***2022-2023 Speaking Contest***

***Sustainability Quotes***

“We need to spread more seeds and fill this Planet with love to be surrounded by flowers just everywhere! It starts by simply opening up our hearts and hands to one another. It's in simple things where true Happiness may flourish.”  
- **Ana Claudia Antunes (Bestselling author in UK & Spain in Foreign Historic Fiction and Mystery/Suspense)**

“The change will not be brought by rich or powerful people, but great minds will absolutely do” **- Anath Lee Wales (Rwandan author of the new generation)**

“The best way to predict future is to create it.”

- **Peter Drucker (Austrian-American management consultant, educator, and author)**

“Sustainable development is the development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

- **Gro Harlem Brundtland (a Norwegian politician, she served three terms as the 29th prime minister of Norway and as the director-general of the World Health Organization from 1998 to 2003)**

“There must be a better way to make the things we want, a way that doesn’t spoil the sky, or the rain or the land”

-**Paul McCartney**

“Our biggest challenge in this new century is to take an idea that seems abstract – sustainable development – and turn it into a reality for all the world’s people”

- **Kofi Annan (a Ghanaian diplomat who served as the Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) from 1997 to 2006)**

“No matter how complex global problems may seem, it is we ourselves who have given rise to them. They cannot be beyond our power to resolve”

- **Daisaku Ikeda (a Japanese Buddhist philosopher, educator, author, and nuclear disarmament advocate)**

“The first rule of sustainability is to align with natural forces, or at least not try to defy them.”

- **Paul Hawken (an American environmentalist, entrepreneur, author, economist, and activist)**

“Our ancestors did great work for humanity. What will we do for the next generations?”

- **Lailah Gifty Akita (she is the founder of Smart Youth Volunteers Foundation in Ghana)**

“Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good action; try to use ordinary situations.”

- **Jean-Paul Richter (a German Romantic writer, best known for his humorous novels and stories)**

“A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people.”

- **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

“We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.”

- **Thomas Fuller (an English churchman and historian. He is now remembered for his writings, particularly his Worthies of England, published in 1662)**

“He that plants trees loves others besides himself.”

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“Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money.”

- **Cree Indian Proverb**

“If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world.” **- J.R.R. Tolkien**

“Global warming will not end by Earth finding shade under the trees but under our hands joined together”

**- Agona Apell (contemporary Ugandan writer whose writings dwell on the philosophical and scientific aspects of matters in everyday life)**

“What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another.”

**- Mahatma Gandhi**

“Earth provides enough to satisfy every man’s need, but not every man’s greed.”

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“There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew.”

**- Marshall McLuhan (Canadian philosopher whose work is among the cornerstones of the study of media theory)**

“We can never have enough of Nature.”

**- Henry David Thoreau (American naturalist, essayist, poet, and philosopher)**

“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”

**- Robert Swan (polar explorer, environmental leader and public speaker)**