



University of Education, Winneba

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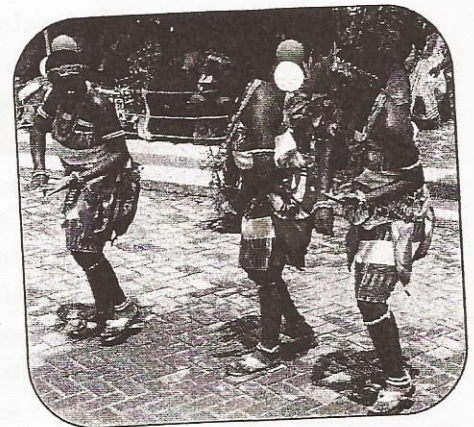
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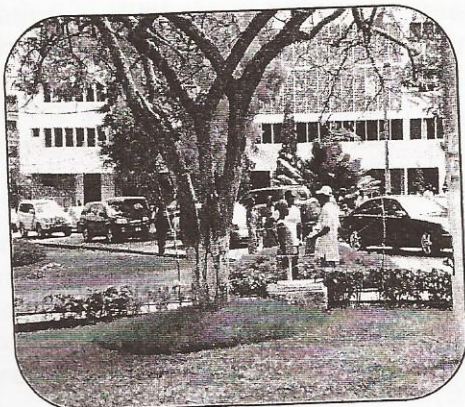
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## Delegation from Flensburg University visits UEW

A delegation from Flensburg University, Germany paid a study visit to the University of Education, Winneba between March 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as part of the collaboration agreement between the two institutions. The team, led by Prof. Beatrice Lundt was made up of three (3) staff and eleven (11) students. Among the group were two representatives from the University of Cologne who were also here to explore possible areas of collaboration.

The delegation engaged in the following activities:

- A visit to Kakum National Park and Cape Coast Castle
- An interaction with pupils of Presby Junior High School at Winneba near the North Campus

for two days

- An interaction with selected UEW faculty from the Department of Psychology and Education
- Participation in a class at the South Assembly Hall which was being taught by Dr. Ngozi N. Agu
- Participation in German class at UEW which was being taught by Ms. Heinz
- A social meeting with the Students Representative Council (SRC) of UEW to fraternise and share ideas.
- Participation in a Workshop on gender issues facilitated by Gender Directorate of UEW
- Discussions with the Director, Office of International Relations, UEW.

Both staff and students from the Flensburg University, Germany were very appreciative of the usefulness of the various activities they were taken through.

As part of the collaboration, 10 students are expected to come to UEW from 13<sup>th</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2010 to do a 6-week Teaching Practice in some schools in Winneba under the supervision of UEW faculty. It is also expected that a postgraduate student from UEW would visit the University of Flensburg for one semester in the coming autumn. The visit would be a strong indication of a fruitful partnership.

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## DELEGATION FROM OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY VISIT UEW

A delegation from the Ohio State University visited the University of Education, Winneba on March 26, 2010. The delegation was met on arrival by the Director, Office of International Relations, UEW, Winneba at the Pecku Building Conference Room. The delegation was made up of the following:

- Joyce Beatty - Senior Vice President, Delegation Leader
- Robert Agung - Associate Professor College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Science
- Mary Jo Welker - Chair and Professor, Clinical Family Medicine
- Habiba Kumagate - Student in Human Nutrition
- Alex Swain - Undergraduate Student
- Stacia Allen - Student in Strategic Communication
- Otto Beatty Jnr. - Ohio State University Alumni, Attorney at Law

### Welcome

After the initial welcome session, members of the delegation were treated to a lunch at the Hotel Nagy.

### Deliberation Session

In attendance at the deliberation session were the following staff from UEW:

- Prof. F.A. Joppa - Director, Office of International Relations
- Dr. Jonathan Ammah - Head, Centre for Continuing Education
- Dr. Francis Owusu- Mensah - Centre for Distance Education
- Dr. (Mrs.) Harriet Amui - Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sports
- Dr. Patrick Akuffo - Head, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sports
- Dr. Jim Weiler - Faculty of Social Science
- Mr. Charles Frimpong - Department of Education & Psychology
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### 5 DAYS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL RETREAT FOR THE PROVOST, MANAGEMENT AND SENIOR STAFF OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, OSIELE, ABEOKUTA, OGUN STATE, NIGERIA

In the welcome address, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Akwasi Asabere-Ameyaw, expressed the joy of UEW management in hosting the delegation from the Federal College of Education, Abeokuta, Nigeria.

He further assured them that UEW doors were always open for these kinds of forums where platforms could be created for professionals and practitioners in Teacher Education to share ideas and expand the frontiers of educational management. He welcomed the idea about the choice of UEW as an ideal place for the retreat and wished them peaceful stay and fruitful deliberations.

In his reply, the Provost of the Federal College of Education, Abeokuta, Dr. Filani Emmanuel Olakunle, thanked the Vice Chancellor for opening his door to them and according them all the needed hospitality and protocol. He gave the background to his Institution as having been mandated to train teachers for all levels of education.

He disclosed that the College has a student population of over 10,000 for both the regular and sandwich courses. He hinted that his college would like to send some of its lecturers to UEW for Post Graduate training in the future.

The College planned signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Education, Winneba. An invitation was extended to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. A. Asabere-Ameyaw to visit the Federal College of Education, Osiele, Abeokuta, Nigeria in the future.

A pre-departure social night was organized for the visitors. The participants left UEW with fond memories and promised to share the knowledge and the rich experiences they had acquired through the retreat with their counterparts back home.

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## ULRIKE BISCHOFF PARKER VISITS UEW

The Office of International Relations, on behalf of the University, hosted to Ms. Ulrike Bischoff-Parker, Head of International Office of the University of Flensburg, Germany from 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2010. Ms. Ulrike Bischoff-Parker was at UEW to monitor and evaluate progress made on the various provisions in the MOU signed between her University and UEW in the middle of 2009.

She was in the University ahead of 12 students and 3 Professors who were on a week-long educational visit to UEW from 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

### Focus of Discussions

- **Establishment of German Study Centre in UEW.** The two Heads expressed their joy in the establishment of the Centre and showed appreciation to the DAAD for providing a German Lecturer for the programme. Due to the great interest showed by students in the German Language, Prof. Joppa appealed to his counterpart to help get a second person to help teach the language on a

credit-earning basis.

- **Organisation of Six-Week Intensive German Course during holidays (June-August).** The two Heads agreed in principle to facilitate the running of a six-week intensive programme during the long break (June - August). This will enable interested students/learners to prepare adequately for the Basic Examination to be organized by the Goethe - Institute, Accra.
- **Exchange of students:** The exchange of students between the two institutions was one of the provisions of the MOU. It was observed that the visit by twelve students from Flensburg is the first step towards the realization of this objective. In line with the student exchange agenda, 10 students of Flensburg University would be expected in UEW for Internship Programme (Practicum) in September 2010.

In March 2011, 10 students from Humburg University would also come to UEW under the same agreement for Student Internship (Practicum) Programme.

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## LRIKE BISCHOFF PARKER VISITS UEW

To ensure reciprocal student visit, Bischoff offered a 4-month study exchange. She intimated that a stipend would be given to the student for a semester. The person should be an English Postgraduate student who would be attached to Prof. Beatrice Lundt to study research methodology and linguistics. The date for commencement of the programme is October 2010.

- **Proposal for identifying Grant Awarding Foundation:** The two Heads agreed to put up a joint proposal for funding certain aspects of the collaborative activities.

An educational tour to the Cape Coast Castle was organized for the guest.

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## UEW HOSTS 4 DAYS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL RETREAT FOR PROVOSTS OF COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, RECTORS OF TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, POLYTECHNICS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF OF NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES AND PRIVATE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

The Office of International Relations played host on behalf of the University of Education, Winneba to a number of educational leaders from Nigerian Colleges of Education, Teacher Training Institutions, Polytechnics and Private Tertiary Institutions.

The personalities in question selected UEW as an ideal educational institution where they could have a fruitful professional retreat and exchange ideas with members of staff.

The theme for the 4-Day Retreat was **Strategies for Higher Institution Advancement in the West African Sub-Region**

The Retreat commenced on Monday, February 15, 2010 and ended on Friday, February 19,

2010. A number of lectures and discussion sessions were held. Topics treated during the retreat included the following:

- Internationalization of Higher Education: Perspectives, Policy Imperatives and Implementation Strategies for West African Tertiary Institutions (Prof. F.A. Joppa, Director, Office of International Relations, UEW)
- Strategies for Revenue Mobilization in African Higher Institutions (Nana (Dr.) Owusu-Kwarteng, Director, Office of Institutional Advancement, UEW)
- Information Technology, E-Learning and Management (Alhaji (Dr.) I. Yidana, Head, ICT Centre, UEW)
- Quality Assurance and Internal control (Ms. Sena Dake, Acting Internal Auditor, UEW)
- Educational System and Management in Ghana (Prof. J.K.

Aboagye, Director, IEDE, UEW)

Twelve personalities from different parts of Nigeria with different higher educational orientations attended the retreat.

Other optional activities and visits to places of educational interests were organized to make the visitors' stay rewarding and enjoyable.

The leader of the group pleaded with the authorities of the University to make such retreats more regular.

The participants left UEW with fond memories and promised to share the rich experience they have acquired through the retreat with their counterparts back home.

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