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GIMPA Welcomes New Freshmen: A Journey Begins

On March 1, 2024, the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) ushered in its newest cohort of freshmen with a solemn matriculation ceremony. Led by Dr. (Mrs.) Victoria M. Kunbour, the Secretary of the Institute, this ceremonial rite marked the official induction of these students into the Institute as junior members.

Diverse in their academic pursuits, the freshmen hailed from the Business School, the School of Public Service and Governance, the School of Technology and Social Sciences, and the Law School.

Addressing the students, the Ag. Deputy Rector of GIMPA, Dr. Augustina Akonnor, extended a heartfelt welcome, affirming GIMPA's unwavering commitment to academic excellence. This assurance set a positive tone for the student's academic journey.

Rector, Prof. Samuel Kwaku Bonsu, underscored the mutual commitment shared by students and the Institute towards each oth-

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er's growth and development. His address emphasised creating a conducive learning environment while fostering relationships and networks vital for future success.

Representing their peers, graduate student Mr. Francis Palmdeti articulated the student's expectations, expressing the importance of resources such as a well-stocked library and reliable internet access. Their collective pledge to uphold the Institute's rules and regulations reflected a shared dedication to academic excellence.

Mr. Kofi Abotsi, President of the Student Representative Council, joined the event to extend a warm welcome to the students, fostering a sense of community and belonging. The Kumasi and Takoradi satellite campuses joined virtually.



As these new freshmen embark on their academic journey, GIMPA stands poised to support and nurture their aspirations, laying the foundation for a future of success and excellence

GIMPA-PURC Centre of Excellence Hosts Inaugural Policy Dialogue in Commemoration of World Sustainable Energy Day

In observance of World Sustainable Energy Day, the GIMPA-PURC Centre of Excellence in Public Utility Regulation (CEPUR) hosted its inaugural policy dialogue on the theme, 'Energy Transition Now: Fast, Smart, and Resilient.' The event occurred on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the Executive Conference Centre (GECC) of the Greenhill Campus of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

Participants included representatives from key stakeholders in the energy sector, aca-

demia, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), and Think Tanks.

Dr. Augustina Akonnor, the Ag. Deputy Rector of GIM-PA, extended a warm welcome to the participants on behalf of the Rector, Prof. Samuel Kwaku Bonsu. Dr. Alfred Ofosu Ahenkorah, the former Executive Secretary of the Energy Commission, presided over the event and emphasised the need for a global perspective in addressing energy issues, with a particular emphasis on tailoring implementation policies to the local context for practicality and sustainability.

Providing the background on CEPUR, Prof. Samuel Adams, the Coordinator for CEPUR, explained that the Centre, established in February 2023, aims to advance the field of public utility regulation. This is achieved through the development of regulatory experts and researchers,

CEPUR fulfills its mission by offering academic research, consultancy services, and facilitating seminars and regulatory discussions.

focusing primarily on electricity, water, and natural gas.

Hon. Herbert Krapa, Deputy Minister of Energy, spoke on behalf of the Minister of Energy, Hon. Dr. Mathew Opoku

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Prempeh, commending GIMPA, CEPUR, and the Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC) for the initiative. He assured participants of the government's commitment to collaborating with institutions and organisations to enhance the energy sector for the benefit of the nation.

Dr. Robert Bright Mawuko Sogbadji, the Deputy Director of Power (Nuclear & Alternate Energy) at the Ministry of Energy, made a presentation on behalf of the Ministry of Energy. Additionally, Dr. Riverson Oppong, Commercial Manager at the Ghana National Gas Company Limited, delivered a presentation on 'Sustainable Energy for Africa: The Role of Natural Gas.' The event also featured engaging panel discussions, where panel members contributed to a meaningful discourse around the central theme. The floor was then opened for participants to share comments and pose questions, fostering an interactive exchange of ideas

The programme was co-hosted by the Secretary of the Institute, Dr. Victoria Kunbour adding a seamless flow to the proceedings. The success of this inaugural policy dialogue underscores the commitment of GIMPA, CEPUR, and their partners in addressing critical issues shaping the future of sustainable energy.

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newly-formed club. The capable individuals poised to steer the PMI-GH Students Club to success are as follows:

Francisca Seshimey - President Lady Diana Odumase - Secretary Edward Sutherland - Treasurer Mawiah Kadri - Operations Manager Julius Abor - Membership Coordinator

Collaboration in Action:

The inception of the PMI-GH Students Club at GIMPA not only signifies a commitment to fostering excellence in project management but also reinforc-

The inauguration of the Project Management Institute Ghana (PMI-GH) Students Club, GIMPA, successfully took place on March 7, 2024 at the GB Auditorium, Greenhill. This event was a tangible outcome of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between PMI-GH and GIMPA in August 2023.

Event Highlights:

The ceremony brought together many participants notable among them were the Ag. Dean of the Business School Prof. Ebenezer Adaku, faculty members, administrators, enthusiastic graduate and undergraduate students, as well as notable figures from the PMI-GH chapter, including the President Mr. Frank Owusu-Asamoah, and committed volunteers.

Executive Team Unveiled:

A pivotal moment during the programme was the introduction of the selected executives who will lead the es the collaborative spirit between the Institute and the Project Management Institute-Ghana chapter. This club is set to become a hub for students to enhance their project management skills, network with professionals, and engage in transformative initiatives.

Looking Ahead:

As the club takes its first steps, there is a deep sense of anticipation for the impactful projects, events, and collaborations that will unfold under the able leadership of the newly appointed executives. GIMPA continues to be at the forefront of providing holistic education, and the PMI-GH Students Club is another proof of the Institute's commitment to nurturing well-rounded, skilled professionals.

Stay tuned for more updates as the PMI-GH Students Club embarks on its journey of excellence at GIMPA!

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GIMPA Hosts the 3rd Session of the Essentials of Environmental and Social Risk Management Course



The Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) welcomed participants from Liberia, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, and Ghana to the GIMPA Executive Conference Centre (GECC), Greenhill, for the commencement of the 3rd session of the Essentials of Environmental and Social Risk Management Course. This six-day certificate programme, organised by the GIMPA Training and Consulting (GTC) in collaboration with the Regional Transport Research and Education Centre Kumasi (TRECK) at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, is supported by the World Bank Group.

Global Collaboration for Environmental Stewardship

The course aims to contribute significantly to managing environmental and social risks arising from project implementation across the continent. With participants hailing from different African nations, this initiative strives to enhance awareness and acceptance of environmental and social standards, especially by governments in the sub-region.

Welcoming Remarks

Prof. Charles Amoatey, the Director of GTC, extended a warm welcome to the diverse group of participants and expressed gratitude for the continual support from the World Bank Group. He highlighted the prevalent challenge of insufficient capacity within various government institutions to effectively implement environmental and social risk management, emphasising the need for comprehensive training.

Empowering Project Implementers

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Helen Michelle Korkor Essandoh, the Director of TRECK, stressed the critical role of managing environmental risks in project development and implementation. The course, she said, was strategically designed to equip project implementers with the necessary knowledge and skills to navigate the complexities of environmental and social considerations.

World Bank's Commitment

Ms. Michelle Keane, the Operations Manager for Ghana, Liberia, and Sierra Leone at the World Bank Group, underscored the centrality of people in development. She highlighted the World Bank's mission to positively contribute to poverty reduction, economic development, and environmental protection. The assurance of the World Bank's commitment to ensuring the positive impact of development projects on people and the environment resonated strongly with the course's objectives.

Building Capacity for Sustainable Development

As GIMPA serves as the link for this essential training, the collaboration between GTC, TRECK, and the World Bank Group exemplifies the commitment to building the capacity of project implementers across Africa. This programme aligns with GIMPA's dedication to encouraging knowledge and skills that contribute to sustainable development on the continent.



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On Thursday, March 14, 2024, the GIMPA Business School launched its alumni network, officially named the GIMPA Business School Alumni Network (GiBSAN), at the GB Auditorium, Greenhill.

With the compelling slogan 'Connecting for Impact,' GiBSAN marks a significant milestone in nurturing lifelong connections and celebrating the achievements of its distinguished alumni.

The event also served as a joyous homecoming, reuniting alumni from various cohorts to reminisce and celebrate their remarkable accomplishments. As part of the festivities, a thought-provoking panel discussion on the theme 'Building Partnerships for Business and Leadership Excellence' added depth and insight to the occasion.

GiBSAN sets out to empower its members with opportunities, including bespoke training programmes, conferences, faculty consultations, and the dissemination of annual research outputs.

With a focus on nurturing transformational leaders, the network is poised to facilitate knowledge exchange and professional development among its members. In his welcoming remarks, the Rector of GIMPA, Prof. Samuel Kwaku Bonsu, highlighted the Institute's strategic commitment to fostering enduring relationships and strengthening alumni engagement. He highlighted the pioneering efforts of the Law School in launching its alumni association and affirmed plans for the remaining schools to follow suit.

Prof. Bonsu urged the alumni to contribute generously to the GIMPA Endowment, emphasising the pivotal role of alumni support in sustaining the Institute's self-financing model and providing opportunities for deserving students. This call to action reflects GIMPA's ethos of collective responsibility and philanthropy.

Echoing the sentiments of the Rector, the Acting Dean of the Business School, Prof. Ebenezer Adaku, emphasised the mutual relationship between the school and its alumni in nurturing future leaders. He stressed the importance of staying abreast of current business trends and leveraging GiBSAN as a platform for knowledge exchange and mentorship.

Mr. Albert Kwabena Dwumfuor, President of the Ghana Journalist Association (GJA) and a proud alumnus of the Business School, expressed gratitude for the invaluable training received at GIMPA. He highlighted GiBSAN's potential to harness ideas and opportunities for the betterment of Ghana and pledged the GJA's unwavering support in achieving GiBSAN's objectives.

The event was graced by the Acting Deputy Rector of GIMPA, Dr. Augustina Akonnor, and the Secretary of the Institute, Dr. Victoria Kunbour, alongside deans, directors, faculty, and staff,







Celebrating Excellence: GIMPA's Procurement Manager Receives The Global She Achievers Award



On the 7th of March, 2024, our admired Procurement Manager, Mrs. Jacqueline Abena A. Angate was awarded the Global She Achievers Award, the Most Outstanding Innovative Procurement Manager in Contract Negotiation and Budget Review, evidence of her exceptional accomplishments and contributions to our institution and beyond.

The Global She Achievers Conference and Awards, organised by The Business Executive Media Group, aims to recognise extraordinary achievements by women worldwide and foster collaboration to enhance the socio-economic environment for women. This award celebrates individuals whose professional expertise, leadership, and socio-cultural influence have made significant strides toward achieving these objectives.

The conference, themed: The Role of Women in the Emergent Global Economy took place at Crown Plaza Hotel, Dubai.





As we celebrate this remarkable achievement, let us continue to support and empower women in their endeavours. Her achievement brings great pride to our institution, reflecting the caliber of talent and leadership within our community.



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