Professor Reynolds Okai, Rector of the Koforidua Polytechnic in the Eastern Eastern, has said the institution is to begin various degree programmes during this academic year alongside its Higher National Diploma (HND) courses.

Some of the prospective degree programmes include Bachelor of Technology in Procurement, Bachelor of Technology in Automotive Engineering, Bachelor of Technology in Accounting, Bachelor of Technology in Energy System Engineering and Bachelor of Technology in Telecommunication Engineering. He said the Koforidua Polytechnic have the necessary infrastructure to run the degree programmes.

Professor Okai said the necessary accreditation process is on-going and there is a clear indication that the Polytechnic will receive positive response from the authorities.

He said the National Accreditation Board has given approval for a programme like Bachelor of Technology in Procurement and sale of admission forms has already begun.

Professor Okai said though the Koforidua Polytechnic is one of the new polytechnics in the country, it has made great strides in achieving its objectives.

He said from a humble beginning of 33 students in 1997, the student population has increased steadily to 4,710 as at the last academic year.

The Rector said programmes the Polytechnic offers have increased from mainly Business related to Applied Science and Engineering Programmes.

He said the Koforidua Polytechnic is the only polytechnic in Ghana offering the Renewable Energy Systems Engineering programme which has positioned the institution ahead of its peers in playing important roles in meeting the current and future energy needs of the country.

He appealed to the government to help turn the Koforidua Polytechnic into a University.

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