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ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS

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DEPARTMENT TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES TO GAUTENG YOUTH BY LAUNCHING STATE OF THE ART TRADE TEST CENTRE AND BUSINESS HUB

ON THURSDAY, 08 JUNE 2023 – Gauteng MEC for Social Development, Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Ms Mbali Hlophe will officially launch the state-of-the-art Trade Test Centre in Bapsfontein, Ekurhuleni, which will equip the youth with technical skills to be able to become qualified Artisans.

Furthermore, a Business Hub which consist of five (5) cooperatives specialising in Poultry farming, welding, carpentry, electrical and plumbing will be unveiled.

This, according to MEC Hlophe, comes as the country observes Youth Month by creating sustainable job opportunities for its youth.

“In 2022, we made funds available to support the establishment of the Trade Test Centre for Electrical, Welding and Plumbing Trade which will serve to prepare and test learners to qualify as Artisans.”

“The centre will form part of one of the Projects Flagship addressing the DHET White Paper vision of integrated system of Post-School Education and Training. All the programmes offered are accredited by different SETA’s,” said Hlophe.

She added, “Skills development and linking beneficiaries to economic opportunities remains the cornerstone of our programmes with a clear exit strategy for all implemented projects.”

Media is invited to the launch as follows:

DATE: Thursday, 08 June 2023

TIME: 13h00

**VENUE: Xilembeni Centre of Excellence, Plot 96 Nestardt Road,
Bapsfontein**

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