

Dr. Kevin Brown Assumes Office as 5th President of the University of Technology, Jamaica

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**Announcement to the University Community on the  
Transition in Leadership at the University**

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Technology, Jamaica**



In my capacity as Vice President and University Registrar as well as Secretary to the University Council, I am pleased to remind the University Community that Dr. Kevin Brown assumes the leadership of the University of Technology, Jamaica, as President, today, Monday, September 11, 2023. The appointment was approved by the Council at its meeting held June 15, 2023 on the recommendation of the Joint Committee of the Council and the Academic Board.

As President, Dr. Brown will serve as the chief academic and administrative officer of the University, reporting directly to the Council and will be principally responsible for implementing the Council's policies to aid in the efficient operations of the University.

Dr. Kevin Brown comes to the University as a highly accomplished visionary leader, who has been a trailblazer in academia and the aerospace industry for over 18 years. His 10-year career at Rolls Royce saw him fulfilling several leadership roles, most recently as Technology Project Lead for Civil Aerospace Technology and Future Programmes.

Prior to joining Rolls-Royce, he was a Research Fellow in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Nottingham for 5 years where he led world-class research on developing novel composite materials and structures, including numerical computational models and undertaking complex experimental processes.

He was also a visiting Lecturer in the School of Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing at Cranfield University (UK) and a Lecturer in Engineering at South Leicestershire College (UK).

He has authored and won multi-million pound research grant proposals and has published 22 peer-reviewed journal articles and conference papers. Dr Brown has also taught and supervised many undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students and completed several consultancy assignments for major British and international companies. He is a member of several professional institutions including the Institute of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE).

Dr Brown is an advisor to the Minister with responsibility for the Diaspora in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and sat on the Global Jamaica Diaspora Council (GJDC). He has an impressive record of community engagement and public service over the last 20 years, holding several leadership roles, establishing a range of initiatives and working closely with Government Ministries, Agencies and Departments as well the private sector and NGOs.

He has been a radio broadcaster for over 12 years and has been a guest commentator on BBC radio.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Dr Brown is an alumnus of UTech, Jamaica where he completed a Diploma (Honours) in Mechanical Engineering majoring in Production in 2000 and was President of the Student's Union. He received a scholarship from Ford Motor Company and earned a Master's degree and PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nottingham.

Dr Brown is the recipient of several awards for achievements in scholarship, academia and community service with the most recent being a Rolls-Royce 'Recognition Award' and the Sons of the Father Men's Movement Award for 'Services to the Jamaica Diaspora.' He is also a qualified cricket and football coach.

As we warmly welcome our new President, we extend special recognition and gratitude to Professor Colin Gyles, CD and Professor Haldane Johnson for their stewardship as Acting President and Acting Deputy President respectively, since April 4, 2020. We deeply value the contributions of the team of leaders and every member of the University community in ensuring that the Institution continued to fulfill its objects and functions.

The University Community welcomes and congratulates Dr. Brown on this appointment and extends to him our full support.

**Marion Brown (Miss)**  
**Vice President & Registrar**  
**Secretary to Council**  
**September 11, 2023**