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Mr. Oneil Josephs (right), Head, School of Engineering and Computing, University of Technology, Jamaica shows Dr. Kevin Brown, , a reciprocating air compressor housed in the bauxite lab at the School of Engineering, during a tour of the Papine Campus Facilities on his first day in office on Monday, September 11, 2023.

New President, Dr. Kevin Brown commenced his tours of colleges, faculties and facilities during his first day in office on Monday, September 11, 2023, visiting the School of Information and Technology (SCIT) and the School of Engineering, both within the Faculty of Engineering and Computing at the Papine Campus. He continued on Thursday, September 14, 2023, with a visit to the Joint Colleges of Medicine, Oral Health and

Veterinary Sciences on Arthur Wint Drive and the School of Public Health and Health Technology along Slipse Pen Road. The President was accompanied by Vice Presidents, Deans, Heads of Departments and Unit Managers of the University.

During the tours, Deans and HODs provided Dr. Brown with brief overviews of current courses of study while sharing with him areas for further development. In keeping with one of his main priorities which is to improve the University's infrastructure, Dr. Brown, during the site seeing walks, was very diligent in noting his observations of the physical conditions of the various facilities. These included classrooms, laboratories, office spaces among other amenities. He also took the time to listen to concerns from students and staff.

While speaking with staff at the Joint Colleges of Medicine, Oral Health and Veterinary Sciences, Dr. Brown reiterated his commitment to moving UTech, Jamaica forward, by addressing the infrastructural, finance and other issues with which the University faces long standing challenges.

“The team wants to work with you to see how we can improve what we offer here, not just in terms of teaching and learning, but research and innovation...Jamaica faces so many public health challenges, the solutions have to come from this institution. The message is not just for this college...right across UTech, Jamaica, we are not just here to teach students and to produce high quality graduates, we are here to solve problems” Dr. Brown noted. He also noted, “third stream income is going to be a priority. This is not an institution that is going to depend on government subvention and tuition.” He further noted that “for what UTech provides to this nation, the government needs to do more, but what we are also committed to do as well is to work on our third stream income.”

Dr. Brown will continue his tour of all UTech, Jamaica Campuses on a phased basis, meeting with other Heads of Department, students and the wider University Community over time.

Photo Highlights



(L-R) Dr. Deon Bennett, Dean, Joint Colleges of Medicine, Oral Health and Veterinary Services introduces Dr. Claudia Leon, Lecturer in the Doctor of Medical Dentistry programme to new President,

Dr. Kevin Brown during a tour of the dental sim lab at the College of Oral Health Sciences, Arthur Wint Drive Campus on Thursday, September 14, 2023.



Newly appointed President, University of Technology, Jamaica, Dr. Kevin Brown (Centre) and other members of the leadership team share a picture with members of the Joint Colleges of Medicine, Oral Health and Veterinary Services at Arthur Wint Drive on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Other members of the team (L-R) are Deputy President, Professor Colin Gyles, Programme Director, Master of Science in Public Health, Dr. Meleka Daley, Vice President and University Registrar, Miss Marion Brown, Dean, Joint Colleges of Medicine, Oral Health and Veterinary Services Dr. Deon Bennett, Programme Director, Doctor of Medical Dentistry, Mrs. Tamara Martin and Executive Assistant, School of Dental Sciences at the Joint College of Medicine, Oral Health and Veterinary Sciences, Mrs. Kadion Dunkley.



Dr. Kevin Harvey, (Centre) Head, School of Public Health and Health Technology engages newly appointed President, Dr. Kevin Brown (left) in a discussion about the facilities and programmes during a tour of the Slipe Pen Road based UTech, Jamaica Campus on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Looking on are Deputy President, Professor Colin Gyles (right), Vice President and Chief Business and Finance Officer, Mrs. Marcia Jennings-Cole (in the background).

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