

THIRD CIRCULAR OF THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Dear colleagues,

We are 24 days before the commencement of the 7th International Junior Science Olympiad to be held in the beautiful city of Abuja, December 2 – 11, 2010.

Here are the news and current state of the organization.

Registration

The online registration is still ongoing and will be ending on the November 15, 2010. We are proud to announce that the following countries have been registered to participate in this year's Olympiad. Countries who have completely submitted their registration materials are presented in green colour while those in black ink are yet to complete their registration

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| 1. Albania | 10. Croatia | 20. Kenya | 30. Russia |
| 2. Argentina | 11. Cyprus | 21. Kuwait | 31. Serbia |
| 3. Azerbaijan | 12. Estonia | 22. Maldives | 32. Slovakia |
| 4. Bolivia | 13. Ghana | 23. Mexico | 33. South Korea |
| 5. Botswana | 14. Hungary | 24. Moldova | 34. South Africa |
| 6. Brazil | 15. Iran | 25. Myanmar | 35. Tajikistan |
| 7. Bulgaria | 16. India | 26. Netherlands | 36. Thailand |
| 8. Cambodia | 17. Indonesia | 27. Nigeria | 37. Vietnam |
| 9. Chinese Taipei | 18. Ireland | 28. Philippines | 38. Zimbabwe |
| | 19. Kazakhstan | 29. Romania | |

We hope that all the countries above will complete their registration before November 15, 2010. We also welcome countries yet to commence registration to do so before the November 15, 2010.

Visas

The Letters of Invitation have been sent to the contact persons of respective countries by scanned copies via e-mail.

The invitation letter for visa purposes is being prepared by our Ministry of Foreign Affairs who are in charge of all our embassies to expedite visa support.

Similarly, special invitation for visa on arrival purposes has also been prepared by our Immigration Service and will be sent by email to all the countries that requires that not later than November 20, 2010.

Any other way you want us to assist do not hesitate to contact us.

Fees and payment

All official participating teams (6 students + 3 leaders) are encouraged to pay the registration fee of \$1,000 on arrival in Abuja. The fee will cover: meals, accommodation and official social events during the official period of the Olympiad. Observers and visitors are welcome, and they are expected to cover their expenses, visitors \$1500 per person, observers \$1300 per person. Observers may attend all Olympiad meetings, including the meetings of the International Board. However they may not vote or take part in the discussions. Visitors do not attend the meetings of the International Board.

We kindly ask you to make payments in cash only, at the 7th IJSO registration desk to be situated at the hotel.

Transportation

Abuja Airport is an international airport directly or indirectly connected with main world destinations. The participants transiting through the Lagos International Airport will also be met by the officials of the 7th IJSO LOC on arrival and will be assisted to transfer to the domestic airport for their connection to Abuja.

For passengers terminating at Lagos International Airport will assisted to secure 2way ticket to Abuja. This costs about \$250 (2way). The delegation will have to reimburse the 7th IJSO LOC on arrival.

At the Abuja International Airport protocol services and transportation will be provided by the Local Organizing Committee of the 7th IJSO to and fro the Hotel.

Accommodation

Arrangements have been concluded for the students to stay at the Nicon Luxury Hotel. Students will be paired in a room according to the information submitted in the registration form.

Leaders, visitors and observers will be accommodated at the Chelsea Hotel which is situated in the central business district of the city.

Two persons will share a room. Due to the high cost of hotels in Abuja city, if you want a single room, please note, there is an addition charge of \$100 per day.

Early arrival or late departure

If you plan to arrive in Abuja earlier than 2 December, 2010 or leave Abuja later than 11 December, 2010, please let us know well in advance (by noting it in the online registration and by sending us an e-mail, indicating the number of persons and type of the room) so that we can arrange your accommodation. Early/Late Accommodation will be at the Nicon Luxury Hotel. *The Good news is that the cost of accommodation for the early arrival on December 1,*

2010 will be fully sponsored by the Local Organising committee. However each delegation will be responsible for their meals for that day.

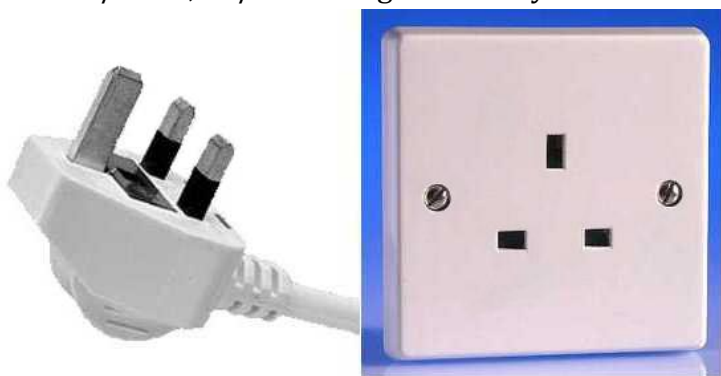
Insurance and Medical Facilities

We recommend that all members of your team acquire the necessary medical and travel insurance before you leave your country.

Medical service will be provided 24 hours a day in Abuja. A doctor and other medical staffs will be on hand at the hotels and referrals will be directed to the National Hospital, in Abuja.

Computing facilities for delegation leaders

Computer facilities, including computers and printers, will be available in the Discussion Room. You are however advised to bring your own laptop. Standard power supply in supply is 220V/240V, 50/60 Hz. Nigeria mainly uses the TYPE G plug and grounded socket.



Mobile Phones

Leaders and contestants are not allowed to communicate with each other before any of the examination. Therefore, leaders will be asked to collect the mobile phones from the contestants after their arrival and to return to them after the experimental competition.

Extra Curricula Activities

“All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy” During the 7th IJSO, a mini tournament is been planned. Each continent will be represented a team of male students for football and female students for volleyball. Leaders are to assist in finding out from their team members who will be interested in taking a part in any of the above mentioned games. A coach will be appointed and will meet with the team at the student’s opportune time. Matches will take place after each exam and leaders can meet with their students during each of the games. Let’s have some fun. Interested students are kindly requested to come with their sport wears and shoes.

Cultural Presentations

The Local Organizing Committee of the 7th IJSO kindly requests every participating country to prepare and present a cultural presentation of their country during the farewell dinner. The best team will be receiving a trophy.

7th IJSO - Abuja 2010 Website

All information regarding the 7th IJSO - Abuja 2010 can be found at our website (<http://ijsso2010.org.ng>).

The next circular will contain information as regards to final programme of event, organization rules and regulation and examination instructions for students and so on.

The Local Organising Committee of the 7th IJSO Abuja 2010 looks forward to meeting you in Abuja!