

Scholarships needed to inspire science students -call

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IN order to increase the number of students under category of science in Tanzania, the government and stakeholders have to provide scholarships so as to develop various innovative skills for the betterment of the nation.

This has been proposed by the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF), scholarship manager, Devota Rubama, to The African after the awarding ceremony of overall winners of 'Young Scientists Tanzania' competition held last year in which they emerged winners.

The winners received cash

prizes, a trip to Ireland in Dublin sponsored by Irish based Scientists exhibition as well scholarship from KFJ.

She said there is a need to provide support the community in Tanzanian especially in improving education sector as a core charity notably by providing scholarships to young Tanzanians to be able to accomplish their studies at University level.

"We are eager to encourage and support Tanzania young students to be able to develop various innovative skills through science for the sake of Tanzania's future economic development," she said.

Commenting on the issue, the 'Young Scientists Tanzania' co-founder and Executive Director, Dr. Gozbert Kamugisha, said this year exhibition will expand to East African countries whereby discussions are underway with Kenya so that young scientists from Kenya can benefit.

"Last year the exhibition drew about 240 students participants from all regions in the country with free entrance whereby this year it will take place on August.

He said after completion of discussion with Kenya, there will be others with all remaining East African countries.

"We will ensure that all science

students from all East African countries gather during the exhibition and share experience as one way to develop their skills and creativity," he said.

Kamugisha adds that since Ireland is among the fastest and much advanced in modern technology for many years, Tanzania and other African countries need to share knowledge so that in the years to come the countries can develop too.

"The idea of having partnership with Ireland came up because it is among the well advanced technology for fifty years and they started by

preparing students at lower level to become good scientists which have brought development of economy with lots of scientists in their country at a large extent," he said.

Commenting on the trip offer, Edwin Kuguku said through the trip they can be able to learn modern ways of technology and also share experience with more advanced scientists in Ireland which is very important in their future.

"I hope we can gain modern knowledge on advanced technology and when I return I will be able to share with others and also support the government in ensuring that plastic bags can usage is eradicated and instead use other more friendly ones instead so as to prevent our country from environmental pollution," he adds.

Edwin and John Method won after presenting their project titled 'The effects of using plastic bags in Tanzania and how to reduce the same'