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MEC Lesufi hosts the Technical High Schools Indaba

The Gauteng MEC for Education and Youth Development, Mr Panyaza Lesufi, has today **15 October 2019**, hosted the Technical High Schools Indaba, under the theme “**Skills for a Changing World**” at Sunnyside Park Hotel. This Indaba aimed to address and respond to the acute Engineering and Technical skills shortage in the country, necessary to prepare learners for the 4th Industrial Revolution.

This event created a dynamic platform for Principals of Technical High Schools, Schools of Specialisation, industry partners, academics and government officials to interact and address issues such as skills shortages, declining learner enrolment in technical subjects, advocacy and career pathways, supporting internships and on-the-job-training. The department acknowledges that facilitating skills development through strategic partnerships is the vehicle to achieve economic growth.

“Through this Indaba and industry commitment, learners will be afforded the opportunity of a quality support programme in the form of workplace experiential learning coupled with the much-needed experience and job training to be absorbed into industry. We will undoubtedly leverage possible partnerships to expand learner and teacher support,” said MEC Lesufi.

Furthermore, our learners will be adequately skilled before entering the job market thus increasing their chances in searching for full-time

employment and with opportunities for post-school career and entrepreneurship opportunities.

The ultimate goal of the Indaba is to:

- Address the skills development challenges and promote growth
- Facilitate skills development through strategic partnerships
- Profiling Technical /Engineering as a desired career of choice to our learners
- Offer workplace experiential learning during school holidays
- Support for internships and on the job training
- Provide opportunities for post school career and entrepreneurship
- Sharing of best practices in Technical Schools
- Transform Technical High Schools into schools of excellence that prepare learners to be able to respond to the demands a technologically evolving world.

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