



Prof. Gyapong with Mr. Erkert of HITA and other dignitaries cutting the ribbon for the e-learning centre (left). The e-learning centre (right)

German NGO supports UHAS with e-learning facility

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THE University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) in the Volta Region has benefited from an e-learning facility to promote efficient academic work and research in the institution.

The facility, provided by a German non-governmental organisation (NGO), Health Information Technology for Africa (HITA), in conjunction with a local partner, Chances Foundation, is

located at the School of Nursing and Midwifery of the university in Ho.

It comprises an initial set of 40 interconnected computers, stored with relevant academic resource materials for use by both students and the faculty.

A board member of HITA, Mr Thomas Erkert, stated at the inauguration of the facility at Ho, that the gesture formed part of the organisation's electronic and mobile learning (e-learning and m-learning) project to promote the usage of innovative technology in the education and training of healthcare professionals, especially nurses and

midwives.

The project

He indicated that the project, which is being piloted with the School of Nursing and Midwifery, would be scaled up in the coming months through the provision of more computers to meet the needs of the students.

"This is a system that offers the

university high speed online access to education services and content, which students can also access on their smartphones," Mr Erkert stated.

The Head of Department for Public Health Nursing and Facilitator of HITA at UHAS, Dr Robert Kaba Alhassan, said the project, going into the future, would eliminate top-up and sandwich programmes at the university, and replace them with distance e-learning centres.

The Vice Chancellor of UHAS, Professor John Owusu Gyapong, said the university was keen on using technology to enhance teaching and learning and as such cherished its partnership with HITA in that regard.

He entreated both students and faculty of the university to make good use of the facility to expand their knowledge base and as well ensure its proper maintenance.

Prof. Gyapong lauded the selflessness of the donors for making it possible for HITA to reach out to

institutions and persons in developing nations such as Ghana. He also encouraged Ghanaians to embrace volunteerism and give freely towards a good cause.

Meanwhile, the NGO, as part of the inauguration, presented assorted medical equipment to six health facilities, including the Volta Regional Hospital in Ho.

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