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MEC CHILOANE LAUNCHES JET NTEO COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP SCHOOL OF SPECIALISATION

Gauteng Education MEC Matome Chiloane today, on Tuesday, 26 September 2023, launched the 28th School of Specialisation in the province, which is Jet Nteo Commerce and Entrepreneurship School of Specialisation with a focus on Tourism and Hospitality in Boipatong, Vanderbijlpark.

Last week, we celebrated the inauguration of Khanya Lesedi Sports School of Specialisation in Ratanda, Heidelberg.

Today, we take another significant step forward by launching a Commerce & Entrepreneurship School of Specialisation with a specific focus on Tourism and Hospitality here in Boipatong.

The significance of Boipatong's history beckons a transformation, with aspirations to emerge as a prominent township boasting a productive community and a flourishing economy. In this context, the establishment of Jet Nteo as a Commerce & Entrepreneurship School of Specialisation holds profound significance. This institution is poised to serve as a beacon of hope within the Township, ushering in a new era of opportunity and prosperity.

The rationale behind the establishment of a Commerce & Entrepreneurship School of Specialisation is rooted in the imperative of reinvigorating the Township Economy, thereby breaking the cycle of poverty. Entrepreneurship education plays a pivotal role by instructing learners in conducting community research and identifying prevailing challenges. Subsequently, learners are encouraged to devise innovative solutions to address these challenges. The Commerce subjects complement this entrepreneurial spirit by providing learners with essential business and accounting acumen, equipping them with the skills necessary to initiate and operate their own businesses. The collective impact of these efforts promises a substantial transformation and upliftment within the community.

The resources available at Jet Nteo Commerce and Entrepreneurship School of Specialisation are essential components of a comprehensive education, collectively shaping well-rounded learners destined for success in business and entrepreneurship. The Entrepreneurship Hub fosters innovation, the Maths Park hones analytical skills, the Outdoor Furniture Factory imparts practical craftsmanship, and our Museum instills cultural appreciation. Meanwhile, the Tourism exhibit explores lucrative industry opportunities, the Commerce Centre equips learners with financial acumen, and the Hospitality Centre imparts hands-on culinary and service experience.

This array of displays underscores our commitment to preparing learners for a dynamic role in the local and global economy, emphasising versatility, innovation, and cultural awareness in entrepreneurship.

“The benefits accruing to the community are multifaceted. Entrepreneurship begins with the inception of an idea, often stemming from community-based research to identify and address pressing local challenges. Notably, learners from the community are empowered to undertake this vital research and subsequently contribute to resolving these challenges. An overarching benefit for the community lies in the creation of employment opportunities, facilitated by those learners who evolve into entrepreneurs themselves. This virtuous cycle of employment generation and economic rejuvenation is poised to breathe new life into Boipatong's economy,” said MEC Chiloane.

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