

MUA 2019 ALL MBAISE QUIZ COMPETITION REPORT BY EEC

1 The MUA Quiz has come and gone. As part of its efforts to achieve quality education, the MUA contributes its quota through its annual Sciences, Mathematics and English Quiz for all secondary schools in Mbaise.

I must say that taking up the responsibility of leading the organizing committee was unexpected and challenging, but the success was rewarding.

I am profoundly grateful to the president and the entire EXCO for giving me the role as the acting chairperson of the Committee.

I thank my Committee Members for the suggestions and team work.

I promise to work harder if such opportunity will be given to me in future.

Please find below an account of the quiz competition.

ABOH MBAISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The opening ceremony was at Mbaise Secondary School. We had six (6) schools in attendance for the quiz competition and each school came with three students.

We were discouraged by the low turnout. Thoughts some teachers complained that not all schools got the information prior to the exercise.

However, students from the host school flooded the whole place.

Also, we had a cold reception from the staff we met on ground. They bitterly complained that they were not properly informed about the exercise.

No single seat was seen in the hall provided for us. So we made quick arrangement for seats, table covers and flowers, at least to beautify the hall.

The Vice Principal later came and stayed till the end of the program that day.

Competition proper quiz:

The students were given a written test to select the best Five students out of the 18 students that sat for the written test. Then later, oral test was given to the best five and three best were selected. They are:

First position:

Chukwu Godswill. He scored 15%. He is from Okwuato Secondary School

Second position:

Ihechere Fortune. He scored 14% and he is from Okwuato Secondary School.

Third position:

Ekechukwu Nnadozie. He scored 10%. He is from Madreg Giovanna Russolillo secondary school, Ibeku Okwuato.

AHIAZU LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

This was the second day of the competition. It was held at Knowledge International Secondary School, Afor Oru. The staff of the host school also complained about the poor publicity though we saw greater number of schools in attendance than in Aboh Mbaise.

Nine schools came and the host school made adequate provision of seats, tables even provided drinks, snacks to team members, teachers and resource personnel.

As usual, written tests were administered to the students to get the best five as usual. After that, oral tests were also given to the students and three best students were produced.

They are:

First position

Njoku Nelson. He scored 20%. A student at Mater Christi Secondary School.

Second position:

Nwokocha Daniel. He scored 15%. He is from Pater Noster Secondary School, Ekwereazu.

Third position:

Daniel Akudo. She scored 12%. She is from Model Secondary School, Umuokirika.

EZINIHITE LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

This is the third day of the quiz competition. It was held at Okpofe Secondary School. Here, we had the best experience so far.

Many schools came in their numbers though we were told that about seven schools went to Obizi, thinking it was the venue for the competition in Ezinihitte.

By the time we tried to reach them, it was late.

However, fifteen (15) schools came with their teachers. Some schools came with more than 5 students. The hall was filled with students. Thank God the host school was ready for us. They provided seats and tables for us.

There were written tests as usual to get the best five but because of the high number of students, we asked the resource person to increase the number to 8, which she obliged us.

Oral test was given to them to get the best five and later another oral test was given to the five to select the best three.

Here, a teacher discovered that some quiz questions were wrong especially in mathematics, physics and chemistry. This created uproar but we were able to control the situation.

Again,, one of the contestants was asthmatic and could not compete favourably due to her deteriorating condition.

When her case escalated, Dr Alleluyah helped to resuscitate her before she was taken to a nearby hospital.

Also, the pioneer MUA quiz champion from Bethel college contested again and was almost sailing through when we discovered him. He was immediately discontinued and was recognized as a MUA ambassador for other students. He actually got unhappy and was later pacified.

Due to the overwhelming population of the students at Ezinihitte, we made emergency arrangement and impromptu provision of refreshments so that no one would be left out.

The three best students are:

First position:

Ajaegbu Peter scored 80%. He is from Chokoneze Secondary School.

Second position:

Okhale Judith scored 70%. She is from Handmaids Holy Child Juniorate, Amumara.

Third position:

Ibeji Melody scored 60%. He is from Bethel College

THE GRAND FINALE

The Grand Finale was also at Mbaise Secondary School. The performances of the various Local Government champions were "wonderfully brilliant".

They were at their very best. They took written test also to get the best five students to compete at the oral test. They all performed exceedingly well.

Eventually, Ekechukwu Nnadozie from Madreg Giovanna Russolillo Secondary School, Ibeku Okwuato in Aboh Mbaise exhibited exceptional brilliance by answering all his questions correctly (100%) and finally emerged as the overall best.

Second position:

Daniel Akudo. She scored 60%. She is from Model Secondary School, Umuokirika in Ahiazu Mbaise Local Government.

Third position:

Okhale Judith. She scored 55%. She is from Handmaids Holy Child Juniorate Amumara in Ezinihitte Mbaise Local Govt.

WAY FORWARD and RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ I strongly suggest the need for us to improve on our information dissemination. More mobilization should focus on the public relations so that all schools in Mbaise will be fully informed and on time, so that they will actively participate.
- ❖ We should be able to monitor the money we give to both schools and students to assure that such amount be spent on education.
- ❖ While health is not a barrier and we should not discriminate, we suggest we tell principals to test their students' health conditions and inform us. This will enable us prepare and have a medic around, at least, for first aid purposes.
- ❖ I suggest extra mural classes for schools in Mbaise at strategic places of the various Local Government Areas, to assist some students, especially those in Local Government schools who are not as wonderfully taught as the many private schools flourishing in Mbaise today.
- ❖ Since this whole quiz competition is for Mbaise students, I suggest that the students should also be tested on their knowledge of Mbaise as a place, people and culture.
- ❖ I also suggest we adopt ICT method where all principals of schools intending to participate in our annual quiz competition should be made to register their school electronically through a link that could be incorporated on the MUA web platform.
- ❖ On media coverage, I suggest we partner with some notable media houses and also delegate members who are seasoned professionals and are enlightened in that area to strictly follow up to avoid making incorrect publication. This should no longer be a localized event. Local and national media should be incorporated.
- ❖ We can also make use of live telecast for our quiz competitions so that interested members could watch the activities from any part of the world. Hence, the need to deploy the services of a professional and up to date media personnel / consultant.
- ❖ We should tell schools to inform us on the number of students they want to come with, to enable us plan adequately.
- ❖ We also suggest that the resource persons that handled this year's quiz competition should not be reengaged due to their unprofessional approach to the whole exercise which includes:

- The repetition of the same questions in the same order at the three Local Governments
- Incorrect answers to some questions and refusal to accept the responsibility
- Some team members are just school leavers and lacked the competence to even dictate the questions well.
- We agreed that by the end of the exercise, the resource person will give the Association both questions and answers used during the quiz competition but up till now she has not complied

Furthermore;

- ❖ Sponsorship packages should be created and MUA members should use their network of friends and associates to attract sponsors. Such sponsorship packages are:
 - ✓ Media sponsorship
 - ✓ Award Sponsorship
 - ✓ Venue / Refreshments Sponsorship. Etc.
- ❖ A2 Poster to be pasted in all Secondary schools in Mbaise
- ❖ Planning starts April (six months) to event.
- ❖ Video and pictures of past events properly documented for used to lure sponsors (maybe a short 3minuts to 5 minutes compiled video. It can be on MUA website as well).

FINANCIALS

Our financial summary is as follows:

Total amount received for the program (From MUA) = N 1,299,500

Total amount spent (by EEC) = N 1,173,000

Surplus amount (EEC will give back to MUA) = N 126,500

Signed

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(Acting Chairman EEC)

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****Please, see the breakdown of our expenses in the next page (Excel format page).**