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## The Unexpected Journey of Success

Though I hail from a small and poor village, Iwo - South-Western part of Nigeria, with no cybercafe and no computer orientation throughout my secondary school life, I never believe it a problem. Besides, my parents are primary school teachers in the neighborhood town with very low earnings to take care of seven children of which I am the first male. My stay in higher institutions of learning experienced a lot of starvation. Involvement in petty jobs, bricklaying and house-wiring especially on weekends and vacations helps to sustain my studentship. Also, it was only through coordination of the tutorial for the junior classes that I pay for my schools fees. To browse is like camel passing through the hole of a needle for researching in my course of study.

**Where is the positive change?** Information about GEE-BIZ came in 2006 through my friend and partner in the competition, Muideen. I picked up the interest this year that he cleverly acted as an ambassador through daring explanations. Being a final year student of Electronic and Electrical Engineering and in the months of examination does not make me an ideal candidate for a competition of this nature. Yet, I make it a business to be well informed notwithstanding the diversification in the field of study; it has somewhat increased my knowledge base and thus given me an edge over my colleagues.

Utilizing the facts that my dad teaches economics, his head-teacher gave me the privilege to address the pupils about involving in the computerization and the online business forecast like this. The students' indigenous group (namely Federation of Iwoland Students' Union) in my campus is not left out in the evangelism. The crusade recorded a 75% awareness in the department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering through the handiwork of my partner and me (both being departmental excos). Subsequent registrations will reveal the great task!

Working as a group, I go on fasting thrice a week so that I can browse 4-hours daily. I met elders knowing the evolution of rice – the basis of our business plan and organized series of meetings and online discussions with the group-mates (Eva, Jordan and Muideen) to setup strategies on how to be the very best. I learnt a lot from my fellow intellectuals because of the hotmail chat we did almost day and night.

It was so much fun getting to share knowledge and ideas with others around the world especially with absolute opposite backgrounds. I wish I upheld being a messiah of GEE to spread the message of financial breakthrough to Nigerian and the whole universe in the course of extending this experience to the human race. The recommendation is that there should be level progressions and augmented recognition/award in the subsequent competition. This is a most splendid time as it was a profitable learning experience.

My sincere regards to my team members for the love and togetherness they showed throughout the hard days. Thanks.