

IMBIBE THE SPIRIT OF SPORTSMANSHIP, SAYS DG ITF

The Director General of the Industrial Training Fund, Sir Joseph Ari, has charged students of the ITF Staff School to represent their various houses fairly and adequately in the spirit of sportsmanship as sports will help them build good habits, confidence and discipline.

He made this statement at the ITF Staff School Inter-house Sports Competition which held at the school premises in Jos, recently.

Sir Ari, who was represented by Mr. Steve Ojigo, Director, Revenue, Inspectorate and Compliance Department, also reminded the students that in all human endeavours including sports, determination was a major requirement for success.

The DG further said that the students of ITF Staff School had always made the Fund proud thereby giving ITF management the encouragement to provide the school with the best facilities to ensure excellence.

Ari also acknowledged the efforts and relentless commitment of the Principal and Staff of the School in ensuring the actualization of its mission of moulding well-groomed students who are academically and morally sound as well as mentally balanced.

Chairman of the occasion and Commissioner for Secondary Education, Plateau State, Hon. Jude Dakur commended everyone that was part of the event and said that the importance of sports in our lives cannot be overemphasized. He specifically encouraged stakeholders in the education sector to continue to give their best saying "if you find yourself as a teacher, teach well. Do all you can to bring out the best in your students".

In her remarks, the Mother of the Day, Professor Rahila Gowon, Director, Institute of Education, University of Jos, represented by Dr. Mrs. Judith

Patrick commended the ITF Staff School for putting up such a remarkable event and said that she expects it to keep getting better.

Also speaking, Mrs. Rosemary Etaba, CEO Korret's Hamlet Amusement Park and Events, Jos, encouraged everyone at the event to always imbibe the spirit of sportsmanship in sports so as to have a good time. In order to appreciate the School for the excellent performance, she declared that she would host the Staff School's next Speech and Prize Giving Day.

Earlier in her opening remarks, the Principal of the Staff School, Mrs. Nancy Ndidiamaka Ekong, said games had always been an integral part of school programmes which explains why it is now referred to as co-curricular activity. She added that aside its health benefits, sports is also known to be a source of income for talented youths, hence the need to encourage children to engage in sporting activities so as to identify and accentuate their talents.

Giving the vote of thanks, Mrs. Orifunmishe Josephine Taiye, the Head Teacher of the Staff School thanked everyone especially the D.G for his approval and support to make the event a success.

Highlights of the event included Inter-house march pass and race competitions amongst others. During the Inter-house race, Red house (Management house) emerged overall winner, followed by the Blue House (Board house) and Purple House (Auptre house) respectively.

Invited schools like the Olusegun Obasanjo Model Primary School, Hwolshe, Junior Secondary School, Kufang, Rochas Foundation School, Educare Secondary School, Founder's International School, Air-force Boys Military School and Government Secondary School, Hwolshe participated in inter-school's 4x4 relay race.

At the end, trophies were presented to winners of each sporting activity. Obasanjo Primary School emerged winner for the Junior Inter-house relay race while GSS Hwolshe came top for the senior relay race. In addition to

the trophies, monetary gifts were also given to the winners as well as to all other houses for participating in the competition.

The school's annual inter-house sports competition which was its 6th edition had in attendance dignitaries from all works of life.

