
CHOGM UPDATE: MISS CHOGM

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Miss Chogm pageant

Prof. Richard Kasawuri, the same gentleman that organised the Miss OAU beauty pageant during the Organisation of African Union (now African Union) meeting that took place in Kampala in 1975, thought it fit to honour Chogm with a beauty queen. In collaboration with relevant embassies, Prof. Kasawuri organised a series of contests in search of a beauty that had enough brains to lead a process of empowering East Africans especially the female folk, promote women issues and help master the art of cooperation and sustain development in the region after the big meeting.

22 contestants were registered from allover East Africa including Rwanda and Burundi, which recently joined the East African federation. Never mind that some of the contestants like Rwanda's Paradis Winslet, a crowd favourite, didn't fully understand what Chogm was about or even express themselves in English yet the Commonwealth is supposed to celebrate the English culture.

The organisers were nevertheless able to find 23-year-old Betty Namaganda worthy of the Shs5m prize money, a visit to the mother country of the Common Wealth Nations (United Kingdom) and a chance of being a member of the committee that will welcome Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

According to the State Minister for Water and Environment, Maria Mutagamba who was the chief guest at the crowning ceremony of the beauty queen, the attention the pageant drew to the Chogm event was impressive. Prof. Kasawuri as the chief organiser for this event had done

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