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Multiple Sclerosis Day commemoration May 25

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Come May 25, Botswana will commemorate Multiple Sclerosis Day at Gaborone's GSS grounds.

In an interview Ms Gomolemo Marumo, who is living with the condition said multiple sclerosis (MS) was the most common neurological disease affecting young adults.

She however, said most people were unaware that they were living with the condition.

Having diagnosed with the condition in 2013, Ms Marumo said it took a series of tests to be fully diagnosed, especially that the symptoms were the same as other conditions'.

She explained multiple sclerosis as 'a chronic autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system that is made of the nerves, the brain and the spinal cord.

She said the disease confused the entire body system, making communication from the nerves and the brain to the rest of the body difficult.

Ms Marumo also pointed out that multiple sclerosis affected more females than males, and that people aged 15-44 were the most affected.

She said the symptoms were widely varied and may include fatigue, dizziness, difficulty in walking, numbness, skin problems, blurred vision, problems with coordination and balance.

She highlighted that there was no cure for multiple sclerosis yet, however pointing out that various treatments were administered to help manage the symptoms, slow the disease progression and improve the quality of life.

In a bid to spread the message about multiple sclerosis, Ms Marumo has this year partnered with different stakeholders to educate the public on the disease, the commemoration of which is slated for May 25, where health personnel and neurologists are scheduled to make public presentations.

Sharing the sentiments, a consultant neurophysiatrist at Sidilega Private Hospital, Dr Ookeditse Ookeditse reiterated that MS affected more females than males

Dr Ookeditse said there were currently no statistics in Botswana, but studies revealed that there were less cases of multiple sclerosis along the Equatorial region.

"About 7-10 females [visit my clinic annually], no males so far" he said, nevertheless adding it was possible that most people were undiagnosed and did not know the reasons for their symptoms.

Dr Ookeditse indicated that the causes of multiple sclerosis were unknown, but involved a combination of genetic susceptibility and a presumed non-genetic trigger such as low vitamin D levels that together result in a self-sustaining autoimmune disorder that leads to recurrent immune attacks.

Dr Ookeditse nevertheless said multiple sclerosis could be treated and managed depending on the stage at which it was discovered.

He encouraged people to visit the hospital whenever they experienced MS symptoms, saying there were treatment options available used to stop progression or new attacks of the disease, as well as neuro-rehabilitation that improved neurological deficits such as weakness of extremities balance and gait functions. ***BOPA***



The new Letlhakeng bus terminal has given a new lease of life to the village. Letlhakeng taxi driver, Mr Segopolo Seloilwe has hailed it as a welcome development but regretted that customers had already raised concern about lack of shelters.
Photo Mothusi Galekhutle



UCCSA Molepolole inducts Rev. Mmereki-Burns

By Tebagano Ntshole

MOLEPOLOLE - Molepolole South MP, Mr Kabo Morwaeng has pledged continued support to churches through his partnership with the village's ministers' fraternal.

Speaking at the induction of Reverend Bonolo Mmereki-Burns of UCCSA in Molepolole on Sunday, Mr Morwaeng, who is also the Minister for State President said through his collaboration with the ministers' fraternal, he had made several donations geared towards assisting churches in their pursuit to save souls.

He said he had worked with Reverend Mmereki-Burns on numerous occasions, who since her arrival in January had participated in various community activities, including the funeral service of the 45 bus accident victims.

Talking about the reverend, Ms Magdeline Molaole from Ramotswa, said she spent five years with Reverend Mmereki-Burns, during which time she had showed her dedication to the church and the local community through various activities she initiated.

Reverend Mmereki-Burns was the first woman to lead the church and she became a good shepherd as she engaged the community to win lost sheep, she said.

"She walked around the village and encouraged people to return to church," said Ms Molaole.

Another initiative she introduced is the workshops to empower the youths so they could have a bright future.

Reverend Mmereki-Burns introduced a Pastoral Team that visited senior citizens who could no longer go to church, prayed for them and provided them with the Holy Communion, she said.

She also started a vegetable garden, which Ms Molaole said they converted to an orchard.

Ms Molaole said the reverend also started the Preachers Team, teaching a group of seven people about the Bible who today, played a meaningful role in the church.

She also said the reverend had been a champion, speaking vehemently against gender-based violence (GBV) and worked with women from different denominations.

For her part, Ms Kgalaletso Thobega from Molepolole Local Church said they were impressed by Reverend Mmereki-Burns' first time on the pulpit in January, adding they were moved by her preaching.

She described her as a highly consultative person who would not do anything without consulting the church.

Ms Thobega said they introduced her to Kgosi Kgari III of Bakwena where she was welcomed by the village's traditional leadership, and had been a high standing member of the minister's fraternal.

For her part, Reverend Mmereki-Burns said she was welcomed by the village's traditional leaders who had a good relationship with the Minister's Fraternal, hence her settlement in Molepolole had been easy.

She said her quest was to free the souls in bondage and also address GBV challenges, adding God would answer their prayers as they continued to serve the village.

Also in attendance was Kgosi Kgari III and the Assistant Minister for State President, Ms Boitumelo Gofhamodimo. ***BOPA***



Department of Plant Health chief technical assistant, Mr Elias Ramabu (left) demonstrating how vermicompost is made to Ms Modo-Mmopelwa and other officials during the International Day of Plant Health commemoration in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Ramabu said vermicompost was an organic fertiliser that was chemical-free and healthy for plants and could be made out of vegetable, fruits waste and compositing worms called red wiggler. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Healthy plants crucial for sustainable economies, livelihoods

By Bonang Masolotate

GABORONE - Keeping plants healthy ensures food safety and safe trade for sustainable economies and livelihoods

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) representative, Ms Lesedi Modo-Mmopelwa stated during International Day of Plant Health commemoration on Monday.

Ms Modo-Mmopelwa said humans depended on plants for 80 per cent of the food they eat and 98 per cent of the oxygen they breathe.

"Both our health and the health of the entire planet depends on plants," she said and noted that it was disheartening that up to 40 per cent of food crops were lost due to pests, weeds and diseases every year.

These, she said not only affected the economy of the country but also had a serious vulnerability impact on rural communities which were dependent on agriculture.

Ms Modo-Mmopelwa further stated that climate change and human activities were also affecting plant health and damaging biodiversity while creating a conducive environment for pests and diseases, making them appear in places where they were never seen before.

In response to these invasiveness, the use of pesticides could increase, which harm pollinators, natural pest enemies and organisms crucial for a healthy environment, Ms Modo-Mmopelwa said.

She said that each year, millions of containers moved between countries carrying goods such as plant products and that posed biosecurity threats.

Ms Modo-Mmopelwa said it was paramount to protect plant health across borders by promoting global collaboration and international standards.

The International Day of Plant Health she said called for everyone including governments, policy makers, general public, farmers, NGOs, and the private sector to raise awareness and take action to keep plants healthy.

Ministry of Agriculture, Plant Health acting director, Ms Velemina Pelokgale stated that the purpose of the day was to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health could help to end hunger, reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and environment as well as boost economic development.

First celebrated in Ireland May 2022, Ms Pelokgale said the day also aimed to increase awareness on the importance of keeping plants healthy in order to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as to minimize the risk of spreading plant pests through trade and travel, strengthen and monitor and early warning systems to protect plants and enable sustainable pest and pesticide management to keep plants healthy among others.

She said the department of plant health was already rallying behind these objectives.

European Union-SADC Economic Partnership Agreement Support Programme, Mr Martin Kuchler stated that they were instrumental in building plant health capacity in the country through training.

He further said there was need for the country to put more resources into plant health and build expertise in the industry.

The commemoration, which was the first time in the country, was themed: Plant Health, Safe Trade and Digital Technology. ***BOPA***

Breeding cattle, goats consignment arrive from Australia

GABORONE - A consignment of breeding cattle and dairy goats bought from Australia is expected to arrive in the country today.

The livestock, expected to arrive at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport at 5.55am, will be officially received by President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi.

A press release from the Ministry of Agriculture says the consignment, which consists of a variety breeds of beef cattle and dairy goats, will contribute to achievement of the government agenda of increasing the national herd and improvement of its genetic merits.

"This initiative is geared towards the sustained development of our livestock sector and facilitation of an export led industry," says the press release.

Accordingly, the press release states the arrival of the Australian breeds will bring genetic variability to the local gene pool and complement last year's consignment of 161 breeding cattle procured from the United States of America.

Furthermore, the release says the importation of breeding animals is in line with the objective of the recently launched Thuo Letlotlo programme, which aims to develop a sustainable, inclusive and diversified livestock sector. ***BOPA***

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Dikoloti to assume presidency of World Health Assembly

GABORONE - The Minister of Health, Dr Edwin Dikoloti will assume the presidency of the 77th World Health Assembly, effective May 27.

Dr Dikoloti will be at the helm of the assembly for a year. The 77th World Health Assembly will be held in Geneva, Switzerland from May 27 to June 1.

A press release from the Ministry of Health says Dr Dikoloti's election as the president of the 77th World Health Assembly is in line with the rules of procedure of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Dr Dikoloti is the current Chairperson of the WHO Regional Committee of Africa.

"It will be recalled that the WHO Regional Committee meeting for Africa was hosted successfully in Gaborone in August 2023," says the press release.

It says Dr Dikoloti's assumption of the presidency of the highly influential body will be a first for Botswana in recent years.

The last Minister of Health from Botswana to occupy the position was the late Bahiti Temane, in 1994.

Dr Dikoloti's assumption of the position therefore, will definitely fly the Botswana flag high and amplify the country's voice and influence on health issues,the press release says.

As the president of the assembly, Minister Dikoloti will chair and preside over the programme agenda of the 77th World Health Assembly.

Some of the priority agenda items that are expected to be endorsed by the assembly include the 14th WHO General Programme of Work, which sets strategies and priorities for the next five years, for global health.

Furthermore, the assembly will be historic as member states are expected to adopt the WHO Pandemic Treaty, and Revisions to the International Health Regulations.

The two international instruments have been under negotiation by member states, including Botswana, for the past two years.

The statement points out that drawing from lessons learnt from past experiences including the COVID-19 pandemic, the instruments are aimed at setting the necessary rules and policies for prevention, preparedness and response to global health emergencies.

The World Health Assembly, which comprises 194 member countries, is the supreme decision making body of the WHO.

The assembly, which is attended by ministers of health from the member states, takes crucial decisions about the policies, strategies, budget and appointment of the Director General of the WHO, amongst others. ***BOPA***

Holy Matrimony Society celebrates wives

By Motlalepula Mokgadi

GABORONE - On Sunday cities, towns and villages were abuzz with Mother's Day celebrations, whose purpose was to elevate, appreciate and honour mothers from all walks of life, the world over.

Adding to the buzz was Holy Matrimony Society (HMS), a married couples' community, whose Gaborone branch converged at Mogoditshane's Kagisong Hotel to workshop couples on issues affecting marriage. Themed Songs of Solomon from the Biblical book in which a lover constantly showers his wife with praises and adorations, the event sought to bring couples closer for the edification of marriage.

To further stamp on the theme, the organisers chose couple twinning as the day's attire.

The workshop was characterised by words of encouragement from preachers, marriage counsellors and fellow society members, whose presentations were punctuated by readings from the Bible, gospel and love songs. Addressing the women-led society members, Apostle Stephen Leboro told them about the importance of letting women lead because 'they know the purpose of life and have the ability to see beyond the curtain of time'.

While he did not dispute that men were God's appointed heads of their houses, he reminded them that a head without a neck was purposeless.

Pastor Leboro told the husbands that it was their duty to ensure that their wives looked good in public for the marriage life to be as blissful as the love that Songs of Solomon portray.

Pastor Leboro reminded the men that uttering bitter words to a wife was as good as cursing their relationships because *'lefoko ga le boe go boa monwana'*. For her part, marriage counsellor, Ms Phemelo Mongwato spoke against gender-based violence, which she said was a result of mental ill health. She said it was married couples' responsibility to preserve future generations through peaceful lives that would ensure that they grew up mentally healthy.



Mr Baleseng and wife displaying the gift they received from members in appreciation of their guidance and hard work.

> *'A woman knows the purpose of life and she can see beyond the curtain of time...'*

Ms Mongwato said for marriage to work people should enter matrimonial life with open minds, knowing that they were joining people who were brought up in different environments, some of which compromised their mental health such as parentlessness, poverty, lack of proper guidance and an array of all other life's challenges.

"Ha o tsena mo nyalong, for you to function as one flesh you should agree even in spirit, otherwise it [marriage] won't work," she said.

She encouraged the couples to build legacies for the sake of their offspring so that they do not become a burden in their old age because black tax could breed resentment on the part of the married couples.

She however hastened to explain that by saying a man will leave his mother and father, the Bible does not mean that children should neglect their parents in the afternoons of their lives, adding that ignorance of misinterpretation of such a scripture could also be a source of GBV. Ms Mongwato also cited intimacy as one of the sources of GBV in that people misunderstood that the anatomy of men was different from that of women, giving an example that women in their childbearing age would be less intimate due to workloads that come with raising children and employment while men's libido goes down as they age.

Such swapping of 'positions' could be stressful to marriage and breed conflicts that may in turn lead to promiscuity. She said failure to meet each other halfway was a recipe for GBV.

Ms Mongwato said another source of conflicts was failure to manage finances, saying nowadays marriage was industrialised. She therefore advised that money did not bring peace, but could make the environment peaceful if handled well.

She encouraged couples to normalise planning together and ensuring they acquired property within 10 years of their marriage in order to enjoy aging together.

She also mentioned the importance of taking care of children born out of wedlock, saying if their issues were not well handled they could cause distress for the spouse, especially the one who was not their biological parent, was nonetheless legally bound to maintain them.

Mr Opelo Baleseng, the husband to HMS president and founder, Dr Charity Koobokile-Opelo encouraged HMS to support their wives and trust them to lead the society without feeling belittled because God gave the women the power and gave the men authority to run homes.

He strongly advised members to keep the society apolitical and reminded them that it was Christian based and was anchored on the Bible.

Earlier on, HMS secretary, Ms Vivian Kgakgamatso, shared the mandate of the society together with the day's objectives.

She said HMS was created to empower the wife and the child together with the husband. Emphasis is on the wife and the child because issues mostly affected the two.

She suggested that the children be informed about the existence of HMS so that even when the parents are no more, children would know where to seek assistance when going through rough patches and needing counselling.

She said the theme Songs of Solomon was appropriate as it was all about love, adoration for the partner, self-love and personal hygiene. Ms Kgakgamatso said couples should ensure that they learn their partners' background so as to know how to treat them and even meet them halfway.

She said merging and helping each other out of sticky situation could spell the success of marriage. She referred to the love that is described in the Biblical book of Corinthians.

She also encouraged fellow HMS members never to forget their roots, saying cultural background often led to stable homes because a cultured wife would strive to build and mend where all that was broken and care for the ailing. ***BOPA***



Husbands taking part in a 'Know Your Partner' game that was meant to encourage couples to strive to know each other's needs and wants.



PRAYER TIME... ***Pastor Leboro preached that couples should normalise praying together, and so they did.***

Participants call for robust business ties

NAIROBI - The China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo (CAETE) in Kenya 2024 ended Saturday in Nairobi, with participants renewing a call for increased Sino-Africa business relationship.

Pius Rotich, the general manager of Investment Promotion and Business Development at the Kenya Investment Authority, said that the expo provided a platform for Chinese enterprises to establish connections with their counterparts from across Africa. "We hope that the links created in the expo will boost trade between China and Africa," Rotich said.

The three-day event which attracted a high-level delegation from central China's Hunan Province was hosted by the secretariat of the Organising Committee of China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo (CAETE) as well as Kenya's Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry.

Gao Wei, the managing director of Afripeak Expo Kenya who was among the organizers of the exhibition, said that the expo generated a lot of interest among Africa's business community who were keen on forging ties with Chinese enterprises.

During the expo, at least 10 trade agreements were signed between Africa and Chinese enterprises including those involving Tanzania Sunflower Oil Processing Plant Project, Yongzhou Inland Port Group-Djibouti Overseas Public Warehouse Construction project as well as a cooperation project on trade in Kenya's dried fish.

The expo featured seminars, networking and matchmaking and an exhibition of more than 100 enterprises in the area of machinery equipment, food and agriproducts, electromechanical and information products, biomedicine as well as logistics. ***Xinhua***



NAIROBI - ***A coffee exhibitor shows coffee products during the CAETE in Kenya recently. The CAETE in Africa, Kenya 2024 kicked off on Thursday as trade and investment between the two sides continue to expand. The event attracted a high-level delegation from central China's Hunan Province.*** Photo: Xinhua

Tunisia seizes 300kg of cannabis resin

TUNIS - A total of 300kg of cannabis resin and 25 000 psychotropic tablets have been seized by Tunisian security in the eastern province of Sousse, private radio station Mosaique FM reported on Sunday.

"A large sum of money US$ 2.5 billion, cars and jewelry were seized during this operation," Mosaique FM quoted Fakher Bouzghaia, spokesperson for the Interior Ministry said.

Bouzghaia specified that nine people belonging to a global network active in Arab countries, and two other Europeans, were arrested.

"After consultation with the prosecution, charges relating to drug trafficking and money laundering have been formulated," said the spokesman, noting that this network launders its funds in real estate. ***Xinhua***



CAPE TOWN - ***Rescue personnel searching the site of a building collapse in George. Forensic pathologists said most of the bodies being pulled out of the rubble were in a state of decomposition. The death toll from the building collapse is currently at 27.*** Photo: Xinhua

Chinese books, cultural products impress at Morocco book fair

RABAT - The ongoing 29th Rabat International Book and Publishing Fair, Chinese books and cultural products on display have charmed many local visitors.

The Chinese delegation brought around 600 books, covering such areas as politics, children's literature, and Chinese language learning, in addition to a wide range of cultural and creative products.

One of the attendants said the book fair provided a chance to learn more about Chinese culture, expressing hope of pursuing education in China in the future.

During the book fair, the Chinese publishers will discuss cooperation with their African and Arab partners, promote the 30th Beijing International Book Fair, and push forward the Chinese-Moroccan classics translation project, Gong Xun, the general manager of People & Tangel Publishing House (Beijing), told Xinhua.

Addressing the opening of the fair recently Morocco Minister of Youth, Culture and Communication Mohamed Mehdi Bensaid welcomed the Chinese delegation, expressing hope that exchanges between Morocco and China in the publishing and cultural industries would be further enhanced.

The fair held here in Morocco's capital will continue until May 19 and is expected to host more than 700 publishing houses and institutions from around 50 countries and regions. ***Xinhua***

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‘Smart farming beneficial’

By Mothusi Galekhutle

MOKAME CATTLEPOST - Achieving success in the farming industry requires more than just raising animals or growing crops.

It demands a strategic approach, dedication, and a keen understanding of the intricacies involved.

The sentiments were expressed by the Research and Development Executive Director at the Agricultural Research and Development Institute (NARDI), Dr Charity Kruger during the Tshephe Farmer’s Association field day at Mokame cattlepost on Saturday.

Dr Kruger called for the revolutionalising of the farming industry, arguing that agriculture remained the mainstay of everyday lives.

She said programmes such as Temo Letlotlo, Chema Chema and Thuo Letlotlo created a platform for farmers to excel in production systems.

The theme of the event was Mindset change: A way towards embracing technologies for a profitable cattle enterprise. Reflecting on the theme, she said it promoted a positive attitude to change so as to embrace technology in their enterprises.

“You are adopting a new mindset that sees challenges as opportunities for innovation and understanding the value of technology driven enterprise.

This requires transformation in how you do business by employing the right combination of land, feed, veterinary care, technology and management to produce healthy cattle ready for the market,” she stated.

Dr Kruger underscored that technology was becoming increasingly fundamental to modern farming practices, noting that its use comes with the promise of improved efficiency, lower costs, and better animal welfare.

Similarly, she stated that Vision 2036 and the Transformation Agenda advocated for a knowledge-based economy and keeping pace with global and regional development underpinnings such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the African Union Agenda 2063 which talks about The Africa we want.

She said government had embarked on embracing technologies like Assisted Reproductive Technologies such as artificial insemination and embryo transfer to try and increase the national herd, which had been slowly declining over the years.

Dr Kruger, therefore, called upon the Tshephe association to take advantage of these interventions and treat cattle enterprise as a business.

She said NARDI was prepared to partner with farmers in transferring agricultural technologies to improve livestock productivity. She called on farmers to adopt the local breed Mosi, which is a beef composite breed that was developed by one of the local legacy institutions in 1982.

She explained that Mosi was developed as an alternative breed, which grows fast and could achieve carcass weights required by both the local and export markets while at the same time retaining the hardiness required to survive the prevailing harsh environmental conditions.

She said NARDI has developed technologies that could assist the farming community to improve productivity and manage livestock challenges.

“We have technologies for drought mitigation such as supplementary feeding, bush encroachment management strategies and vaccination programmes for livestock,” she noted.



Kgosi Kgari Sechele III (centre) and other officials touring stalls during Tshephe Farmers’ Association field day at Mokame Cattle Post on Saturday. Photo: Mothusi Galekhutle

In addition, she said, NARDI was committed to collaborate with government initiatives aimed at supporting the livestock industry, such as Thuo Letlotlo, an inclusive livestock support programme that covers all livestock sub-sectors.



Dr Kruger

She said NARDI was already a step ahead in that it facilitated the formations of the Mosi and Tswana Breeds Associations.

Furthermore, she said NARDI was collaborating with Brazil for Botswana to conduct adaptive research on the Girolando breed, which currently provides about 80 per cent of Brazil’s milk.

She said the breed would be propagated in Botswana through imported embryos from Brazil. She noted that Brazil was among the top 10 milk producing countries worldwide and had a rapidly growing dairy industry that had transformed the country from a net importer of dairy products to a net exporter.

As the Letlhakeng District had been hard hit by the outbreak of heart water disease, she advised the farming community to control tick infestation through dipping and treat affected animals using available and prescribed oxy-tetracycline.

She expressed gratitude to President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi for promoting the establishment and formation of associations to act as a mouthpiece for farming communities, saying that, “indeed the livestock sector benefits from a strong political support in Botswana.”

She said farmers associations if coordinated, supported and owned by the general farming communities, could yield results.

An official from the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), Mr Kenneth Makubati challenged farmers to register their holdings with the Department of Veterinary Services in order to supply the lucrative European Union market.

Mr Makubati regretted that poor record keeping was common among farmers.

He told farmers that BMC was working around the clock to resolve payment delays.

He said fragmentation of farmers associations disenfranchised them from accessing support from entities like BMC, saying it would not be prudent for BMC to support multiple associations from one region.

The Member of Parliament for Takatokwane constituency, Mr Tshoganetso Leuwe also shared sentiments that the establishment of multiple farmers associations in a single region was a cause for concern and should be addressed. Mr Leuwe called on farmers to treat farming as business.

He also called on farmers to embrace the Mosi breed saying it was tailor-made to prevail in the conditions of this country.

In his welcome remarks, host farmer, Mr David Malejane urged farmers to embrace change to improve yields amid challenges threatening the farming industry.

Kgosi Kgari III of Bakwena graced the event. ***BOPA***

Kenya, China cooperate in tourism

NAIROBI - Hunan province in central China and Kenya Tourism Board on Friday launched a platform to explore new models of tourism cooperation.

Known as the China-Kenya Tourism Service Platform, the new platform is expected to promote good experiences and practices in cultural tourism development between the two countries.

The platform will also offer a mechanism to enhance the popularity and influence of tourism products by co-expanding markets, exchanging customers, and co-promoting products between the two bilateral allies.

Francis Gichaba, the Chairperson of Kenya Tourism Board, said that both Kenya and China’s tourism industries suffered immensely from the COVID-19 pandemic hence the need to explore innovative ways to boost the sector’s growth.

“The approach is aimed at opening new markets as well as re-organising the existing ones to improve revenue base,” Gichaba said during the inauguration of the platform on the sidelines of the three-day China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo (CAETE) that kicked off Thursday in Kenya.

Gichaba said the platform that would be operated through the website targeted younger tourists, offering a service standard system for tourism brands in China and Kenya and jointly maintaining the order of the cultural tourism market. The platform also integrates the advantageous tourism resources of China and Kenya by designing premium tourism routes, optimising promotional and marketing models.

Under the platform, the international tourism exhibitions, summits, and forums in China and Africa will be improved for resource sharing by encouraging the Chinese citizens to travel to Kenya, and attracting Kenyan tourists to visit China.

The platform that consists of the General Assembly, the Council, Member Units, and the Secretariat is a non-profit organisation voluntarily formed by relevant entities in China and Kenya, with the common goal of achieving shared aspirations.

The members of the platform include travel agencies, hotels, restaurants, as well as institutions and service providers along the tourism industry value chains in the two countries. ***Xinhua***

Association holds annual auction, expo

By Portia Rapitsenyane

TULI BLOCK - The Tuli Block Farmers' Association held its annual auction and expo at Shapane Ranch near Sherwood on Saturday.

The 12th edition of the auction and expo brought together farmers from across the country.

Aspiring farmers also had the opportunity to see different breeds of cattle, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits while exhibitors promoted their products and services.

Breeds of cattle on sale included Beefmaster, Charolais, Bonsmara, Red and White Brahman and Limousin as well as breeds of sheep and goats such as Boer goats, Dorper sheep, Kalahari reds and meatmasters. Poultry, rabbits and pigs were also on sale including farm implements.

Exhibitors shared information on their products and services, and there was also plenty to eat and shop at the auction.

The most expensive animal sold was a Limousine bull at P65 000. The treasurer and marketing officer of the association, Ms Manjo Stiglingh said the annual auction has improved as the number of livestock has also increased every year.

She encouraged farmers to participate in the auction and buy quality stock to improve their animals.

She said their aim was to create a flourishing agricultural sector in the Tuli Block area through effective stakeholder engagement and the provision of information services to member.

She said the auction and expo provided a platform for their farmers to exhibit their produce and livestock as well as to ensure national food security.

She said the expo also highlighted a wide range of tourist attractions sites in their area and gave visitors a glimpse of their region's attractions and accommodation facilities.

She further said the auction injected revenue into their economy and benefited not only livestock farmers but also horticulture farmers, food and craft vendors, tourism operators and stall holders showcasing their products and services.

Mr Biki Rammutla, who participated in the auction, said he was happy to have sold 12 of his Boer and Kalahari Red goats at satisfactory prices.

Mr Moseki Lesotlo said it was his first time to attend the auction and expo and was impressed by commercial farmers. ***BOPA***



Limousin breed up for sale during the Tuli Block Farmers Association annual auction and expo on Saturday. Photo: Portia Rapitsenyane

Chad in need of food security - UN

NEW YORK - Host to 500 000 refugees from neighbouring Sudan, Chad needs food security and nutrition aid for one-third of its own 18 million population, UN humanitarians said on Friday.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said the situation across the nation was being exacerbated by climate change, insecurity and the rise in food and fuel prices.

"Since March, the country is also facing torrential rains and floods in the south," OCHA said, adding that the refugees have significantly strained the humanitarian situation in the east of the country.

Also, attacks by non-state armed groups in the Lake Chad Basin are driving further displacement.

The UN agency said a UN-backed analysis found that 2.4 million people were currently food insecure in the country, 300 000 of whom were severely food insecure.

If no substantive assistance is provided, this number could grow during the lean season to 3.3 million.

It said the US$1.1 billion Chad Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan for 2024 is just 6.6 per cent funded, with nearly US$74 million received.

The UN's emergency relief coordinator, Martin Griffiths, has already allocated US$15 million from the world body's Central Emergency Response Fund as part of a larger allocation in February to support underfunded emergencies. ***Xinhua***

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Chinese acupuncture therapy offers hope

KAMPALA - In the China-Uganda Friendship Hospital in the Ugandan capital of Kampala, 40-year-old Naome Kayongo joins the queue, a familiar ritual in her journey toward healing.

She is among a growing number of patients seeking acupuncture, a traditional Chinese therapy, hoping to restore movement to her paralyzed right hand. Each needle inserted into Kayongo's body symbolizes a glimmer of hope.

In the East African country, the ancient Chinese practice of acupuncture is gaining popularity.

As senior Chinese acupuncturist Wei Wei carefully places the needles, Ugandan nurse Stella Apio observes intently, learning from the specialist.

Wei is part of a Chinese medical team on a year-long mission at the China-Uganda Friendship Hospital.

Guided by Wei, Apio administers moxibustion, another form of acupuncture therapy, to Kayongo.

While in China, acupuncture is typically performed by doctors, but Apio is eager to become certified in Traditional Chinese Medicine therapies.

Since 1983, China has sent medical specialists, including acupuncturists, to Uganda as part of efforts to enhance healthcare in the country.

This collaboration extends both ways, with many Ugandan healthcare professionals also traveling to China for training and exchanges.

Last year, Apio was among the medical personnel selected by the Ugandan government for a three-week training program in Beijing.

In a recent interview with *Xinhua*, she shared her experience of being placed at a hospital in the Chinese capital where acupuncture was a primary therapy. This exposure has fueled her optimism that with time, she will master the intricate skills of acupuncture.

"The acupuncture treatment rooms in China are spacious and equipped with machines, unlike here. We have received some machines from China, and we are using them," Apio said.

With 24 years of medical practice, Wei said it takes lengthy training to master acupuncture.

She highlighted its effectiveness for both young and elderly patients suffering from various ailments such as stroke and back pain.

On average, the clinic attends to about 15 patients per day over the two days it operates each week, according to Apio.

Patients typically receive two sessions per day, tailored to the severity of their condition.

"We sometimes get overwhelmed because of the high number of patients, considering we are only open two days a week," she added.

Kayongo is among the patients grateful for the availability of acupuncture at the hospital.

Since a motorcycle accident left her right hand paralyzed last October, she has been undergoing acupuncture sessions.

"I have tried several treatments, but it is with acupuncture that I am finally noticing a difference," she said.

Expressing her gratitude for the Chinese administration of this therapy, Kayongo has recommended the treatment to many of her friends.

According to the hospital administration, acupuncture, along with other forms of alternative or traditional medicine, is gaining prominence alongside Western medicine in Uganda, offering complementary treatment options. ***Xinhua***

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Kenya farmers embrace climate-smart innovations

NAKURU - With palpable joy, Pauline Mogambi cast an admiring gaze at the indigenous vegetables blooming on her farm in the northwestern Kenyan county of Nakuru, about 180km from the capital, Nairobi.

The mother of two practices conservation agriculture, which promotes soil health through minimal tillage alongside organic methods of controlling crop pests and diseases to boost yield.

Ever since she started practicing zero tillage, inter-cropping and application of compost manure, her one-acre farm has produced enough to feed her family and sell surplus at local markets.

"I have been a farmer for two decades and used to grapple with depressed harvests, but when I embraced conservation agriculture and organic weed and pest control methods, total crop yield shot up," Mogambi told *Xinhua* at her farm.

Smallholder farmers in Nakuru County, one of Kenya's breadbaskets, have not been spared the challenges posed by a warming planet, including voracious pests, diseases, market volatility and shrinking arable land.

The Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research (CGIAR), through its Initiative on Diversification in East and Southern Africa, has nevertheless assisted these farmers in deploying technologies and innovations that enhance climate resilience, promoting food and nutritional security.

In Kenya, the initiative dubbed Ukama Ustawi, which translates to 'partnership and progress,' is being implemented in Nakuru and Kenya's eastern counties of Embu and Makueni.

Mogambi's farm has served as a demonstration site for various innovative practices, including zero tillage, stripping, inter-cropping, crop rotation, mulching and agroforestry.

Since adopting these climate-smart farming techniques, Mogambi has reported a threefold increase in maize, legume, kale, tuber and fruit harvests, improving both her family's nutrition and income.

"Currently, I am able to harvest 36 bags of maize and 20 tonnes of silage, and before embracing conservation agriculture, I used to harvest a maximum of seven bags of maize. Now I am proud to say farming is my full-time employer," Mogambi said.

Boaz Waswa, a soil scientist with the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), a member of CGIAR, said indigenous knowledge and innovation were key to boosting the resilience of local smallholder farmers.

According to Waswa, these farmers should be empowered to increase crop diversification, zero tillage and the use of organic manure and drip irrigation to boost crop yield and combat hunger, poverty and malnutrition.

"When we diversify crops, households will have more nutritious food and better incomes. We also need to apply agroecological solutions that improve soil health."

He said that the deployment of these climate-smart innovations had also been gender-inclusive, ensuring that women and youth farmers were empowered to cope with climatic shocks.

The 'Ukama Usawa' initiative, which is being implemented in 12 African countries, including Kenya, has enhanced yield stability at the smallholder level, boosting the fight against rural hunger and poverty, Waswa added.

On the southern edge of Nakuru County, where Serah Ndung'us two-acre farm is located, a variety of crops including maize, beans, kales, potatoes and avocado trees create a green foliage that grabs the attention of passersby. The middle-aged farmer is a champion of sustainable practices, including agroforestry, conservation agriculture, inter-cropping and mulching, that have guaranteed her bumper harvests in any given season.

Ndung'u said smallholder farmers were keen to transition from conventional methods of growing crops that had proved unsustainable. Skills gained through the initiative have enabled her to leverage climate-resilient innovations to boost the production of cereals, legumes, tubers and vegetables.

"Sometimes it can turn very dry in my locality, but through mulching, drip irrigation, and minimum tillage, I am able to retain soil moisture on my farm and grow different crop varieties to maturity,"Ndung'u said. ***Xinhua***



NAKURU - ***Farmers crushing Juncao crops at a Juncao farm in Lenginet village, Kenya early this year. Smallholder farmers in Kenya are keen to transition from conventional methods of growing crops that have proved unsustainable.*** Photo: Xinhua

Chinese foundation wins acclaim for humanitarian services in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA - China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) has won acclaim for intensifying humanitarian assistance in Ethiopia as it marked its five years of operation in the east African country.

A special ceremony was held Friday in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to mark the fifth anniversary of the establishment of CFRD Ethiopia Office and the launch of the Chinese Enterprises Volunteer Project with attendees including senior Ethiopian government officials, Chinese diplomats and representatives of Chinese enterprises.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister of Women and Social Affairs Ergogie Tesfaye said with its school feeding, water and sanitation, poverty alleviation and women's economic empowerment programs, CFRD had extended a helping hand to 320 000 people in Ethiopia.

"Today I am filled with joy to witness the accomplishment of the China Foundation for Rural Development in Ethiopia whose dedication and contributions are commendable in bringing significant change on the lives of people in Ethiopia," Tesfaye said.

With its 'Smiling Children Program', CFRD has been working jointly with the Ethiopian government and local NGOs to meet its target of 'zero hunger' scheme in Ethiopia, mainly through school feeding and poverty alleviation programs.

"It is really pleasing to see smiles on the faces of children who benefited from CFRD's project. It is all about humanity and this project shows that humanity does not have borders," she said.

Noting that the CFRD's humanitarian services have expanded to nearly all regions of Ethiopia, Tesfaye said China and Ethiopia are enjoying 'all-weather' strategic partnership with deepening political trust and fruitful economic collaborations.

Highlighting that CFRD had done a great job in strengthening relations between the peoples of China and Ethiopia, Yang Yihang, minister counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Ethiopia, said the CFRD had been addressing the diverse needs of poor communities in Ethiopia over the past five years.

"CFRD has been undertaking a lot of charitable projects in Ethiopia through the school feeding programme, panda pack project and solar lamp project among others," Yang said.

According to information obtained at the event, CFRD has invested over US$10.5 million to undertake its humanitarian services in Ethiopia. Currently, CFRD is undertaking school feeding and food items distribution programme in selected primary schools, aiming at meeting nutritional needs of disadvantaged school children and addressing delayed growth problems in the east African country.

The foundation also launched a water, sanitation and hygiene project as part of its effort of helping the east African country meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

CFRD also started the pilot panda light project involving provision of solar powered lamps to primary school students learning in off-grid areas of Ethiopia.

So far, the foundation has distributed 9 000 solar lamps to primary school students in the Oromia region of the country. ***Xinhua***

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APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersighned intents to apply for a certified copy Of Deed NO: 99/2009 Dated 22 Day of January 2009 Made in favour of CUL BUILDING & TRANSPORT (PTY)LTD

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 3752 Jwaneng
SITUATE: in local Centre Jwaneng Extension 2
MEASURING: 165 sq
HELD UNDER: 99/2009 dated 22/01/09

All persons having objection to issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the registrar of Deeds, PRIVATE BAG 0020 GABORONE within 3 weeks of the last publication of the notice hereof.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY 2024
CALVIN UNOPA MORAKA,Applicant
PLOT 12252
BLOCK 4 FRANCISTOWN

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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS
Administration of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap:33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at **Francistown High Court** on the dates and times specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
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DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS -------DAY OF APRIL 2024

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified true copy of a Deed of Transfer No.15/61 dated **5th** day of **May 1961**, passed by **ESTATE OF THE LATE THEODORE RICHARD TRANSFELDT** in favour of **RICHARD THEODORE SWART** in respect of;

CERTAIN: piece of land being the remaining extent of the farm TRAQUAIR:

SITUATE : in the GABERONES BLOCK of the BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE:

MEASURING: as such One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty (1,680) morgen, One Hundred and Twenty Seven (127) aquare roods;

CERTAIN: piece of land being DAM AREA No.1, a portion of the farm TRAQUAIR:

SITUATE : in the GABERONES BLOCK of the BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE:

MEASURING: Nineteen (19) morgen, Four Hundred and Seventy Five (475) aquare roods:

CERTAIN: piece of land being portion 5 of the farm CROCODILE POOLS:

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MEASURING: One Thousand Three Hundred (1,300) morgen:

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DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 29th APRIL 2024.

DUBULA ATTORNEYS Attorneys, Notaries and Conveyancers
Plot No: 51410, KGALE VIEW P. O. Box 201037, BONTLENG
GABORONE, BOTSWANA
Tel: 311 9987 / **Fax** 311 9986

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT GABORONE

Master's Reference - *LQHGB 000003/24*

PALAPYE POWER GENERATION (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION

NOTICE OF CREDITORS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of **section 488** of the **Companies Act Cap 42:01** of a meeting of creditors to be held on the **31st May 2024** at **10am** at the offices of **Minchin & Kelly (Botswana)**, **The Fields Precinct, Lot 54349 CBD, office Block B, 3rd floor, Gaborone** and via **Microsoft Teams**.
The purpose of the meeting is to submit a report to the general meeting of creditors in accordance with **section 448** of the **Companies Act Cap 42:01**.

DATED at Gaborone THIS 2ND DAY OF MAY 2024

TERENCE DAMBE, the Liquidator, Palapye Power Generation (Pty) Limited c/o
The Fields Precinct, Lot 54349 CBD, Office Block B, 3rd Floor,
Corner of Molepolole Rd and
Western Commercial Rd, Gaborone, Botswana
P.O. Box 1339 **Gaborone**

REF: TD/rf/M300199

INTENTION TO CHANGE
MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME
(in terms of section 8(1) of the Married Persons Property Act, 2013)

1. **Gorileng Rudolf Nthwane and Gladys Gagosepe Motonto-Nthwane** married in community of property on the **01st January 2005 at Mahalapye,** wish to change their marriage regime from in community of property to out of community of property.
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the **three (3) weeks statutory** notice from the date of the **1st Publication.**
3. Any person, or creditor or debtor, who may have an interest and/or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, they should inform the parties' attorneys, Andrew Attorneys before the expiration of the said **3 weeks period**, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

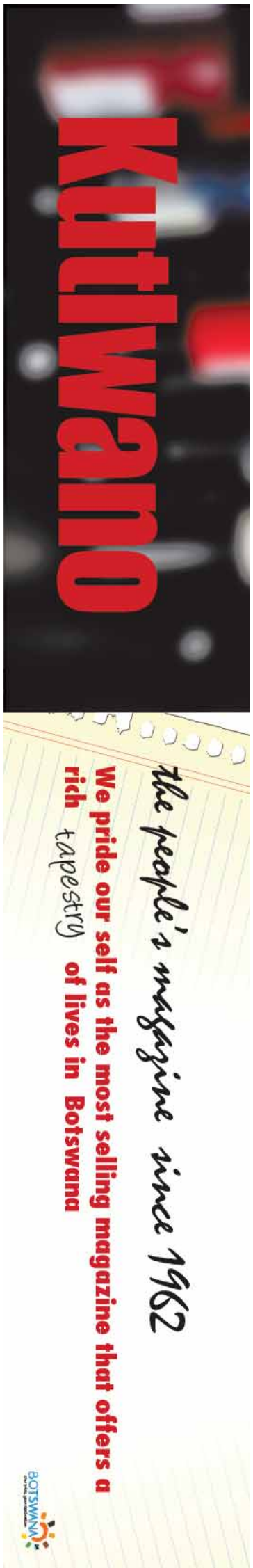
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ANDREW ATTORNEYS | Plaintiff's Attorneys
Maun, Moeti Road, Opposite Maun
Airport, Plot 448 (Okavango Air Rescue) Office No. 9
Private Bag 0284, MAUN | **Tel:** 686 0871 / 74 071 172

Neighbor Consultation

The owner of plot 80113 and 80114 Gaborone North Gaborone seeks to change the use of the plot from residential to multifamily residential. Any objections or clarifications should be forwarded to Gaborone City Council Physical Planning Office 78, and they can be contacted on the above telephone nos 3657494/3657542

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Former queen drives off in GWM Haval

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - The first Miss Supranational Queen, 23-year-old Dabilo Moses, has received a GWM Haval Jolion SUV and scholarship post her reign.

The terms and conditions of her contract had stipulated that she will redeem the car upon the successful completion of her reign.

In an interview with *BOPA*, a spokesperson for Miss Supranational Botswana Kaone Moremong said during her reign, Moses resided in a fully furnished apartment, rent-free, with monthly groceries and utility bills covered by the organisation.

She said the queen had access to cleaning services and a spa at Fifi Fab Beauty, along with a monthly allowance. "All prizes and benefits for Miss Supranational were provided and funded by Something Big, the company holding the license for Miss Supranational Botswana," she said.

Regarding Something Big, Moremong explained that it was a local company founded by creative individuals aiming to curate events and create employment opportunities for them and other creatives.

She further noted that Miss Supranational Botswana was their inaugural project, and soon they would be launching another big fashion and lifestyle project.

Presently, she said Something Big had not secured monetary sponsorships for Miss Supranational Botswana and was reaching out to the public and corporate organisations for partnerships.

"The team is dedicated to enhancing the lives of young women and empowering them to reach their full potential," she said, adding that they believed the inception of Miss Supranational had proved their commitment and dedication to their aspirations.

She said the newly crowned Miss Supranational 2024, Leah Barobetse, was scheduled to depart for Poland on June 15th to participate in the Supra Experience, the international pageant competition.

The finale is set for July 6th and Barobetse will compete against national queens from over 90 countries. ***BOPA***



Moses has received a Haval SUV and scholarship post her reign. Photo: Courtesy of Miss Supranational Botswana

Artists secure space in festival finals

By Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

MAUN - Winners of the North West District 2024 National Arts Festival competitions have been announced.

They will proceed to the nationals in Gaborone and compete against others at regional level during the exhibition that will be held in July at the National Museum.

Among the winners were talented individuals who excelled in categories such as painting, sculpture, beadwork, jewellery, leatherwork, wood carving, textiles and mixed media.

Speaking at the event, Ministry of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture official, Refilwe Banda said the competitions were aimed to provide a platform for emerging artists to showcase their skill and talents in various categories.

For his part, FNB Maun branch manager, Lekono Koketso commended all the participants for their dedication and passion for the arts. He emphasised the importance of nurturing and supporting young artists.

"The prize money not only improves the livelihoods of participants, but also reflects into the economy," he said, adding that FNB was working on opening an online platform that would market their products to the international market.

Chief adjudicator, Legodile Seganabeng highlighted that the judging criteria was based on skill, creativity and originality of the crafts. He appealed to artists to present fresh crafts to competitions as well as to follow the theme in order to be successful.

One of the winners in the beadwork category, having crafted a butterfly with beads, Kagiso Motshupelo appreciated the opportunity given by the competitions, saying it helped them to be creative and innovative. ***BOPA***

Search for fastest polers intensifies

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

IKOGA - The search for Okavango's fastest polers through the Nkashi Classic Mokoro race has intensified.

Speaking in an interview on the side-lines of the maiden heats stage of the qualifiers, event organiser, National Geographic Okavango Wilderness Project country director Koketso Mookodi said the epic mokoro race billed for Maun in July was on its seventh edition.

She said so far they have held heats for eastern and western pan-handle villages.

"The final leg of the heats will be hosted in Boro and Maun respectively where polers will have to book a space for themselves in the final," she said.

She said the 7th edition of the Nkashi Classic competition had an additional category designated for youth polers.

Other than introducing the youth polers category, Mookodi said another interesting addition, was the mix race.

"For the first time, Nkashi Classic will have a double mixed race that will feature male and female polers propelling one canoe," she said.

She said in the search for polers, the Nkashi Classic team was accompanied by the Nkashi Knowledge Bus that engaged the polers and the general community on financial literacy and smart farming.

Nkashi Classic female category champion, Kgololo Boeng of Etsha 13 said she was introduced to poling by her parents at a young age of six.

Boeng now a veteran in propelling said she was confident of making it to the Nkashi Classic 2024 finals in Maun.

Another contender is Kebalese Mokgalo, a second time competitor who made it to the finals of the previous challenge but did not win a prize. Mokgalo who is an equally competent poler having acquired the skill at the age of 12, was eager to improve.

A first time contender, Dickson Mosheti of Ikoga, will contend in the veteran category. Mosheti revealed that poling was infused in his DNA as he was born in a family of polers.

Mosheti described himself as a poler of repute since he offered mokoro trips to tourists in the Okavango Delta. ***BOPA***



Polers during Nkashi Classic heats in Ikoga on Saturday. Photo: Kedirebofe Pelontle



Moletlane Texas from South Africa after being crowned this year's BOSMA champions. Lucas said the tournament was more than just a series of games, but a platform for unity, resilience and progress.
Photo: Thamani Shabani

Diamonds, Texas BOSMA winners

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - Diamonds Masters women's team and Moletlane Texas men are the 2024 Botswana Softball Masters Association (BOSMA) tournament champions.

The Gaborone-based softball team, Diamonds Masters women's team defended the title, which they won last year when they defeated MaYoung Ladies from South Africa 9-3 in the final played at Francistown Cricket Oval grounds on Saturday.

On the men's final, South Africa-based team, Moletlane Texas beat Orapa Masters 6-0.

Both champions walked away with a trophy and gold medals whilst second and third runners won silver and bronze medals respectively.

Settling for the second spot in the men's category and women's category were the Orapa Masters and MaYoung Ladies respectively, whilst third position on the Men's category went to Jwaneng KDK and the women category was Orapa Masters.

The three-day annual tournament was attended by teams from Botswana namely Diphala Masters, Divas, Orapa Masters, Free Souls, Jwaneng KDK, Diamonds Masters and former Masters, So'balldad Masters.

Four teams from South Africa, which featured in the tournament were MaYoung Ladies, Moletlane Texas, The Flames and Best Beaters.

Speaking at the prize giving ceremony, nominated councillor, Modiri Lucas said the tournament was more than just a series of games, but a platform for unity, resilience and progress.

"Through our shared passion for softball, we have forged bonds that transcend boundaries of age, gender and background.

We have shown that when we come together with a purpose and determination, we can achieve extraordinary things," said Lucas.

He said in softball, every swing of the bat represented an opportunity for change as illustrated by this year's tournament theme; Swing for Change, which he added inspired greatness.

"As we reflect on accomplishments of our players and teams, we should also recognise the power of sports to drive meaningful change in our communities and beyond," he said.

Lucas also commended BOSMA for donating a house to a need person in Matsiloje on the sidelines of the tournament.

"This alone is a welcome development and I pray that you also consider your Corporate Social Responsibility in Francistown.

He said Francistown had a high number of vulnerable communities as the city still had people who slept in houses without doors and locks, hence they needed the help.

BOSMA was founded in 2019 with the mandate to support its mother body, Botswana Softball Association (BSA) financially and in all its projects., including promoting softball development at grassroots level, as evidenced by the attendance of students from John Makhenzie and Clifton schools from Francistown. John Makhenzie walloped Clifton 9-3 in the schools final. The next BOSMA tournament will be held in Orapa in May. ***BOPA***

Sankoyo humble Tsabotlhe

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Sankoyo Bush Bucks claimed a hard fought 3-2 win over Tsabotlhe in a thrilling First Division North league encounter in Maun over the weekend.

The game started on a high pace from the onset as both teams fought to claim three points to improve their positions in the log standings. Both teams are left with one encounter each to wrap up the 2023/24 season.

The teams gave the supporters a marvellous match, but Sankoyo registered their first goal in the 30th minute and their rivals equalised just before half time.

After the recess, Tsabotlhe took control of the game and nearly gave their opponents a shock as they continued creating perfect chances but Sankoyo goal keeper made several great saves to deny them the lead.

However, after a tight 15 minutes, Tsabotlhe took the lead by scoring the second goal, which forced Ngurungu boys coach to bring in veteran striker, Gaongalelwe 'Ngale' Dipateletso in the 72th minute.

Ngale ignited a spark amongst his teammates as they started to pile pressure on their opponents until they were rewarded in the 75th minute when he clipped in a cross from the right and easily swayed the ball into the net.

Ngale's combination with the goal scoring maestro, Nlisa Dema, worked wonders as he (Dema) stretched the Ngurungu lead with a well take goal in the dying minutes of the game.

In an interview, Sankoyo coach, Papani Likha said the game was tough and he gave credit to his boys for executing their plan as expected.

Tsabotlhe head coach, Joseph Banyatsi attributed their loss to the players' bad attitude in the pitch. ***BOPA***

Kachikau Sporting Club launches new kit

By Portia Ikgopoleng

KACHIKAU - Kachikau Village Development Committee (VDC) has donated a home and away kit, nets and balls worth P35 000 to the village football team, Kachikau Sporting Club aka Vultures.

The team is competing in Division 1 of the Chobe Regional Football Association (CHRFA) League.

Giving a keynote address at the handing over of the merchandise on Friday in Kachikau, Minister of Justice and MP for Chobe, Machana Shamukuni said Chobe villages were unique in that they benefited from Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) policies, which provided incentives for communities managing natural resources.

He said Kachikau received over P2 million in dividends accrued in 2022 and 2023 from the Chobe Enclave Community Trust (CECT), and that it enabled the VDC to donate the kit to the team.



Kachikau Sporting Club players during the unveiling of their away kit.
Photo: Portia Ikgopoleng

Shamukuni said sport was a lucrative business globally as many sports stars, including footballers from humble backgrounds made a living from sport.

He said discipline and dedication were a prerequisite for every athlete, and encouraged Vultures players to uphold good ethics and morals at all times.

The minister said sport development was key and that government had allocated a huge budget to the Ministry of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture to unearth talent and invest in sport development.

He also noted that government had constructed stadiums across the country, including the ongoing Kasane sport facility, adding that another stadium was in the pipeline for Kazungula, which would be built by Botswana Football Association supported by FIFA.

He applauded the VDC for the donation saying it would motivate the team to perform better.

The club chairperson, Omogolo Kanowa said the Vultures were conceived in 1999 and officially registered in 2008, adding that they were based in Kasane although they were a Kachikau team.

He noted that they played with one kit for many years as they had limited resources and no sponsors for transport when playing away games.

He said with Kachikau VDC support, the club aimed to achieve good results compared to past seasons. He noted that they were currently in position 10 out of 14 teams in their division.

"We have big dreams to see our team become the pride of Chobe just like we saw Sankoyo Football Club promote their village," he said. For his part, Kachikau VDC chairperson, Mpho Mika said many small football clubs were operated from officials funds, which affected performance.

He said Chobe had talented athletes and that some played professional football in the premier league.

He said in addition to the donation, they would fence the Vultures ground, build an office and toilets at the club grounds in Kachikau so that the team could relocate to their village.

He said the plan was that when the new season launched in October all Kachikau team home games would be played in the village. ***BOPA***

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Pelemo after winning the Ladies Singles category at the Botswana National Bowling Tournament held in Jwaneng.

Duo secures international tournament slots

By Kehumile Moekejo

JWANENG - Jwaneng Bowling Club's Mpopi Pelemo and Modisaotsile Mphotho from Selebi Phikwe Bowling Club will represent Botswana at the World Singles Champion of Champions to be held in New Zealand next year.

The duo secured the spots subsequent to emerging champions in the Ladies and Men's singles categories respectively during the 2024 National Bowling Tournament held in Jwaneng.

For the Ladies Singles, Boikhutso Mooketsi of Jwaneng emerged the runner up, followed by Tshenolo Moshokgo of Orapa, while Baven Balendra of Francistown and Kaizer Geche of Orapa obtained second and third positions respectively in the Men's Singles category.

In an interview after the tournament on Saturday, Pelemo, who also obtained third position on Ladies Pairs alongside Pono Rakola, attributed her performance to the hard work and dedication she had prior to the tournament.

She said her previous experience on international competitions would contribute towards preparations for the upcoming challenge against the best bowlers in the world.

"This calls for more practice because I have had the opportunity to experience the competition at international level.

Last year I participated in the Fours and Triples at the World Championships in Australia and I have seen how they play," she said.

For 29-year old Mphotho, winning the tournament and subsequently representing the country for the first time is a dream come true and a testament of his commitment to the sport.

He said even though he had previously won in other categories, the latest achievement was a highlight and motivated him to work harder.

"Today's win means a lot because I have been trying for this position for years. Even though I have played for the national team before, I have always wanted to have an international experience and the opportunity has presented itself," he said.

He said as a young person, he appreciated youth development programmes such as Re Ba Bona Ha, which developed talent and skills from a young age.

"I encourage fellow youth to start playing bowling because it is a good sport, they should focus on enjoying it and then gain experience as they go.

Embracing the sport will also increase competition hence growth for bowling." ***BOPA***

Mphoto (right) is the champion of the Men's Singles category at the Botswana National Bowling tournament. Photos: Kehumile Moekejo