

**04 FEBRUARY 2025**

**DEPUTY MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION, DR MHAULETO LAUNCH  
SHOPRITE ROBOTICS CENTRE IN MOTHERWELL, GQEBERHA ON 05  
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The rapid advancement of digital technologies such as large language models, big-data analytics, and software engineering demands an education system that is agile, responsive, and future-focused. To equip South African learners with the skills of tomorrow, the Department of Basic Education is strengthening partnerships with the private sector to expand STEM education and digital literacy in schools.

On 5 February 2025, the Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Dr. Reginah Mhaule, will join the Managing Trustee of the Shoprite Foundation, Ms Maude Modise, to launch two new Robotics Labs at Cingani High School and Soqhayisa Secondary School in Motherwell, Gqeberha. This initiative, made possible through Shoprite's investment in education, will allow Grade 10-12 learners to branch into Information Technology and Computer Applications, and enable them to enroll in free, industry-recognised online certifications to prepare for careers in the digital economy.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover this significant milestone in advancing STEM education and skills development in South Africa.

**Event: Launch of the Shoprite Foundation Eastern Cape Robotics Labs**

**Venue: Cingani High School, 5 Kwane Street, Motherwell, Gqeberha**

**Date: Tomorrow, Tuesday, 5 February 2025**

**Time: 08:00 AM**

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Join us as we take a bold step towards preparing South African learners for the **digital future!**

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