

WELCOME ADDRESS by Mr. Anuoluwapo AWOJOBI (Business Director, TML)
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I am quite pleased to welcome you all to the second award ceremony of Andrews Challenge. We appreciate the dignitaries, parents, scholars and the media who have kindly taken time to be present here today.

True Measures Limited is an education-oriented organization which focuses on Electronic Testing and Online Exams. We help institutions, governments and companies to design and implement electronic tests to speedily obtain true measures of competence. Such can be used for annual evaluation, performance assessment, educational admissions, recruitment viability and other purposes. We have watched with dismay, consistent drop in performance among students at the Senior Secondary School Final Exams, our higher institutions and graduate recruitment exercises.

Andrews Challenge is an online contest set up by True Measures Limited to refocus the youths from internet vices and other distractions unto their studies.

The *mission* is to award scholarship prizes to deserving students.

The *vision* is to stimulate the reading culture, better educational performances and healthy academic rivalry across the nation.

This is our second outing in organizing a real time and online academic competition with a promise to transparently engage and reward both senior secondary school students and junior undergraduates across the country. To God be the glory, we are here again to deliver on that promise as we present award prizes to the eligible and outstanding contestants who competed according to the rules.

Some students jeopardize their success by NOT reading or following examinations instructions. Others are simply mischievous, thinking they can outsmart the system with cheating. Unfortunately, for such people, online exams. have strict rules that can be tracked and implemented automatically. There are electronic logs or imprint of everything done by whoever, whenever from wherever!

According to the well known maxim, “**Education is the best legacy.**” We therefore seize this opportunity to create a new era of academic excellence. We intend to engage education stake-holders and investors more often as we direct their focus to those things that make for an enlightened nation with a brighter future. We do understand that it is not just enough to have many schools with beautiful classrooms but to ensure that students are made to learn, revise and be knowledgeable enough to apply their subjects’ curriculum effectively. Such cannot thrive in a culture of poverty inhibited access, teachers’ strikes, etc. Someone has to pay for qualitative education; we do not have to take the advice which says; “**If you think education is expensive, try ignorance!**” It is for this reason that we request token fees for participation to make the project sustainable as we empower many bright scholars.

As you all become part of our success story today, we again request that you stand by us in the years ahead so as to celebrate many more awardees. We hope the press will help to spread the news and that people and companies of goodwill will partner with us to advance the project. To our scholars and recipients of today, I say ‘Congratulations!’ It is interesting that with increased awareness after the first season, about half of our previous winners are re-emerging, although attaining different positions. This shows that they are indeed amongst the best the nation can parade at the moment, others will have to displace them outright to disprove this assertion. On this note the staff and Management of True Measures Ltd do welcome you all and appreciate your presence.

Thank you.