



Ssebukyu (in suit) flanked by Male at the flagging off of the students for India

Gombe schools represent Uganda at global summit

By Conan Businge

Twenty students from Gombe Junior and St Andrew's Kaggwa Gombe High School last week set off for India, where they will represent Uganda at an education summit.

The summit, on its second year, is organised by Sai International School in India. Dubbed the SAI Model United Nations Summit (SAIMUN), the event is open to schools that can afford to send delegates.

The delegation is led by Sammy Mulindwa, the principal of St Andrew's Kaggwa. Sai International School students will next year visit Uganda, according to their principal, Harish Sanduja.

Flagging off the students, Edward Ssebukyu, the assistant commissioner for monitoring and support supervision for private schools, called on parents and

At the summit, students debate solutions to complex global challenges

schools to keep exposing their children to the world.

"Children are for the global village. Support them to explore and learn from the world," Ssebukyu said.

The school director, Kyewalabye Male, says these tours are meant to improve the students' exposure and learning.

Sai International School, in the Indian state of Odisha, is working towards fostering global education through a

student exchange programme. It is linked to 36 schools across the globe. These include five in the UK, where it was awarded the British Council International School Award for two consecutive years for being outstanding.

At the summits, students share their interest in international affairs, the art of diplomacy and the principles of the United Nations (UN). Together, they engage in debates, searching for solutions to the complex conundrums of contemporary international politics and in so doing, improve their skills of diplomacy, debate and public speaking.

The model aims at being a simulation of the UN – complete with a security council, general assembly, a United Nations Economic And Social Council committee, as well as a wide range of other sub-committees, a secretariat headed by the secretary general, a press corp and, of course, the delegates.

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