

Kwara Holds 2022 Tax Club Quiz Competition Grand Finale, Overall Best School Wins N2.5M



The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) Tax Club Quiz Competition for the year 2022, organized for all Secondary Schools in Kwara State in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development was brought to an end, with Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Model College, Ilorin

emerging the overall winner of the grand prize of N2,500,000.00 (Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira only), having defeated five other schools that made it to the final stage of the competition from the Kwara North, South and Central Senatorial Districts of the State.

The 1st runner up, Mustapha Standard College, Offa, went home with a prize of N1,500,000.00 (One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira only), **Continued on Page 2 & 3**

○ KWARA GOVERNOR NAMES KW-IRS BOARD MEMBERS



Kwara State Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq has appointed the trio of Razaq Adio; Barrister Falola Jimoh Olarewaju; and Fatima Asabe Jiyah as members of the board of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Board (KW-IRS).

Adio, who holds Higher National Diploma in Public Administration, was a board member of the Kwara Investment and Property Development Company Ltd and a former Registrar II at the Nigeria Immigration Service Visa Registry Ikoyi. He is a grassroots politician from Kwara Central.

Falola, from Ifelodun local government, was until the appointment the Principal Partner at the Lanre Falola & Co. law firm in Lagos. **Continued on Page 4**

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and Kwara State College of Education Model Secondary School, Oro clinched the 2nd runner up, with a prize of N1,000,000.00 (One Million Naira Only). All prizes are for the schools' category and meant for desired projects of each winning school.



Eighteen (18) schools, drawn from the three senatorial districts of the State qualified to the semi-final stage of the competition and after rounds of keenly contested Computer-Based Test (CBT), six (6) schools advanced to the final rounds. The six schools are Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Model College, Ilorin, Government Secondary School, Lafiagi, Kwara State College of Education Model Secondary School, Oro, Muslim Model Secondary School, Ilorin, Mustapha Standard College, Offa, and Shepherd Secondary School, Lafiagi.

The annual tax educative event for this year was held on Wednesday 3rd November 2022 at the Kwara State Banquet, Hall, Ilorin.

Giving his address at the event, the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Mallam Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq, ably represented by the Deputy Governor, Mr. Kayode Alabi appreciated all participating schools and the KW-IRS for putting up another excellent edition of the Tax Club Quiz Competition.

He noted that taxation is key to the development of any economy and everyone needs to be involved. "The issue of taxation is what all of us should be thinking because we can only be in the category of a tax administrator or tax practitioner or taxpayer," said Mr. Alabi.



Earlier, while declaring open the 2022 KW-IRS Tax Club Quiz Competition Grand Finale, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi welcomed all participating schools, top government functionaries, royal fathers, and guests present at the event.

Omoniyi stated that the purpose of the Tax Club Quiz Competition is to nurture a generation of tax-compliant citizens and create robust taxation awareness in the growing population and at various stages.

Shade Omoniyi expressed her appreciation to the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Mallam Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq for his commitment to the development of the education sector of the State and congratulated him on his various landmark achievements across all spheres of the economy of the State since the commencement of his administration.

She also commended the organizing committee, the KW-IRS Tax Club Advocacy Committee, and the principal partner, the Kwara State Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development for their efforts, drive of taxation orientation, and ensuring yet a successful competition for the year 2022.

The KW-IRS boss did not fail to mention that the entries for the year increased from 142 applicants in 2021 to 219 applicants in 2022.

She congratulated all schools that expressed interest in the competition, noting that all participants are winners and should accommodate one other.

Shade Omoniyi charged students to share the knowledge, information and experience gathered in the tax competition, embrace the love of one another and contribute their quota to the economic growth of Kwara State.

She stated that KW-IRS is committed to the growth of tax-compliant Kwarans and will not relent in ensuring the realization of voluntary tax-compliant citizens as it is the only remedy to a steady and rapid economic growth of the society, especially with the continuous dwindling of the Federal allocation.

She also lauded the wonderful initiative of the KW-IRS for conceiving and delivering an intellectual project as the tax club quiz competition, describing the project as timely, vital, and best for the mental development of students and growing the economy.



Mrs. Adeosun while pledging the continuous support of the Ministry to the project, said the Ministry as an educational agency is delighted with the gradual growth of the tax club in schools in the State; adding that the initiative will not only develop the tax knowledge of the students but prepare them for the stability of the State's economy in the nearest future.

The convener of the 2022 KW-IRS Tax Club Quiz Competition, Titilayomi Ogunwale, who also doubles as the Head of Corporate Affairs, KW-IRS, provided updates on the journey so far as it relates to the preliminary rounds of the competition taken around the three senatorial districts of the State, up till the Grand Finale. She recounted the improvement in the expression of interest of schools in the tax quiz competition.

She stated that payment of all prizes of N2.5million, N1.5million, and N1Million for the schools' category in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions for the year 2021 edition had been made to concerned schools, (Stepping Stone Secondary

School, Ilorin, Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Model College Ilorin and Government Secondary School, Ilesha Baruba) for various proposed school projects.



Titilayomi added that coordinating teachers of the winning schools for the year 2021 had also been paid their prizes and students that participated in winning prizes for their various schools and had communicated notices of admission into higher institutions of learning had received their cash prizes to support their educational pursuits.

She further added that the Service ensures prizes to schools, students, and teachers who win in different categories are given as and when due; with adequate supervision of funds given for school projects to ensure judicious use.

The Director, Income Tax, KW-IRS, Mohammed Usman in his closing remarks expressed his profound appreciation to all guests and participating schools and those who have contributed to the success of the event.



The event was attended by the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, represented by the Balogun of Alanamu, Dr. Usman Atolagbe Abubakar Jos, the Olupo of Ajase-Ipo, His Royal Highness, Oba (Barr). Ismail Bolaji Yahaya, the Emir of Ilesha Baruba, Professor Halidu Ibrahim Abubakar, represented by the Marafa of Ilesha Baruba, Alhaji Abubakar Sani Muhammed, the Olomu of Omupo, His Royal Highness, Oba Yakubu Buari,(FCTI), the National President, Society of Woman in Taxation (SWIT), Dr. Mrs. Biola Adimula, Chairman, Ilorin District & Society, Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), Honourable Taiwo Abdullahi, Professor Muhammed Taofeeq Abdulrazaq, (FCTI) of Lagos State University, Executives of ICAN, Ilorin district, Heads of various MDAs in the State, representatives of Kwara State Tertiary Institutions, Captains of Industries, representatives of various media outfits, Management and Staff of KW-IRS and crème-de-la-crème of the society.



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He was a one-time National Legal Adviser of the Democratic People's Party and Deputy Director General of the AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq Campaign Organisation 2018-2019.

He is a member of the International Bar Association, Nigerian Bar Association, and an alumnus of the University of Lagos.

Fatimah Asabe Jiyah, a fine communicator and an alumnus of the National Open University, is a staff of the Kwara State Television and a household name for her Nupe programme on radio — Dabe Yi Baza.

She was a financial Secretary of the Nigeria Association of Women Journalists (NAWOJ). The Governor has also appointed Mr. Oladipo Adewumi Oluwafemi as the chairman of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) in Kwara State.

An indigene of Oke Ero, the appointee comes well recommended for the top job.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Geology from Ahmadu Bello University Zaria and Masters in Business Administration from University of Ilorin.

He's worked at the Rural Water and Sanitation Component of the Federal Government of Nigeria/European Union/Middle Belt Development Programme. He was Deputy Head/Acting Head of Drilling Operations of the programme.

He is a member of the Council of Nigeria Mining Engineers and Geoscientists (COMEG); Nigeria Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS); and Nigerian Association of Hydrologists (NAH).

The appointments take immediate effect.

Newsletter

KWARA IRS BAGS AWARD OF RECOGNITION IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT



The Industrial Trust Fund (ITF) has awarded Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) an award in Best Human Resource Development for the year 2021.

The award is in recognition and appreciation of the unprecedented steps by the Kwara State government in training over 300 staff of KW-IRS in various programmes of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF).

Making the award presentation to the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, the Director-General/CEO, ITF, Sir Joseph Ari, represented by the Director, Corporate Planning Development, ITF, Alhaji Usman Sani Daji, appreciated the Governor AbdulRazaq's led administration for the support and enabling environment created which has contributed immensely to the sustenance and development of ITF in Kwara.

In her remarks during the ceremony, which took place on Wednesday 14th December 2022 in the Ilorin Area Office of the organization at the Annual Stakeholders' Interactive Forum, the KW-IRS boss, Shade Omoniyi dedicated the award to the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, reiterating the commitment of the State in constant training and retraining of its workforce in required skills needed to perform excellently in line with best practices.

Shade Omoniyi pledged continuous improvement of staff of KW-IRS on customer satisfaction towards an enhanced revenue for the State and engagement of a competent taxpayers-centered workforce and utilization of technologies that enhance quality service delivery across all operating areas of the State.

KWARA END OF YEAR AWARDS:

KW-IRS RECEIVES AWARD OF MOST IMPACTFUL MDA IN THE STATE



The Kwara State End of Year merit awards ceremony in recognition of excellence among individuals, public and private sectors within the State and around the globe witnessed the emergence of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) as the most impactful MDA in the State among other nominees for the year 2022.

Receiving the award on Friday, 23rd December 2022, at the Atlantic Event Centre, Ilorin, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, supported by all the Directors and selected staff

of the Service were filled with joy for the honour and appreciated the Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq led administration for the giant stride and commitment to rewarding hard work and contributions to the development of the State.

The awards which were in (25) twenty-five categories began with online voting for nominees. The voting exercise which lasted about 5 days had KW-IRS poll well over two thousand votes to defeat other nominees in the same category; Kwara State Social Investment Programme (KWASSIP)

and Kwara State Primary Health Development Agency (KWPHCDA) which polled one thousand plus votes respectively.

The Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi has sent her congratulatory message and appreciation to the Management, and staff of KW-IRS for their determination and enthusiasm towards the attainment of this great feat, another feather added to the success cap of the Service.

She also thanked friends of the Service for their continued support and collaboration.

Shade Omoniyi pledged the continuous commitment of KW-IRS to IGR enhancement in the State and enjoined staff not to relent in delivering on the core mandate of revenue generation towards sustainable development in the State and in more laudable feats.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A tax return is a report which contains the relevant tax information of an individual or corporate entity for a specified period in compliance with the relevant tax laws.
- Tax returns allow taxpayers to calculate their tax liability and remit payments or request refunds as the case may be.
- Filing of tax returns with the Relevant Tax Authority (RTA) is a legal obligation for every taxpayer.
- Employers are required to deduct and remit the Personal Income Tax (PIT) of their employees through the Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) system monthly
- According to the Personal Income Tax Act (PITA), 2011 (as amended), every employer of labour is required to file a return with the Relevant Tax Authority, not later than 31st January of every year, in respect of PAYE deductions made from its employees' income in the preceding year.
- Failure by any employer to file annual tax returns is a penalty of N500,000 on conviction in the case of a corporate body and N50,000 in the case of an individual.
- PAYE returns must be submitted each month on or before the 10th day of the month following the month in which the tax was deducted
- Each State Internal Revenue Service in Nigeria has its prescribed format for employers to file annual tax returns.
- Employers in Kwara State are expected to file their annual tax returns via the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service Self-Service Portal (KW-IRS SSP) at www.sAelfservice.kwirs.com
- Taxpayers are to download, fill and upload the completed annual tax returns form on the portal..

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HEALTH TIPS: BENEFITS OF EARLY MORNING WATER THERAPY

People generally drink water when the weather is hot, during mealtimes or after a physical activity. However, the best time to take water is in the morning. This is because the human body is made up of about 70% water, which is naturally dehydrated after long hours of sleep at night and needs to be replaced.

By Folasayo Ogundare

Water therapy simply refers to drinking large amounts of water, between 1 liter and 1.5 liters, on an empty stomach immediately after waking up in the morning. The water can be at room temperature, warm, with or without lemon, etc. This has amazing benefits for a healthy body and to get the body rehydrated for the day.

Some of the reasons why you should take water on an empty stomach in the morning are as follows:

- To cleanse the digestive system: Drinking a glass of water first thing in the morning can help rid your digestive system of toxins. It breaks down food in the stomach and makes it more easily digestible. This in turn improves bowel movement and reduces the likelihood of constipation.
- Cures diseases: It has been proven that drinking water first thing in the morning can help cure diseases such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure and general body aches and pains by flushing out harmful toxins from the body. It can also help to reduce the risk of life-threatening diseases such as kidney disease.
- Aids weight loss: Drinking water on an empty stomach can help to get rid of excess weight, due to its ability to increase the rate of metabolism and aid in burning calories faster. Adding a dash of lemon juice to warm water will help to break down body fat and curb cravings due to its pectin fiber content.
- Prevents premature aging: Due to its ability to cleanse the body from toxins which cause illnesses and aging, water can help to repair the skin cells, thereby increasing skin elasticity; clear wrinkles and uneven patches.
- Hydrates the cells: Sleeping is a form of fasting, since the body is in a state of rest and there is no consumption of food or water for the period of 6 to 8 hours. Drinking water in the morning upon waking helps to hydrate the cells and improve the production of blood and muscle cells.

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