

Deputy IGG decries teacher absenteeism

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The Deputy Inspector General of Government (IGG), Dr Patricia Okiria, has decried teacher absenteeism, saying it occasions a huge loss to the Government.

While presiding over the 13th National Speech and Debate Championship (NSDC) at King's College Budo in Wakiso district last week, Okiria disclosed that absenteeism costs the education sector sh1.5 trillion annually.

She rallied over 600 students from approximately 70 schools to support efforts intended to address corruption by reporting the vice and other related tendencies.

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"Be the eyes and ears of the IGG in the fight against corruption. Speak out when you witness something wrong," Okiria said.

The deputy IGG said the youth play a critical role in the fight against corruption, noting that Uganda, with over 78% of its population aged below 30, has its future resting squarely

in their hands.

King's College Budo was crowned champions of the 13th NSDC. The victory came after a compelling final against Mbarara High School.

The grand finale saw debaters tackle the complex motion: "This House would grant full land ownership of the Lwera wetland to the investor to build a 'drainage city' rather than attempting to restore it to its natural state."

While handing over the trophy to Budo, Okiria celebrated the youth, saying: "Today is more than the end of a championship; it is the beginning of a transformative journey."

She said debate serves as a



The King's College Budo team (left) receives a trophy from Dr Okiria (right) after winning the senior NSDC at the school's premises in Buddo, Wakiso district, last week

leadership academy that trains the mind, fortifies the heart and empowers the voice.

The executive director of the National Debate Council,

Gasta Kakaire, congratulated King's College Budo for winning the competition and accepting to host this year's event.

Meanwhile, Parental Care Nursery and Primary School, Bushenyi, won the 5th championship under the national junior school debate.