

REPORT ON ICT QUIZ COMPETITION



A section of students

The ICT quiz competition organised by Savana Signatures for its school clubs included six (6) out of the eight (8) Savana Signatures school ICT clubs. The schools that competed in the ICT quiz were Bishop JHS, Darul Hardis JHS, Savelugu Experimental JHS, Yoo R/C JHS, Pong Tamale Experimental JHS and Pong Tamale D/A JHS.

These schools were zoned into **group A, B and C** with Bishops JHS and Darul Hardis in group A, Savelugu Experimental JHS and Yoo R/C JHS in group B while Pong Tamale Experimental JHS and Pong Tamale D/A making up group C. The venue for group A was Bishops JHS, group B was Savelugu Experimental and group C was Pong Tamale D/A. There were three set of questions for the competition for three rounds. Round one consisted of questions to test the students' knowledge on computer soft ware programs. Round two was true/false type of questions and the third round was abbreviations.

The first school to be visited by the savana Signatures team on the 20/10/2011 was Bishop JHS to organise the quiz for group A. The Headmistress of Bishops expressed her profound gratitude to Savana Signatures for giving the school such a big opportunity to host an important event like the ICT quiz. She entreated the students to take the quiz and ICT serious as it is the engine of growth for developing countries like Ghana. She added that, ICT is now an examinable subject in the BECE and urged the students to pay attention through out the quiz to enable them acquire knowledge of ICT from the quiz.

The quiz began in style as both schools answered their first questions and received big cheers from the crowd. At the end of round one Bishop JHS had 18 while Darul Hardis had 17 marks. In the second round Bishop JHS had 18 as against 9 marks for Darul Hardis. In the final round Bishop JHS sealed their qualification with 17 marks as against 15 marks for Darul Hardis. Bishop JHS therefore qualified in group A to the final event.



Bishop JHS

The Director of Savana Signatures, Mr. John Stephen Agbenyo commended the students who represented the two schools for their wonderful performance. He urged them to keep it up especially Bishops as they had just qualified to meet two other schools in the final event. He mentioned to the participants that in an academic competition like the quiz there is no winner or loser and encouraged Darul Hardis not to be disappointed because they have not been able to

qualify into the final event but to continue to learn so that when another opportunity like this come again they would be able to perform better than they did. He concluded by assuring the participants of certificates at the final event and entreated the club patron to attend the event with the three students that represented the school.

The Team proceeded on the 21/10/2011 to Savelugu Experimental JHS to organise the quiz for group B between Savelugu Experimental JHS and Yoo R/C JHS. The team were warmly welcomed by the Headmaster, Teachers and students of the host school. In an opening address by the Headmaster of Savelugu Experimental, Mr. Adam, he said ICT is key in our life's today and thanked Savana Signatures for forming the ICT club in their school. He said he was more than happy to have an educative event like the ICT quiz taking place in his school and urged the students to pay attention during the competition to drive maximum benefit from it. Mr. Adam concluded by encouraging both competing schools to try and win and said his prayer was for his school to win.

The schools had prepared very well for the competition as there was very little gap in marks in the first to third round. At the end of the competition, Yoo R/C who were visitors won with 71 points as against 60 points to Darul Hardis. Yoo R/C has qualified in group B to the final quiz event.



Yoo R/C

The Savana Signatures team went out again on the 27/10/2011 to organise the quiz for group C between Pong Tamale D/A and Pong Tamale Experimental. The quiz for group C appeared to be more of settling scores because D/A had lost in a football match against Experimental and therefore saw the quiz as an opportunity to level the score. In the first round of the quiz, Experimental had 19 points while D/A had 13 points. In the second round however D/A had 18 points while Experimental had 15 points. The two schools had to justify their inclusion in the final event at the third round with D/A winning with fifty-two (52) points as against 50 points for Experimental.



Pong Tamale D/A Prim./JHS

Savana Signatures in its effort to motivate the participating students and the other group members presented exercise books and pens as prizes to each participating student. Most of the patrons and students commended Savana Signatures for the innovative program like the ICT quiz while suggesting that more of such quizzes should be organized for them. They also requested that Savana Signatures should support them with ICT logistics since the subject and concept has become a global phenomenon. They also suggested for more schools to be involved in the quiz so that at each zone there would be more than two schools competing.

The schools that qualified for the final event of the quiz competition scheduled on the 10/11/2011 are Bishops JHS, Yoo R/C JHS and Pong Tamale D/A JHS.

The final ICT quiz competition for the above schools came off at the Tamale Sports Stadium on 10th Nov 2011. The participants were supported by the heads of school, the ICT Club patrons and the ICT Clubs. Additionally, the participants and ICT patrons of the previous rounds were also invited to be part of the whole event and to learn from the new challenge. At 10:00am, the quiz began with an audience of about 150 people including students and Teachers. The Chairman for the occasion was Mr. James Dabota, the Examination Officer in charge of Basic Education at the Ghana Education Service, Tamale Metropolitan Assembly, Tamale. He welcomed the participants and the schools to the event and pointed out the importance of such events like the quizzes to keep up students' interest and knowledge in ICT. He added that, Savana signatures has done a good work by organizing this type of competition for schools and urged them to do more.

The director of Savana Signatures Mr. John Steven Agbenyo emphasized that the Quiz is a starting point of a greater engagement of the organization in using ICT to promote development of schools in the Northern Region. In the context of the C4C project, he mentioned that 3 schools - that is Darul Hardis JHS, Pong Tamale D/A JHS and Yoo R/C JHS - have been selected to pilot the Integration of ICTs in Education Project (IIEP). He cautioned members to desist from the attitude of asking for transportation fare as and when they are invited to meetings or workshops as these has led to the failure of several projects.



The quiz started in a grand style as the three competing schools thrilled their fans and audience in the way they made efforts to answer their questions.

After the first round Yoo R/C led with 12 points, followed by Bishop's with 4 and Pong Tamale D/A with 3 points. However, in the second round, fortune turned in the eyes of Bishop's as they led the round with 23 points, 13 for Yoo R/C and 6 points for Pong Tamale D/A. On the other hand, Pong Tamale D/A came top in the final round with 26 points closely followed by Bishop's with 25 and Yoo R/C with 20 points.

This outcome thrilled the fans and they cheered their schools on to the end. The final results for the quiz are as follows; Bishop's JHS 52, Yoo R/C 45 points and Pong Tamale D/A 35 points. Bishop's was therefore proclaimed winner of the SavSign ICT Clubs Final Quiz Competition. The schools took away certificates of participation and awards in the form of computers, pen drives, pens, key holders and books.

The Director of Savana Signatures, Mr. John Stephen Agbenyo, commended the schools for the wonderful display of talent in the competition and urged the patrons of the clubs to keep their activities in the club running. He thanked the head masters of the member schools for allowing Savana Signatures to form the ICT Clubs in their schools and for their participation in the event. He added that the organization would have more of such events for the schools in the coming year. The chairman in his closing remarks commended Savana Signatures for organizing such an important competition. He said this would go a long way to help the students in their academic activities as ICT has now become an examinable subject.

The competition came to a successful end with students from different schools making friends with each other. An interview with some of the students revealed that they would want to see and be part of more quizzes.

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