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President Zuma hands over computer equipment donated by the People's Republic of China to Marhulana Primary School in support of the Operation Phakisa on ICT in Education Initiative



The President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency Mr Jacob Zuma, joined by Minister Angie Motshekga and the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency Mr Tian Xuejun, on 07 November 2016, donated a computer laboratory consisting of fifteen (15) computers, a server, a wireless access point, as well as accompanying desks and chairs, to the learners of Marhulana Primary School in Tembisa. The Ambassador also used the opportunity to donate netball, soccer and table tennis sporting equipment to the school; and the President did not waste any time to play a game of table tennis with one of the learners that attended the special school assembly.

The DBE entered into a co-operation agreement with China on basic education during 2013. The agreement outlines co-operation through the exchange of knowledge and technical assistance in the improvement of education in South Africa and these donations to Marhulana Primary School are but one of many projects in which the People's Republic of China is supporting key basic education programmes. This support for the implementation of the *Operation Phakisa on ICT in Education Initiative* further enhances the various plans that are being rolled out across the country to attain the identified goals.

The Acting Director for Curriculum Innovation and e-Learning, Mr Henry Kavuma, said that the basic education sector has made huge strides in terms of expediting the provision of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to schools through the *Operation Phakisa on ICT in Education Initiative* which was launched by the President during October 2015. The DBE has received provincial ICT implementation plans from the various provinces, hence enabling the integration of all ICT activities into the *Operation Phakisa on ICT in Education Framework*. This will ensure that the implementation of ICT in education is done in a co-ordinated fashion towards a common goal.

The *Operation Phakisa on ICT in Education Initiative* gives expression to the NDP, which emphasizes the importance of an ICT-capable society, the improvement of the quality of education, as well as leveraging on science and technology to solve some of the challenges in education such as delivering educational material to remote villages. It further highlights the need for an efficient information infrastructure with a stronger broadband and telecommunications network and lower prices in order to promote economic growth and greater inclusion.

Click on the below link to read the full article:

<http://www.education.gov.za/ArchivedDocuments/ArchivedArticles/MarhulanaPrimarySchool.aspx>

President Zuma visits Marhulana Primary School to kick-off National Imbizo Focus Week

National Imbizo Focus Week commenced on 07 November 2016 with President Jacob Zuma's visit to Marhulana Primary School in Tembisa under the theme "Together we move South Africa forward: Our future – make it work". The Imbizo Focus Week provides an opportunity for Members of the Executive across the spheres of Government to mobilise strategic partners and communities to actively participate in fast-tracking the implementation of the *Nine Point Plan*.

The content focus for this Imbizo Week will be on the implementation of the *National Development Plan's* (NDP), *Vision 2030* with specific focus on some of the key areas of progress and achievements accomplished. The NDP is currently driven by 14 Key Outcomes, all of which are part of the *Medium Term Strategic Framework 2014 – 2019*. The NDP is a long term vision and plan for the country and outlines the work that needs to be done to achieve a prosperous society.

Imbizo is a unique participatory platform in the South African context as it promotes active citizenry through public participation programmes that are anchored around meaningful dialogues between the elected public representatives and communities. This is also part of the participatory democracy process of accountability and engagement to ensure a better life for all South Africans.

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DBE encourages the youth to register for the Second Chance Matric Support Programme



The DBE has embarked on a Second Chance Matric Support Programme marketing campaign aimed at encouraging young people who failed Grade 12 to complete their National Senior Certificate (NSC) or amended Senior Certificate (SC).

Basic Education Minister, Mrs Angie Motshekga, officially launched this Programme at Ivory Park Secondary School, in the Gauteng Province on 06 January 2016. Through this initiative learners are given an opportunity to consider pursuing their studies at Institutions of Higher Learning. Furthermore, it also provides support to the youth who will stand a better chance of employability in the corporate world.

The Director for the Second Chance Matric Support Programme, Ms Zarene Govender, highlighted that the majority of the youth are not aware of the Programme for this reason, the DBE is embarking on the marketing campaign to encourage youth to become beneficiaries of the programme. This is in line with the National Development Plan (NDP) goals, which encourages the DBE to increase learner retention within the schooling system to ensure that learners leave the education sector with an NSC or SC.

Through the programme learners receive support in the 11 gateway subjects by way of either face-to-face classes at 50 venues across the country, broadcast solutions (radio and television), digital online/off-line programmes and/or printed study guides.

“It should be each one of our responsibilities to ensure that we encourage everyone we know to obtain a Grade 12 certificate. Education changes lives and you have the opportunity to play a part in this initiative,” Ms Govender concluded.

For more information on the Second Chance Matric Support Programme please visit:

[http://www.education.gov.za/Curriculum/NationalSeniorCertificate\(NSC\)Examinations/SecondChanceProgramme/tabid/956/Default.aspx](http://www.education.gov.za/Curriculum/NationalSeniorCertificate(NSC)Examinations/SecondChanceProgramme/tabid/956/Default.aspx)



Vooruitsig Primary School is handed over to the Western Cape community

The Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Mr Enver Surty, through the Accelerated School Infrastructure Delivery Initiative (ASIDI), handed over the Vooruitsig Primary School to the community of Uitsig in the Western Cape Province on 03 November 2016.

Built at a cost of R66 million, the state-of-the-art school boasts 31 classrooms, a Grade R centre, a science laboratory, a computer laboratory, a resource centre, as well as a multipurpose hall and nutrition centre. This marks the 178th school that has been built as part of ASIDI since its inception in 2011. In addition to this, the initiative has also provided water to 617 schools, sanitation to 425 schools and electricity to 307 schools across the country that previously had no access to these basic amenities.



Provincial Round-up

Western Cape Province



This year alone, at least 55 small children have been knocked down and killed on roads in the Western Cape Province. Many were killed going to school or coming home from school, with many more injured as they played in or near streets around their neighbourhoods. Crime is also to blame for the safety of learners being assaulted and robbed on their way to or from school.

During October 2016, the MEC for the Western Cape Provincial Education Department (WCPED), Ms Debbie Schäfer, visited Nkazimlo Primary School and participated in a “long short walk” and scholar patrol demonstration conducted by the Road Safety Management team from the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works. Together with the Department of Transport and Public Work’s Safety Home campaign, the WCPED will continue to highlight the plight of child pedestrians on our roads to make the areas around schools safer for the learners who walk to and from school daily. The importance of early education about road safety is evident in the Life Skills curriculum of the first five years of schooling. In Grade R learners cover topics related to “Dangerous places to play and safety on the roads”.

Upcoming Events

- 12 November 2016: Second Chance Matric Support Programme Marketing Activation in Stanger, KwaZulu-Natal Province
- 18 November 2016: The SANZAF Education Empowerment and Development (SEED) Youth and Community Development Pledge Dinner at Ghouzia Manzil, Rylands in the Western Cape Province
- 19 November 2016: Second Chance Matric Support Programme Marketing Activation in Limpopo Province
- 23 November 2016: The Launch of the Academia Library and Resource Centre at Al-khlaas Academia, Lansdowne, in the Western Cape Province
- 25 November – 10 December 2016: Commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children Campaign
- 25 November 2016: A Breakfast Dialogue on the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children Campaign will be taking place at the DBE in Pretoria
- 25 November 2016: Second Chance Matric Support Programme Marketing Activation in Rustenburg and Mogwase, North West Province
- 26 November 2016: Second Chance Matric Support Programme Marketing Activation in Johannesburg, Gauteng Province
- 02 December 2016: Commemoration of World AIDS Day at the Albert Moroka High School, Thaba Nchu in the Free State Province
- 03 December 2016: Second Chance Matric Support Programme Marketing Activation in Bushbuckridge and Hazyview, Mpumalanga Province
- 05 – 06 December 2016: A Models for Professional Teacher Development and PLCs Colloquium will be taking place at the DBE Building in Pretoria in the Gauteng Province
- 09 December 2016: Second Chance Matric Support Programme Marketing Activation in Kuilsrivier, Western Cape Province
- 10 – 16 December 2016: The South African Schools National Championships (Summer Games) will be taking place at Wits University in Johannesburg
- 04 January 2017: Ministerial Announcement of the 2016 NSC Examinations Results
- 05 January 2017: Release of the 2016 NSC Examinations Results
- 11 January 2017: Opening of Schools for the 2017 Academic Year
- 19 January 2017: Closing day for applications for 2016 NSC Examination paper/s re-mark/re-check.
- 19 January 2017: Closing day for applications for NSC Supplementary Examinations



OUR FUTURE - MAKE IT WORK

South Africa belongs to all its peoples. Now, in 2030, our story keeps growing as if spring is always with us.

Once, we uttered the dream of a rainbow. Now we see it, living it. It does not curve over the sky.

It is refracted in each one of us at home, in the community, in the city, and across the land, in an abundance of colour.

When we see it in the faces of our children, we know: there will always be, for us, a worthy future.

