

DR. HILLA LIMANN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

VICE CHANCELLOR'S MATRICULATION ADDRESS - 27th February 2026

Introduction

Pro-Vice Chancellor, Distinguished Management Team, esteemed Faculty and Staff, proud Parents and Guardians, invited Guests, friends of the media, Ladies and Gentlemen, and most especially, our newly admitted Students, Good morning:

It is my singular honour and privilege to welcome you to this year's Matriculation Ceremony of Dr. Hilla Limann Technical University. On behalf of the University Council, Management, and the entire University community, I extend my warmest congratulations to you on your successful admission into this distinguished institution.

Today marks a defining milestone in your academic and personal journey. By taking the Matriculation Oath, you formally become members of our scholarly community. From this moment, you are recognised as bona fide students of this University, entitled to its rights and privileges, and equally bound by the responsibilities and obligations that accompany such membership.

Your admission was neither accidental nor automatic, it was earned through merit, determination, and your ability to meet our academic and ethical standards. Out of numerous applicants, you were selected because we believed in your potential to excel and to contribute meaningfully to national and global development.

Admission Statistics

For the 2025/2026 Academic Year, the University undertook an inclusive and far-reaching admissions drive that attracted applicants from diverse social, cultural, geographic, and economic backgrounds. This deliberate expansion of access reflects the institution's deepening commitment to equity, diversity, and equal opportunity in higher education.

Notably, for the first time in its history, the University has admitted seventeen (17) Differently Abled Students into various academic programmes and whose educational expenses would be absorbed fully under the **Free Tertiary for Persons with Disabilities Policy**. This milestone marks a significant step toward building a

more accessible and inclusive academic community where all qualified students, regardless of physical, sensory, or learning differences, can pursue their educational aspirations.

Out of a total of **2,575** applicants, **1,967** candidates were offered admission into the University's various **M.Tech/M.Sc., B.Tech/B.Sc., HND** and **Certificate programmes**, representing an overall admission rate of approximately **76.4%**.

- HND: **768**
- B.Tech/BSc. (top-up): **665**
- B.Tech/BSc. (4years): **487**
- Post-Graduate: **35**

I am pleased to report that, following the introduction of new and market-responsive academic programmes, the University recorded a **17% increase** in admissions compared to the previous academic year, reflecting a growing confidence in our academic offerings and institutional reputation. It is worthy to note that, out of the total number admitted into level 100 this year, **906** have successfully enrolled under the Government's **No-Fee-Stress Policy**, others are still going through documentation scrutiny.

Rules and Regulations

Let me emphasize that discipline remains a cornerstone of our institutional culture. The rules and regulations governing this University are designed to maintain order, safeguard academic standards, and ensure a safe and conducive learning environment for all. Ignorance of these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse, I therefore urge you to familiarise yourselves with them and conduct yourselves at all times in a manner that brings honour to your families and upholds the dignity and reputation of this University. Remember that character and competence must go hand in hand. Academic excellence without integrity is incomplete.

Institutional Development and Infrastructure

Distinguished Faculty and Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we expand access, we are equally committed to expanding and improving our infrastructure to meet the growing needs of our students. I am pleased to announce that the University has commenced the construction of a 400-bed hostel facility

aimed at improving on-campus accommodation and providing a safe and conducive residential environment for our students. This initiative forms part of our broader vision to enhance student life and welfare. Thanks to GTEC, Council Chairman, the Regional Minister and other stakeholders for their support.

In addition, the University can boast of well-equipped, state-of-the-art laboratories and workshops to strengthen practical training across our technical and applied programmes. As a technical university, we place strong emphasis on hands-on learning, innovation, and industry-relevant skills. These facilities are designed to ensure that our graduates are not only academically sound but also practically competent and globally competitive.

Furthermore, work is ongoing for the construction of main entrance and opening and improvement of access roads within the campus to ease movement and enhance accessibility. Installation of solar streetlights is also ongoing to improve campus security. These developments are part of our comprehensive campus modernization agenda aimed at creating a more efficient, safe, and student-friendly learning environment. We remain committed to continuous improvement and strategic growth to position this University as a leading Centre of excellence in technical and vocational higher education.

Take full advantage of the academic resources available to you, build productive relationships with your lecturers and peers. Participate responsibly in campus life and cultivate habits that will shape you into competent professionals and responsible citizens.

Appreciation to Parents and Guardians

To our parents and guardians, we express our profound gratitude for the confidence you have reposed in us by entrusting your sons and daughters to our care. We assure you of our unwavering commitment to providing a safe, supportive, and intellectually stimulating environment that will enable them to flourish academically, socially, and morally.

Conclusion

Dear Matriculants,

As you take the Oath today, do so with a deep sense of responsibility, purpose, and commitment. The future you aspire to build begins with the choices you make from this very day.

- Choose perseverance
- Choose integrity
- Choose excellence

Once again, I congratulate you on your admission and formally welcome you to Dr. Hilla Limann Technical University. I wish you a fulfilling, successful, and transformative academic journey.

Thank you, and may the Almighty bless you all.