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5th annual Model United Nations Namibia (MUNNAM) 2016 Conference awards best students

Windhoek, 10 June 2016: Following two days of fruitful discussions at the 5th Annual Model United Nations Namibia (MUNNAM) High School Conference, the student delegates representing UN member states successfully passed two resolutions for the topics, “Women’s Empowerment & the link to Sustainable Development” and “Ensuring Universal access to water.”

The MUNNAM prize giving ceremony was held on 9 June 2016, 16h30, at the Safari Court Conference Centre to recognize the “cream of the crop” at this year’s prestigious Model UN conference. The judging panel, who for the past two days meticulously scored delegates on various indicators including content, delivery, participation, use of the rules and diplomacy, summarized their scores, and revealed how close the scoring was.

In a highly anticipated agenda on the conference programme, UNIC Windhoek’s National Information Officer, Anthea Basson, announced the winners of the conference awards and cash prizes courtesy of MTN Business Namibia.

The “Best School Award” went to Delta Secondary School, who won the MTN Business Namibia’s, “Best School, floating trophy” as well as three thousand Namibian for their school. The Delta Secondary School participants included, Patience Masua, representing Germany, Thelma Mackinza, representing Central African Republic and Gabriel Haughk, representing India.

The “Best Delegate award”, as voted for by the participants, was awarded to Jules Van De Port from St. Paul’s College, representing Saudi Arabia at the conference. The “Best Delegate” received a trophy and one thousand five hundred Namibian dollars prize money from MTN Business Namibia.

Furthermore, two special achievement awards, along with one thousand five hundred Namibian dollars prize money was awarded to Nils Schuler, recognizing his long standing participation since



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2012 (as the youngest participant) and his active leadership role in the programme. Another special achievement award was given to Paulus Amuthenu, representing Ghana (from Academia Secondary School) for his active participation during the conference, effective use of the rules of procedure and overall diplomacy, analysis and comprehension of the programme.

The “Best Speaker award”, along with the one thousand five hundred Namibian dollars prize money was awarded to Gabriel Haughk, representing India, from Delta Secondary School.

The Model United Nations Namibia (MUNNAM) High School conference was a great success, and all participants thoroughly enjoyed the experience. UNIC Windhoek in partnership with MTN Business Namibia would like to thank the following schools and teachers for their participation:

Academia Secondary School, Augustinieu Secondary School, Dawid Bezuidenhout High School, Delta Secondary School, DHPS, Etosha Secondary School (Tsumeb), Hochland High School, Immanuel Shifidi Secondary School, Jan Mohr Secondary School, Otjikoto Senior Secondary School (Tsumeb), St. Paul’s College, Windhoek Gymnasium Private School and Windhoek High School.

“The MUNNAM 2016 Conference has been one of the most successful conferences, largely due to the high level of preparation put in by the individual student delegates, their active participation and understanding of the programme, UNIC Windhoek will continue to nurture students and ensure the sustainability of this educational programme,” said Anthea Basson, UNIC Windhoek.

**Model United Nations is a simulation of UN bodies by high school students. The role play ambassadors and represent UN member states, discussing internationally relevant topics. Model United Nations Namibia (MUNNAM) simulates the General Assembly, and hosts an annual conference in Windhoek annually since 2012. It is an extra-curricular activity*

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