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• Dr Opoku Prempeh (second from left) with officials of COTVET at the programme

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GHANA'S maiden National Skills Competition organised under the auspices of the Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (COTVET) with the support of Ghana Skills Development Initiative has opened in Accra.

The three-day competition for both public and private technical and vocational education and training institutions across the country was aimed at showcasing and inspiring excellence in skills development as well as introducing the youth to variety of skilled careers.

The competition which also aimed at generating greater awareness on the importance of technical and vocational education, and the development of skills for global economies would have the best students representing Ghana at the African competition in Kigali, Rwanda, this year.

Speaking at the event yesterday, Dr Matthew Opoku Prempeh, Minister of Education, said as

part of efforts to promote skills development in Ghana, government through COTVET had planned to join World Skills International (WSI) as an associate member and then later as a full member.

He said the country would select contestants to represent Ghana in next year's world skills competition organised by WSI, an international body that brings together young people, industry, government and educational institutions to promote the benefit and the need for skilled trade professionals who are world champions of technical and vocational skills.

Dr Prempeh said a team of five were sent to observe the previous world skills competition at Abu Dhabi last year which eventually paved the way for the organisation of zonal skills competition to kick start the current competition.

He said the government committed to the skills development agenda in collaboration with all technical and vocational education and training institu-

tions while collectively working together to promote industrialisation in Ghana.

Mr. Francis Awua-Kyeremanteng, COTVET Board Chairman said with the competition, emphasis was placed in equipping competitors with competitive skills so as to achieve the expected human capital for socio-economic development.

"For us in Ghana, to achieve this all important human resource, we need to ensure that our technical and vocational education and training institutions are well equipped with the relevant tools, equipment, consumables well trained and qualified facilitators and relevant, well developed curriculum that meet industry standards," he said.

Mr. Awua-Kyeremanteng said skills creating opportunities and connecting societies were the foundation of economic development therefore, it was expected that the national skill competition would change the perception of technical and vocational training.

Dr. Fred Asamoah, Executive Director of COTVET, in a welcome address said, out of

the 450 applications received, three students were selected from various skills displayed during the Northern and Southern Zonal competitions, adding that it contributed to the development of skills standards in Ghana to bring the nation closer to the world standards.

There were goodwill messages from the German Embassy, delegation of the European Union to Ghana, Swiss Embassy and the G12.

In all, about 70 students assembled in Accra to compete in manufacturing and engineering technology, which involved welding, metal works and mechatronics, information and communication technology (IT software solutions for business) and information communication and technology (fashion technology and graphic design technology).

Other skill categories were construction and building technology (auto body repair, auto body spraying, and auto mobile technology) and social and personnel services (baking and cooking for catering beauty therapy and hair-dressing for cosmetology).

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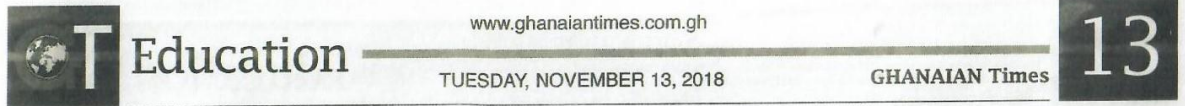


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TVET National Skills Competition ends in Accra

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TECHNICAL and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) is poised to become the wheels on which Ghana's economy would develop faster in the future, Barbara Asher Ayisi, Deputy Minister of Education in charge of TVET has said.

She said with the current government's policy of having one factory in every district, the focus would be on skills training to fill the vacancies in the factories.

Madam Ayisi said this on Friday at the closing ceremony for the maiden National Skills Competition for TVET institutions held in Accra on Friday to determine winners for various categories under the TVET.

The skills category were Manufacturing and Engineering Technology, Information Communication Technology for IT Software Solution, Fashion and Graphic Design Technologies, construction and Building Technologies, Transportation and Logistics, and Social/Personal Services from



• Mrs Ayisi (left) presenting a certificate to a student Photo: Victor A. Buxton

which three winners were selected for each category.

The about 70 participants selected from zonal competitions in the Northern and Southern sectors of the country who participated in the grand finale were all given a cash prize of GH¢500.00 sponsored by the National Youth Authority (NYA) and a certificate of participation.

The third positions were given GH¢1,000.00 with second positions awarded with GH¢1,500.00, however, the overall winners in

the various categories were given a cash prize of GH¢ 5,000.00 with the opportunity of representing Ghana in the African contest in Kigali, a few months away.

Special awards were given to 1st and 2nd positions in Mechatronics to do two weeks internship training in Italy.

Commending the students for a good work done, Madam Ayisi said the competition would be a window not only to unearth talents in TVET education but to give a window of hope to the students

that their choice of education was the future for Ghana's industrial development.

She said the competition was also meant to show how important skills education and training was for the youth, industries and society by challenging young professionals to become the best in the skill of their choice.

Madam Ayisi said the competition was to give the young professionals the platform to raise their profile and recognition and show how important skills were in

achieving economic growth and personal success.

She asked the various winners not to rest on their oars but rather put in more efforts to ensure that they excel at the Kigali, Rwanda competition and move on to the world stage in Russia next year.

Dr Fred Kyei Asamoah, Executive Director of Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training Experts, commended the judges, and heads of their various institutions for the success of the programme.

He acknowledged that COTVET was well aware of some challenges encountered during the Zonal competitions adding that being a maiden competition such a challenge could not be ruled out and assured that in the future such occurrences would be corrected.

Dr Asamoah said it was his hope that the competition would contribute to the development of skills for national development, adding that it was that hope to showcase Ghana to the world skills community as a skillful nation.

The maiden competition organised under the auspices of COTVET was sponsored by the European Union, Germany, Switzerland, FC Beauty College, Amartol, Delorenzo, with support from both Accra and Kumasi technical universities.

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<https://www.gbcghanaonline.com/news/education/national-skills-development-competition-set-for-november-6/2018/>

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<http://www.ghananewsagency.org/social/national-skills-competition-launched-141203>

06.11. 2018 National Skills Competition launched in Accra
<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/National-Skills-Competition-launched-in-Accra-698463>

07.11.2018 Maiden National Skills Contests opens in Accra

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<https://www.accramails.com/2018/11/09/education-minister-opens-first-national-skills-competition-in-accra/>

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Social Media and Videos:

Facebook DTV1 Several videos uploaded from 6th-9th November 2018:

<https://www.facebook.com/Dtv1ghana/>

20.11.2018 Facebook GSDI's own video production

<https://www.facebook.com/GhanaSkills/>

05.11.2018 Youtube: Joy FM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Szf0Z6Xft-4>

06.11.2018 Youtube: Ghana Web

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUCIpSiG8YY>

Facebook Posts and Shares	Prior to Event	During and After Event
GSDI	1	12

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EU Delegation	-	4
German Embassy	-	1

Overall Mentions Twitter without retweets: 17

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