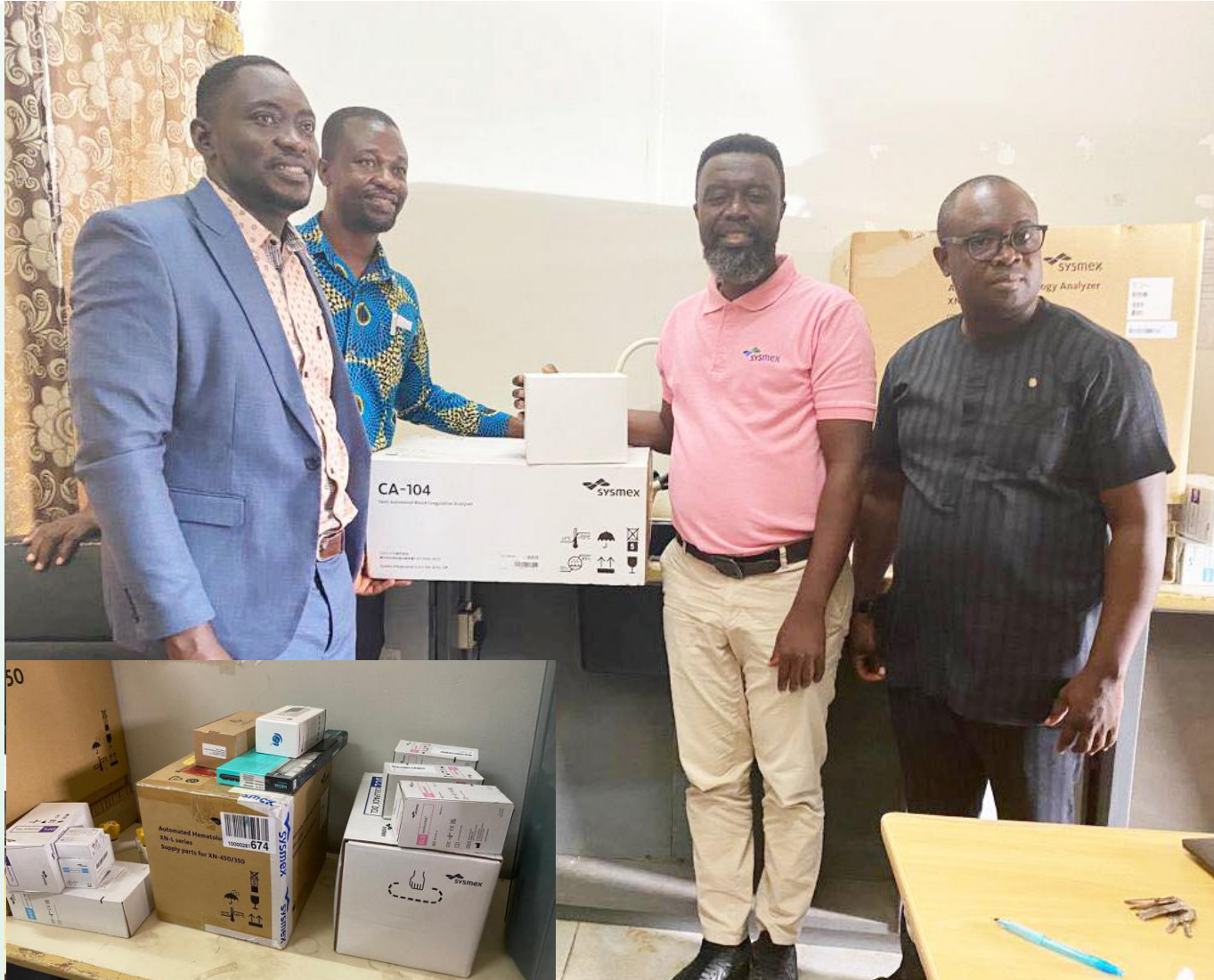
This feat of Professor Atadja is not just a personal achievement but also brings international academic attention and compliment to UHAS. The award will afford Professor Atadja the opportunity to bring back to UHAS cutting-edge technologies and research results which will significantly strengthen the construction level of UHAS' core disciplines such as tropical disease control and drug molecular design. The award is also expected to enable Professor Atadja to establish a joint talent training channel between UHAS and the

Chinese Academy of Sciences system, cultivating a group of young scientific research talents with international perspective and cutting-edge technical capabilities for UHAS, consolidating UHAS' core position in the field of public health research particularly in Africa and the world at large.

The research results to be obtained from the award opportunity will also directly enhance public health undertakings in both China and Ghana, providing innovative solutions for China to cope with imported malaria and vector mosquito control and more importantly, offering practical technical support for local malaria control in Ghana, thus helping Ghana to achieve the goal of malaria elimination at an early date.

The 6-month research work of Prof Atadja on the programme in China will further serve as an important bridge to deepen the cooperation between UHAS and the Chinese Academy of Sciences, as he is expected to establish close academic ties with top research institutions under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, such as the Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica and the Institute of Microbiology, promoting more future cooperation between the two sides in joint scientific research project applications, academic conference hosting, and teacher-student exchange programmes. This surely will help UHAS to expand its global scientific research cooperation network and create continuous academic and development opportunities, bringing a long-term and significant benefits to UHAS.

The University of Health and Allied Sciences fully recognizes the strategic value of this programme and strongly pledges to support Professor Atadja on this groundbreaking endeavour, as the PIFI award affords UHAS a great opportunity for fostering strategic international cooperations and accelerating breakthroughs in healthcare science education and technology.



Sysmex donates Medical Laboratory Equipment to UHAS-SAHS

School of Allied Health Sciences (SAHS) of University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS), Ho has received a substantial donation of medical laboratory equipment worth about GH¢327,992.22 from Sysmex West and Central Africa Ltd, to enhance teaching, learning and research.

The donated equipment which were received on January 21, 2026, on behalf of the School by the Dean, Professor Samuel Essien-Baidoo, would be installed in the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences.

The items donated include: XN-350 RET Haematology Analyser, CA-104 Coagulation Analyser, as well as

reagents, quality control materials and other essential laboratory consumables. The equipment is expected to significantly improve students' practical training and strengthen diagnostic and research capabilities within the Department. The donation underscores the company's commitment to supporting health education and capacity building in Ghana, particularly in the area of medical laboratory science.

Management of UHAS express profound appreciation to Sysmex Ghana and Sysmex West and Central Africa Ltd for their generosity and continued partnership with the University.

UHAS remains committed to building strategic collaborations with industry partners to advance excellence in health training and research in Ghana.



UHAS SRC Partners NHIS to Strengthen Students' Health Security

The Student Representative Council (SRC) of the University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS), under the leadership of President Edward Benevolent Nyamekye, has facilitated a landmark engagement on Thursday, February 19, 2026 with the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to enhance student access to healthcare services and deepen health security on campus.

The collaborative engagement, held at UHAS Main Campus, Sokode-Lokoe, brought together UHAS Management, UHAS student leadership and Volta Regional NHIS officials.

In her remarks, Vice Chancellor Professor Lydia Aziato reflected on UHAS' remarkable growth, noting that the institution has expanded from 154 students in 2012 to nearly 11,000 today. She emphasized the importance of ensuring that NHIS coverage translates into tangible benefits at health facilities, not just policy documentation. Professor Aziato particularly called for stronger support for critical conditions such as breast cancer and other life-threatening diseases, stressing that many Ghanaians still struggle to afford

treatment despite existing insurance provisions.

The NHIS delegation, led by Acting Volta Regional Director Ms. Suzan Chobbah, explained that the engagement formed part of their Campus Connect initiative. The programme is designed to position NHIS as a student-focused partner in healthcare, expand enrollment and intensify public education on the scheme.

Discussions during the session touched on key issues including effectiveness of generic medications, differences between private insurance packages and NHIS benefits, quality assurance in healthcare delivery, client education to help beneficiaries understand their rights and entitlements, etc.

The SRC leaders echoed the sentiments of stakeholders, advocating for the initiative to become an annual fixture aimed at safeguarding students' health security.

Also present at the meeting were UHAS Registrar Ms. Yaa Amankwaa Opuni, Dean of Students Professor Judith Torgbor and Volta Regional NHIS PRO, Mr. Christopher Galenkui.



UHAS Library hosts Maiden Pages & Popcorn Valentine's Event

The University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) Library organized its maiden Pages & Popcorn Valentine event dubbed 'A Valentine's Night at UHAS Library' on Thursday, February 12, 2026, drawing a good number of students and library staff.

The maiden event was designed to provide students with an opportunity to ease academic stress, enhance socialization and promote relaxation during the demanding academic semester. The programme also aimed at improving networking among library staff and students, fostering a sense of community within the University.

In her address, Dr. Theresa Larteley Adu, the University Librarian, emphasized that the library serves purposes beyond traditional academic study. "The library is not only for reading but also a place for relaxation and destress, to think outside the box.", Dr. Adu stated, encouraging students to view the facility as a multifaceted resource for their well-being.

Referencing the popular adage "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.", Dr. Adu reminded students of the importance

of maintaining a balance between academic rigor and personal wellness. She urged students to take advantage of such opportunities to relax, reduce stress and engage meaningfully with their peers and library staff.

Students who attended the Valentine's-themed event expressed overwhelming appreciation for the initiative. Many participants voiced their joy at having such a programme and called on the University to organize more of such activities to help alleviate the pressures of academic life.

The event featured a relaxed atmosphere where students watched a movie, enjoyed refreshments and built connections with fellow students and library personnel in a less formal setting than typical academic environments.

The Pages & Popcorn event represents UHAS Library's commitment to innovative programming that addresses student mental health and wellness. By creating spaces for relaxation and social interaction, the library is positioning itself as a hub for holistic student development beyond traditional information services.



UHAS holds Imagine Ghana Intervention Design Workshop to strengthen Integrated NTD and Mental Health Care

The University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) has successfully hosted a three-day Intervention Design Workshop under the IMAGINE Ghana Project, bringing together national and international stakeholders to advance integrated care for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and mental health conditions in Ghana.

The workshop which was held from February 24 to 26, 2026 at the University's main campus, convened researchers, policymakers, programme implementers, civil society organizations and affected persons to co-design context-appropriate interventions aimed at strengthening service delivery across all levels of the health system.

The primary objective of the workshop was to refine and adapt an Essential Care Package (ECP) that integrates NTD and mental health services within Ghana's existing health delivery structures. Participants reviewed baseline findings organized by levels of the health system and identified critical gaps affecting

service access, quality and coordination. The baseline included Ellembelle, Bole, Hohoe and Ho districts.

A photovoice exhibition further enriched discussions by presenting lived experiences from affected persons, grounding technical deliberations in community realities.

Using structured problem-solution tools and scoring matrices, participants prioritized gaps based on severity, population impact, feasibility within current capacity alignment with programme priorities and fit with existing NTD systems.

The three-day workshop combined plenary presentations, breakout group discussions and Steering Committee engagements.

The study is a four-year project being conducted by the Centre for Neglected Tropical Diseases Research (CNTDR) at UHAS Institute of Health Research (IHR), led by the Principal Investigator Dr. Alfred Manyeh.

Miss Yaa Amankwa Opuni, the Registrar of the University and a representative of the Vice Chancellor on the first day of the workshop, affirmed UHAS' commitment to advancing impactful research that responds to national health priorities. She commended partners and stakeholders for their collaboration under the IMAGINE Ghana Project and emphasized the importance of integrating mental health into NTD programming. She noted that evidence-informed interventions are critical to strengthening Ghana's health system. The Registrar further encouraged sustained partnership, innovation and practical implementation of the workshop's outcomes. She expressed confidence that the refined intervention package would contribute meaningfully to improving care for vulnerable populations. Professor Lydia Aziato, the vice chancellor of the university who joined proceedings on the second day of the workshop emphasized the need for research to translate into tangible community-based interventions. She underscored the importance of communicating research findings in clear and accessible language to enhance understanding and uptake.

The Director of UHAS-IHR Professor Alexander Manu, in course of the workshop, addressed the persistent challenge of stigma affecting persons living with NTDs and mental health conditions. He called for a shift from over-medicalization towards a more compassionate patient-centred model of care. He emphasized that attention must be given to caregivers who often experience depression and stigmatization. He noted that the initiative should not be seen merely as a project but a catalyst for change.

On the final day of the workshop, the Chairperson of the Steering Committee, Professor Evelyn Ansah in her concluding remarks, noted that the workshop was impactful. She stressed that persons living with NTDs require sustained

support to access appropriate treatment and care. She urged stakeholders to ensure that strategies developed during the workshop are fully implemented.

The workshop brought together representatives from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), the ANESVAD Foundation and Effect Hope (TRANSFORM Project). The Ghanaian stakeholders included the Ghana Health Service (GHS), the Mental Health Authority, the Mental Health Department of GHS, National NTD Programmes, the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and representatives of persons affected by NTDs.

Neglected Tropical Diseases and mental health conditions continue to disproportionately affect vulnerable populations, often with overlapping social and economic consequences. By integrating mental health considerations into NTD programming, the IMAGINE Ghana Project seeks to promote more holistic, patient-centred and sustainable care models.

The successful hosting of the Intervention Design Workshop reinforces UHAS' leadership in collaborative research and its role as a convener of multidisciplinary partnerships aimed at translating evidence into policy and practice. Through such initiatives, the University continues to contribute meaningfully to national and global efforts to strengthen resilient and inclusive health systems.

UHAS-SOP Seminar discusses Contemporary Pharmacy Practice

The University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) School of Pharmacy hosted a thought-provoking seminar on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 under the theme, “Contemporary Pharmacy Practice: Future Prospects,” challenging students and faculty to rethink the evolving role of pharmacists beyond traditional dispensing functions. The keynote speaker, Pharm. Francis Aboagye Nyame, an experienced pharmacist and health systems expert, urged participants to shift their focus from merely supplying medicines to transforming the systems that determine how medicines are accessed, managed and used. According to him, the failure of patients to receive appropriate treatment is often not the fault of the dispensing pharmacist alone, but a breakdown in interconnected structures involving prescribers, procurement officers, manufacturers, regulators and policy-makers.

Drawing from a distinguished career that spans clinical practice, supply chain reform, health policy and international consultancy, Pharm. Nyame recounted personal experiences that shaped a systems-oriented view of Pharmacy. After graduating in 1989, he navigated roles in hospital pharmacy, ward practice, pharmaceutical regulation and national-level coordination of drug financing systems. These experiences revealed a persistent challenge. Central to the seminar was the argument that medicines move through systems, not silos.

The speaker emphasized that effective pharmaceutical care requires understanding regulatory frameworks, personnel policies, procurement processes, financing mechanisms and data systems. Using examples from supply chain reforms and health financing



initiatives, including oversight roles that involved nationwide hospital assessments, the speaker demonstrated how pharmacists can influence cost savings, reduce inefficiencies and improve accountability when they engage with data and policy rather than remain confined to dispensing roles. The seminar also highlighted the growing importance of informatics, artificial intelligence and data analytics in modern pharmacy practice as Pharm. Nyame entreated participants to envision pharmacists as innovators capable of using AI to inform inspection priorities, optimize supply chains and strengthen pharmaceutical governance. He stressed that the future pharmacist must be



equipped not only with scientific expertise but also with leadership skills and the courage to challenge outdated systems.

The speaker called on the participants to remain dedicated, disciplined, and patient in their professional journeys. He charged pharmacists to take responsibility for shaping the future of the profession rather than waiting for systems to evolve on their own thereby becoming architects of change within healthcare structures. "Medicine saves lives only when the system works," Pharm. Nyame said.

The seminar ended with a resounding message that the future of pharmacy practice lies not merely in counting pills, but in transforming health systems to ensure patients receive the right medicine, for the right condition, at the right time and know how to use it effectively.

UHAS-SBBS Hosts Maiden Dean's Cup with Resounding Success



The School of Basic and Biomedical Sciences (SBBS) at the University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) has successfully held its maiden Dean's Cup Soccer Games, an initiative spearheaded by the Dean, Professor Seth Kwabena Amponsah, in collaboration with the Ghana Biochemistry Students Association (GHABSA).

The event, staged on Friday, February 27, 2026 at the Ho Sports Stadium, brought together students, faculty and staff in a vibrant celebration of sports, unity and wellbeing. Designed to promote physical fitness, discipline, and sportsmanship, the programme also featured fun activities such as sack races and lime-and-spoon contests for female students, alongside the headline soccer matches.

The male soccer teams (Levels 100–400) played in a round-robin format, ensuring every team had multiple matches. Points and goal differences determined final standings. The female soccer teams competed through penalty shootouts, with winners advancing to the finals.

The matches were officiated by qualified referees, with minor rule modifications approved by the organizing committee.

Upon fiercely contested games, Level 300 male and female teams emerged dominant, winning all their matches and being crowned undisputed champions of the inaugural Dean's Cup.

The Most Valuable Player (MVP) award went to Mr. Joshua Ndolegnan, whose stellar performance was pivotal in securing victory for his team.



In his address, Prof. Amponsah praised the students for their passion and discipline, stating that “You showed respect to your teammates, your opponents, the referees and the game itself. You did not only compete with passion but also demonstrated fair play.”

He extended warm congratulations to the Level 300 champions and the MVP, while expressing gratitude to GHABSA's Executive Committee, faculty and staff for their support. Special appreciation was given to Dr. Eric Agboli, Mr. Emmanuel Kofi Atiso and Mr. Nurudeen Idrisu for their coordination efforts.

The Maiden SBBS Dean's Cup was more than a competition - it was a platform for unity, integration and student engagement with faculty. It underscored UHAS' commitment to holistic education, balancing academic excellence with physical wellbeing and social interaction.

With the success of this maiden edition, the SBBS Dean's Cup is poised to become one of the cornerstones of student life at UHAS, fostering a vibrant and supportive academic community.



UTAG-UHAS Marks International Women's Day with Call for Empowering Women in Leadership

The University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG), University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) branch, commemorated International Women's Day with a vibrant programme at the University's main campus in Sokode-Lokoe on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. The event brought together management, faculty, staff, students and invited guests to celebrate women's achievements while advancing dialogue on their role in leadership and decision-making within academia.

Guided by the theme “Give to Gain – Enabling the Participation of Women in Leadership and Decision-Making in the Academic Environment,” the programme underscored the idea that empowering women enriches institutions and society at large.

Dr. Thelma Alalbila Aku, UTAG-UHAS Women's Commissioner, opened the event with a stirring address. She reminded attendees that women have long given leadership, mentorship and sacrifice, yet often receive limited support in return. Dr. Aku urged institutions to adopt intentional inclusion measures, recommending that at least 30% of nominees for committees and leadership

roles be women. “When society gives to women, society gains.” she declared. Representing the Pro Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar of UHAS, Ms. Yaa Amankwaa Opuni, highlighted UHAS' growing number of women in senior leadership positions, citing the Vice Chancellor, Registrar, University Librarian, and Director of Physical Development. Drawing on the adage “If you educate a woman, you educate a nation,” she emphasized the transformative impact of women's empowerment. She cautioned, however, that rhetoric must be matched with action, urging the community to provide resources, remove barriers and ensure representation at every level.

The UTAG-UHAS President, Dr. Felix K. Nyande, on his part, reinforced the day's theme as a call to responsibility. He encouraged participants to extend the spirit of “Give Today” into daily life, advocating for respect, recognition, mentorship and justice for women.

The keynote address, delivered by Professor Evelyn Korkor Ansah, was the centrepiece of the celebration. Blending data with personal reflection, she noted Ghana's achievement of gender parity in tertiary education but highlighted stark



A panel discussion featuring Professor Alexander Ansah Manu, Dr. Theresa Adu, Professor Anita Dartey and Dr. Inemesit O. Ben further explored structural and cultural reforms needed to enable women's full participation in leadership.

The commemoration was more than a celebration; it was a declaration. UTAG-UHAS affirmed that women deserve not only applause but also opportunity, visibility, support and leadership.

disparities: women make up only 24% of academics and 8% of professors nationwide. "What happens to the high-flying young ladies who excel in school? Why do so few make it to the top?" she asked. Professor Ansah identified barriers such as family-career balance, patriarchal norms, and lack of mentorship and called for practical interventions including mentorship programmes, breastfeeding spaces and research endowment funds. Her closing words - "Keep breaking the glass ceiling and hold the ladder down for others." - resonated deeply with the audience.



UHAS-ITAM Showcases Leadership in Traditional and Integrative Medicine at Natural Health & Wellness Expo 2026



The West Africa Natural Health & Wellness Expo 2026 was successfully held on Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27, 2026 at the Accra International Conference Centre, bringing together international exhibitors, exporters, researchers, regulators and wellness leaders from Ghana, India and across the West African sub-region.

The University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) proudly participated in the Expo as an Institutional Partner through the Institute of Traditional and Alternative Medicine (ITAM). This strategic presence highlighted UHAS' commitment to advancing evidence-



based traditional, complementary and integrative medicine (TCIM).

As part of the opening ceremony, UHAS-ITAM, led by the Director, Prof. Kwame Benoit Nguessan Banga delivered a keynote presentation on the theme “The Importance of Traditional Medicine and Modern Science.” The address emphasized the critical need for Rigorous scientific validation and research; Quality assurance and strong regulatory compliance; Sustainable development and conservation of medicinal plant resources; Strengthened Ghana–India collaboration in Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine (TCIM).

UHAS' participation at the Expo reflects its broader mandate to support the natural health industry through applied research, laboratory and analytical services, professional training and policy engagement. By fostering collaboration between academia, industry and regulators, UHAS continues to position UHAS as a national and regional hub for integrative health innovation.

The high-profile expo was graced by Hon. Prof. Dr. Grace Ayensu-Danquah, Deputy Minister of Health, who served as Guest

of Honour. Her participation underscored the growing recognition of traditional and integrative medicine as a critical component of Ghana's evolving healthcare delivery system.

The strong engagement of high-level government officials, international partners and industry stakeholders at the Expo signals a promising future for safe, effective and evidence-based natural health systems in Ghana and across West Africa.





UHAS Strengthens Global Nursing Ties with UMass Amherst Exchange

The University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS), Ho, Volta Region, Ghana welcomed a delegation of faculty and students from the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Worcester Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing from March 6–13, 2026, as part of a week-long academic exchange programme.

The initiative, hosted by UHAS School of Nursing and Midwifery (SONAM), was designed to deepen academic collaboration while offering visiting students firsthand exposure to Ghana's healthcare system.

During the visit, the UMass team participated in a range of academic, clinical and community-based activities. They toured UHAS' training facilities, engaged in simulation exercises at the University's Simulation Centre and joined clinical training sessions at health facilities within the Ho Municipality. The programme also included cultural immersion, highlighted by a vibrant welcome performance from the UHAS Cultural Troupe.

At a dinner meeting, UHAS Vice Chancellor Prof. Lydia Aziato encouraged

the visiting team to continue supporting the nursing profession through collaborative initiatives. The UMass team lead, Dr. Akwesi Duah, expressed satisfaction with the exchange and pledged to sustain the partnership.

The Registrar of UHAS, Ms. Yaa Amankwaa Opuni, emphasized the importance of international exposure for students, noting that such collaborations enrich academic experiences and foster community health contributions. The UHAS-SONAM Dean, Prof. Peter Adatara called for expanding the partnership to include student exchange programmes and joint academic projects.

The delegation, alongside UHAS-SONAM faculty and students, extended their impact beyond the University by providing health education and services to the Adaklu Wumenu community. They also donated medical items to the Adaklu Wumenu CHPS compound and to UHAS-SONAM to support student training.

This exchange marks another milestone in UHAS commitment to building global partnerships that advance nursing education and healthcare delivery.



UHAS-SAHS Department of Prosthetics and Orthotics Restores Hope with Free Upper-Limb Prostheses

The Department of Prosthetics and Orthotics of the School of Allied Health Sciences (SAHS), University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS), has combined academic training with humanitarian service by providing free upper-limb prostheses to patients in need. On Friday, March 13, 2026, the department hosted a collaborative outreach programme at the University's Simulation Centre, where final-year students specializing in prosthetics applied their classroom knowledge to real-world cases. The initiative focused on designing and fabricating upper-limb prostheses for individuals living with transhumeral and transradial limb loss.

The outreach was organized in partnership with Freehand Projects, a Germany-based NGO, and First Aid Ghana, a local non-governmental organization founded largely by UHAS alumni. Together, they sponsored the fabrication and fitting of prosthetic devices

for patients who could not afford them.

As a result, five individuals received prosthetic limbs and rehabilitation support at no cost, enabling them to regain independence and improve their quality of life. The intervention not only restored functionality but also offered hope for beneficiaries to return to their daily routines with confidence.

Mr. Kwabena Agyapong Foisel, Lecturer at the Department of Prosthetics and Orthotics, expressed deep gratitude to all stakeholders, noting that the programme exemplifies the department's dual mission of training competent professionals while serving the community.

By merging practical student training with humanitarian outreach, UHAS continues to make a meaningful impact in advancing prosthetic care and improving the lives of persons living with limb loss in Ghana.





UHAS Basic School Marks 5th Anniversary with Renewed Commitment to Excellence

The University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) Basic School has celebrated its fifth anniversary, reaffirming its dedication to academic excellence, holistic education, and institutional growth.

The milestone event, held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at the University's Cedi Auditorium, brought together management, staff, parents, learners and distinguished guests to reflect on the school's journey and chart a vision for the future.

In his welcome address, the Head of School, Mr. Seth Korgah, described the anniversary as a significant achievement, recalling the challenges of establishing the school during the COVID-19 pandemic. He praised the resilience of staff and stakeholders, noting that the institution has grown into a promising centre of learning.

Mr. Korgah highlighted achievements such as consistent academic progress, sporting victories - including two gold

medals and one silver - alongside co-curricular initiatives like Career Day, cultural programmes and community outreaches. He also emphasized the school's charitable work supporting orphanages, hospitals and vulnerable groups.

Despite these successes, Mr. Korgah acknowledged ongoing challenges, including inadequate classrooms, limited resources, unstable water supply and the need for more computers and library materials. He appealed for continued stakeholder support to strengthen teaching and learning.

Chairman of the occasion, Professor Theophilus C. Fleischer, commended the school's progress and underscored the importance of its motto, "Learning Today, Leaders Tomorrow." He urged stakeholders to collaborate in nurturing responsible future leaders through holistic education that blends academic excellence with moral values.

A Former Registrar of UHAS, Dr. Cynthia S. Kpeglo-Freiku, recounted the origin of



the school, explaining that it was established to address the need for quality basic education for children of university staff. She emphasized its role as a model institution for best practices in teaching, research and community engagement.

The Registrar of UHAS, Ms. Yaa Amankwaa Opuni, reaffirmed the University Management's expectations of professionalism, innovation and accountability among staff, stressing that the school must build on its solid foundation to achieve greater impact.

A major highlight of the celebration was the launch of the school's five-year strategic plan by the Vice Chancellor of UHAS, Professor Lydia Aziato. The plan outlines seven thematic areas, including

educational excellence, administrative efficiency, staff development, improved learning environments and stronger stakeholder collaboration. Professor Aziato called for collective responsibility in implementing the plan to ensure measurable progress.

The event also featured the inauguration of the school's cultural troupe by the Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor of UHAS, Professor Frank Edwin, who encouraged learners to take pride in representing the university.

The anniversary, themed "UBS at 5: A Solid Foundation for Excellence," served as both a moment of reflection and a reaffirmation of the school's vision to nurture well-rounded, confident, and morally upright future leaders.



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UHAS, GIZ Explore Partnership to Strengthen Ghana's Vaccine Workforce

The University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS), through its School of Basic and Biomedical Sciences (SBBS) and School of Pharmacy (SOP), has entered into a strategic dialogue with German Development Cooperation aimed at forging a partnership under the PharmaVax Ghana programme to advance Ghana's vaccine workforce and research capacity.

The initial engagement, held on Friday, February 20, 2026 at the Main Campus of the University at Sokode-Lokoe, Ho, focused on discussions aimed at establishing a collaboration towards bridging critical gaps in human capital development to strengthen national health sovereignty and position Ghana as a regional hub for vaccine innovation. Africa currently produces less than 1% of the vaccines administered across the continent, a stark reminder of the region's dependence on external supply chains and the urgent need for specialized workforce training, robust research

infrastructure and scalable manufacturing. The discussions, when finally concretized into a collaboration, will train pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, biomedical scientists, medical laboratory experts, industry specialists and regulatory professionals in the technical competencies required for domestic vaccine production. The initiative will adopt a transdisciplinary model, leveraging collaboration across UHAS schools, research institutions and industry partners to deliver both immediate and long-term impact. The PharmaVax Ghana programme is co-financed by the European Union and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Beyond workforce training, the programme will seek to strengthen Ghana's biomanufacturing capacity and establish a sustainable national training platform that will endure beyond initial funding cycles. Stakeholders emphasized that the partnership will not only transform Ghana's pharmaceutical landscape but



also contribute to broader industrial and public health advancement across West Africa through sustained research, innovation and workforce development.

The GIZ delegation included Jasper Sablah, Component Manager; Dr. Anna K. Quartey, Technical Advisor; and Sofia Kolb, Intern. The UHAS team was led by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Lydia Aziato, alongside senior faculty members including Professor Seth Kwabena Amponsah (Dean of SBBS), Professor Kwame Ohene Buabeng (Dean of School of SOP), Professor Kwame Banga (Director of the Institute of Traditional and Alternative Medicine), Professor Peter Atadja (Former Dean and Faculty of SBBS), Professor Theophilus Adiku (Former Dean and Faculty of SBBS), Professor Clement O. Tettey, Professor Cornelius Dodoo (Faculty of SOP) and

several other distinguished academics and researchers.

The efforts towards realizing this collaboration is a significant step toward reducing Africa's vaccine dependency and building a resilient health ecosystem capable of responding to future public health challenges.





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