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Makerere University Faculty of Computing & IT Students to Compete in the Microsoft Imagine Cup 2009 World Finals in Cairo, Egypt from July 3-7, 2009

This year, Microsoft invited students around the world to harness their creative energy, their technical know-how and most of all, their personal passion to take part in an urgent mission. With the **United Nations Millennium Development Goals** as their guiding light, students used the power of technology to help solve some of the toughest problems facing the world today.

Five (5) projects developed by students from the Faculty of Computing and IT, Makerere University, participated in the Microsoft Regional Imagine Cup 2009 Competition. In total, 17 projects competed from seven Eastern African Region countries. The event was held in Nairobi, Kenya, on June 5, 2009. All the five (5) projects from Makerere were ranked among the best ten (10), one project qualified for the World Competition scheduled for July 2009 in Egypt while another took the second position. The overall winner came from Ethiopia. Below is the list of team names and their positions in the competition:

Team Name	Position	Award
Development++	Not graded at regional level. Qualified for the Imagine Cup World Finals in Egypt	Return Ticket & accommodation for team members to compete at the Microsoft World Imagine Cup competition Finals in Cairo, Egypt – July 3 - 7, 2009
Lost Coders	Second (2)	Two (2) desktop computers
Malaria Diagnosis	Fourth (4)	
Supreme	Sixth (6)	
UWESO UK Trust	Seventh (7)	

The students in the winning team included; Joseph Kaizzi Kasolo (Team Leader), Kibet Seth Kigen, Acellam Guy, and Okori Ivan Nape.

We congratulate students who participated in the regional competition and thank them for representing the Faculty well. We further congratulate students in the winning teams for the awards received. We thank the parents, the Faculty of Computing & IT and Microsoft for facilitating the students to participate in the competition.

In the end, this experience will provide an opportunity to our students to test their capability and skills against the rest of the world. The Imagine Cup is also one way Microsoft is encouraging young people to apply their imagination, their passion and their creativity to technology innovations that can make a difference in the world – today. Now in its 7th year, the Imagine Cup has grown to be a truly global competition focused on finding solutions to real world issues.

CIT students will compete in the 2008 World Finals to be held in Cairo, Egypt from July 3 - 7, 2009. For more information about the completion visit: http://imaginecup.com/

Winning this prestigious award goes along way to demonstrate the Faculty's commitment to becoming a global Faculty and University. As a Faculty, we are committed to excellence in all that we are doing.

Like last year, **CIT Toped Microsoft Regional Imagine Cup 2008 Competition -** 13 CIT students participated in the Microsoft Regional Imagine Cup 2008 Competition held at the Hilton Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya on June 5, 2008 and attracted 26 projects from nine Universities from Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. CIT presented 4 projects. Two out of three winning projects were from CIT including the overall winner. The projects that emerged winners are: Native Green Project – Sensitization of the Public about Environmental Protection – *Winner* and Land Use and Carbon Emission Regulation System – *2nd Runner-up*

This year alone CIT has received a number of award;

1. At the Academy Conference 2009 in Kenya, CIT- Cisco Academy still emerged as the **TOP Performing Academy** in Uganda and was thus given an 'Award and a Certificate of Excellence'. Among the criteria considered in the selection process for the Award were high student and graduates enrollment, consistent performance, expanded Academy curriculum, and commitment to the academy Program.

2. In May, 2009, Emmanuel Ukirwoth 1st year student of Bachelor of Information Technology at CIT, Makerere University was identified you a top student contributor to the IBM Smarter Planet University Jam. He was awarded a **Certificate of Merit** for Insightful & Innovative Jam Contribution. IBM recognized 20 students around the globe who made insightful and/or innovative contributions to the Jam discussion on how technology and business can help build a smarter planet in areas such as energy, traffic, water, education, and healthcare.

For more information concerning CIT awards, visit: http://cit.ac.ug/cit/details.about.php?item=3