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University of Education links up with German Varsity

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A DELEGATION from the University of Flensburg in Germany comprising four faculty members and a student has paid a four day visit to the University of Education, Winneba (UEW), to explore possible avenues of assistance to both institutions.

The delegation, led by Prof. Beatrice Lundt, a professor of History and Teacher Training, was received by Prof. Francis Joppa, the Director, Office of the UEW International Relations.

Other members of the delegation are, Prof. Holger Jahnke, professor of History and Teacher Training; Prof. Gunter Helmes, professor of German Literature and teacher training; Prof. Stephan Panther, professor of Economics and Technology and Mr. Jan Breitenstein, a PhD student studying History and Education.

According to Prof. Lundt, the purpose of the visit was to help the two institutions to establish the foundation frame work for specific projects to be developed in future by the academic and administrative units of UEW and Flensburg University in the areas of staff research and professional visits.

She said the two universities expressed their desires to establish a number of educational and cultural programmes that would be beneficial to both institutions and to promote the development of joint studies, research and training activities.

Prof. Lundt reiterated that, the two universities

would collaborate in the area of exchange of academic materials, documents and equipment for the enhancement of teaching and learning.

The Flensburg University delegation also proposed the establishment of German Language Study Centre in the UEW to help promote the learning and teaching of the German language.

Prof. Lundt disclosed that, a library stocked with German books and teaching materials would be established at the proposed study centre to enhance teaching and learning of the subject, adding that the University of Flensburg would send qualified lecturers to handle the teaching of the language.

She expressed Flensburg University's preparedness to provide academic facilities and other support services for UEW visiting students for teaching practice on semester basis and also where necessary, design a suitable programme of study for the students.

She said "considering the massive movement of Ghanaians to study and work in Germany, especially University graduates, the UEW German Study Centre when fully established would help qualified students to have access to scholarships in Germany."

Prof. Lundt on behalf of the delegation, expressed appreciation to management and staff of the UEW for the warm reception accorded them.

For his part, Prof. Joppa welcomed the collaboration package between the two institutions and prayed that all would come to fruition.