

ART & CRAFT

Art and Crafts Exhibition held in Katlehong

Katlehong artists display artworks publicly for first time in township

Report and pics by Charles Mofulatsi

It was indeed the realisation of a cherished dream for seven disgruntled Katlehong artists when their artworks were put on public display for the first time in their own township.

The artworks: paintings, etchings, ceramics, drawings, sculptures and a variety of other artistic commodities, presented at an **Art and Crafts Exhibition** at the Katlehong Art Centre, were not only culturally-inspired items but were also contemporary works - images of the misery, suffering and hardship of township life.

A spokesman for the artists, Fani Matsie, 43, addressing residents, art-lovers and curio entrepreneurs said though their works have been exhibited in major centres of the Republic, including international galleries, it never occurred to them that their creations would ever be displayed in their own backyard.

He said: "These works, of which many are already admired and treasured in some of the affluent local white homes - are collectors' pieces because of their historical significance.

They symbolise the struggle of marginalised people for freedom, equality and independence."

Matsie paid glowing tributes to the newly-formed Katlehong Art Centre Governing Committee (KACGC) for their generous support and active

participation in staging the exhibition.

Mike Manana, a chairperson of the KACGC explained that since Katlehong had degenerated awfully since the collapse of Katorus local authorities from the middle eighties, a Renewal Urban Plan had to be launched as a matter of urgency to help reconstruct and develop dilapidated communal structures in every sphere of township existence.

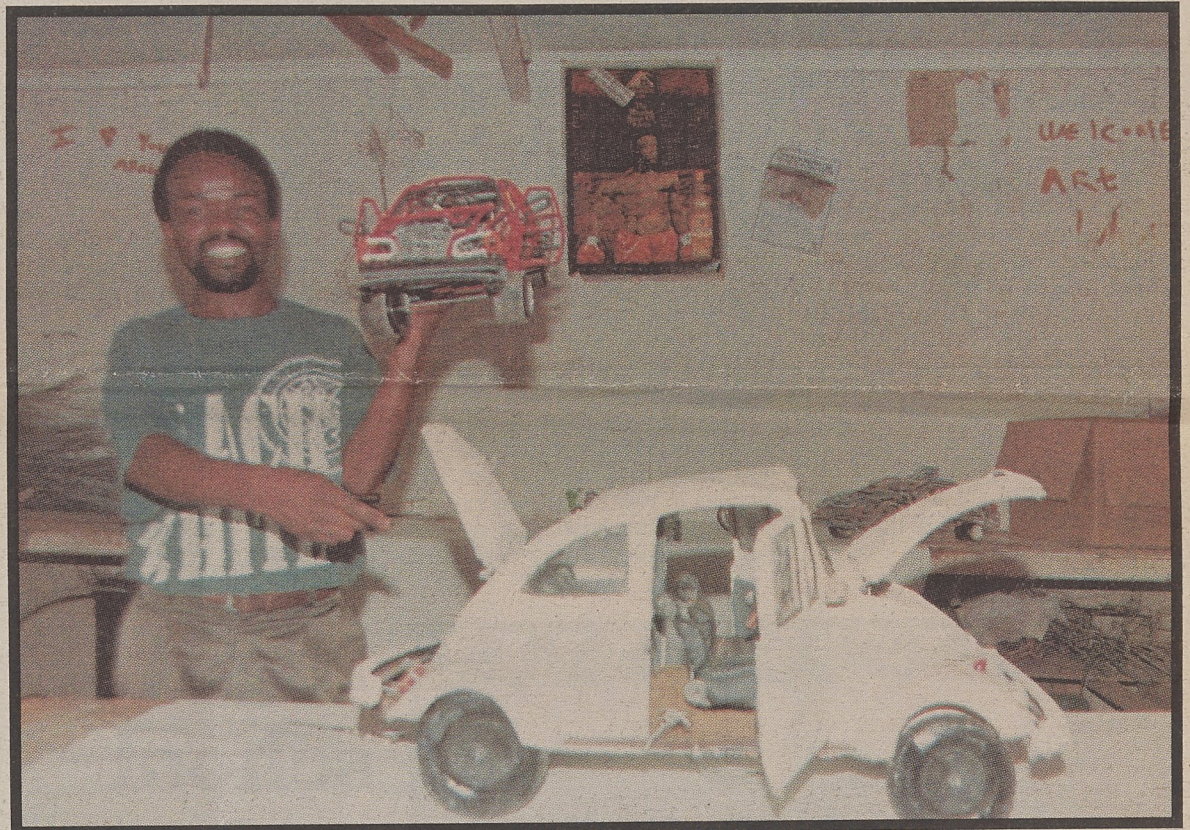
Manana said though the art centre was founded in 1977, township officials then did not feel obliged to promote artistic disciplines because blacks were perceived as uncreative and unprofessional - lacking original thoughts or ideas.

"Therefore," says Manana, "the innate potential craftsmanship, inventiveness and creative abilities of our visual-arts exponents remained untouched and unappreciated - languishing unfairly in obscurity. However, far-reaching plans have been put in place already that will hopefully not only give exposure to the visual arts, but also project a favourable image to the performing arts."

The two-day art exhibition, a representation of a variety of cultural, ethnic and artistic influences was attended by scores of onlookers from near and far. Manana further said that the KACGC, comprising of six Katlehong activists had already received hints for sponsorships from East Rand private and public companies.



L to R: Mike Manana (Chairman of KACGC), Fani Matsie (clay sculptor) and Johannes Ramaisa, (KACGC member) admiring some of Matsie's works at the Katlehong Art Exhibition.



Moses Seleko, 33, a wire-sculptor with some of his works at the Katlehong Art Exhibition.



Duduzile Xaba and Egnetta Hadebe making and also displaying some of their tapestry merchandise at the Katlehong Show.



Mike Manana (second from right), Chairman of KACGC and other members of his committee discussing procedural matters at the Katlehong Art Exhibition.

RDP NEWS

Business plans worth R250 million passed in January by RDP

Ten business plans worth more than a quarter of a billion rand were passed by the RDP Programme Steering Committee in January, according to Dr Bernie Fanaroff, deputy director general in the Office of the President.

The committee meets once a month to approve business plans submitted by various government departments for money from the central RDP fund for projects identified by the core Cabinet committee.

Plans detailing the implementation of the Municipal Extension Programme - for money allocated in October last year - show that work has begun on more than 200 project sites around the country.

"To date, a total of 421 projects amounting to R422 million have been approved. Of these, the Western Cape and Northern Transvaal have the most projects - 118 and 85 respectively - compared with the Eastern Cape (36), Free State (14) and Gauteng (34), Mpumalanga (36), KwaZulu Natal (13), North West (33) and the Northern Cape (25)". Fanaroff said. A list of sites in each province is available on request.

The Department of Transport was given the green light to proceed with the planning for the development of four metropolitan "corridors". These are the:

□ Wetton-Landsdown Road Corridor (Cape Town): a 20 kilometer corridor between Wynberg and Khayelitsha along Wetton and Landsdown Roads in southern Cape Town;

□ Baralink Node (Johannesburg): a 1 500 ha site around Baragwanath Hospital at the eastern fringe of Soweto;

□ Mabopane-Centurion Development Corridor (Pretoria): a 40 kilometer development corridor between Soshanguve and Centurion in the western greater Pretoria area;

□ Warwick Avenue Node (Durban): a transport interchange at the western entrance to the Durban central business district.

"This urban restructuring programme is a state initiative and involves other ministries - Transport, Housing, Land Affairs, the RDP Office and relevant provincial and metropolitan departments," Fanaroff said. Further details of these plans are available on request.

Foreign funding from a donor consortium (Denmark, the European Union and the UK) and Switzerland was approved for business plans submitted by the Dept of Land Affairs and the Special Integrated Presidential Project on Urban renewal at Ibhayi (Port Elizabeth) respectively.

"The Programme Steering Committee approved R9 million from the donor consortium for organisational, capacity building and operational support to communities participating in the Land Reform Pilot Programme, and R11,5 million towards training and technical assistance for management and staff of the Department of Land Affairs involved in the programme," Fanaroff said. The donor consortium will be given R132 million over the next two years for the Land Reform Pilot Programmes.

The R11,9 million donated by Switzerland will be used to upgrade 500 families in Walmer and 277 families in Kwazakhele by providing them with a flush toilet, a water tap and improving the roads and

stormwater system, he said. "The balance of the money will be used to construct roads in Missionvale and contribute to the construction of the Swartkops Low Level Sewer."

Another Special Integrated Presidential Project on Urban renewal which received approval for funding in January was the Molopo Rive Basin (North West Province).

"We have approved a sum of R13 million to upgrade the services and improve the quality of life of neglected communities living in poor circumstances (no clean water supply, electricity, good access, drainage or sewerage facilities) along the Molopo River, which divides Mafikeng/Mmbatho from the East to West," Fanaroff said. Further information is available on request.

The Dept of Sports received its first allocation from the central RDP fund in January, with R50 million being approved for the construction of 126 basic sports facilities around the country. Further information is available on request.

Plans for increasing support services to Parliament were also approved in January, with funding for the project coming from foreign donors. The total cost of the programme is R82,7 million which will be funded by a consortium of overseas donors from the European Union and some of its member states. To date, R25 million has been sourced.

Two provinces - the Northern Province and the Northern Cape had business plans totalling R2,1 million and R1.6 million respectively, approved. The money will be used to fund the formulation of an integrated strategic plan for growth and development, aligned to the national strategic vision.

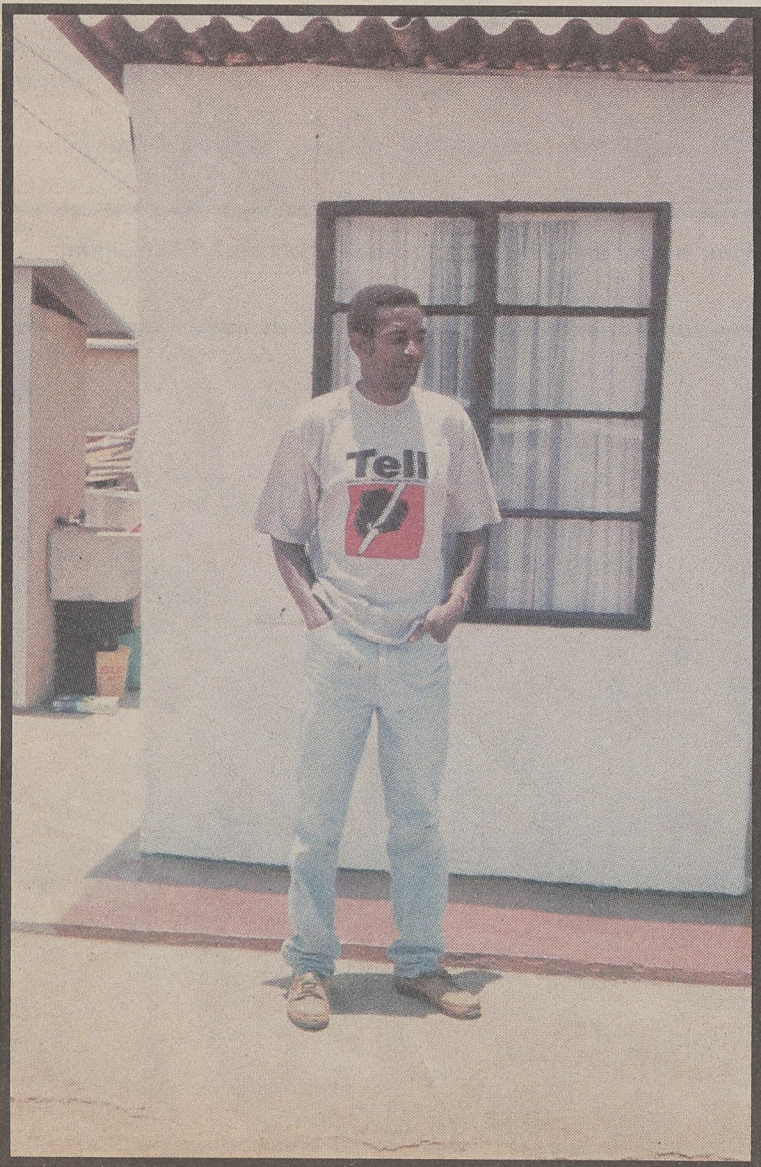
Night school in shack

Rietvallei with 8000 informal dwellings falls within the borders of Krugersdorp. Members of this disadvantage community take pride in all activities undertaken by leaders and role players in their midst.

Albert Lukhele is no exception. In 1995 he assisted local matriculants by preparing them for their finals. In his modest and sparsely furnished dwelling, he guided them to reach this goal by making his humble facilities and expertise available to them in the evenings.

In a discussion with Albert about his community, he said that the free-flow of information in respect of development into the community will empower the community to recognize and address the many needs that exist there.

This community is displaying a preparedness to be actively involved in increasing the quality of life of its inhabitants by its positive attitude towards all development initiatives.



Rietvallei night school teacher, Albert Lukhele.

Community Radio for W Rand



Left to right: Ernest Molefe, Sipho Handula, Ntozakhe Malahlekane.

The West Rand Community Radio initiators are in the process of trying to establish a community radio station for the Rainbow Nation of the West Rand. With this project they intend to serve the West Rand and its rural areas with an estimated population of 2 million people.

All business people and interested parties who are keen to become involved should contact:

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RDP Health Project



David Chauke standing with Elvis Sithole. This is a community project which uses local labour.

The Government of National Unity unlocked the political and creative energies of the people of Rietvallei Ext. (Lusaka) and brought the Government closer to the people. In this regard the Gauteng government and Krugersdorp TLC had played an important role, says David Chauke, foreman and Masterbuilder of the clinic now in progress.

David says he is a very happy man and wants the community to

see what the RDP is doing for them. He also emphasised the warm co-operation received from the Krugersdorp TLC, RDP department and the timeous deliveries of materials.

David, one of the 40000 inhabitants of Rietvallei Ext. is known as an expert on anything his hand finds to do. He is truly a community man and many small projects in the area underline this statement.

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Sports boosted by R50m sponsorship

Multimillion-rand sports amenities earmarked for disadvantaged communities

A multimillion-rand sports development programme to build 126 sports and recreational amenities in underprivileged communities throughout the country has been unveiled by Sports and Recreation Minister, Steve Tshwete.

Addressing the mass media and representatives of various sporting codes at the Atteridgeville Community Centre, Tshwete, accompanied by RDP Minister, Jay Naidoo, expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Reconstruction and Development Programme Steering Committee for the whopping R50 million sponsorship.

He said: "Already, R4,9 million had been allocated to each of the nine provinces to erect 14 new sports and recreational amenities. Furthermore, the programme is planned in such a way as to

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create 3 000 temporary jobs for unskilled and semi-skilled workers including 200 permanent employment in the construction and maintenance of the new facilities."

Tshwete explained that it would cost about R350 000 to construct each facility, comprising of a turfed soccer or rugby field, two tennis courts, netball or basketball courts, change-rooms and ablutions, a kiosk, a ticket-office and a security fence around the area.

"Most importantly," added Tshwete, "my department aims to provide basic outdoor and indoor sports facilities to all disad-

vantaged communities by the year 2 000. It is estimated that 621 communities in the country are deprived of even the most basic amenities for sports and recreation and that the situation has sadly become pathetic."

Tshwete intimated that people lacking sports facilities often resorted to more damaging pastimes such as alcohol and drug dependency. Their frustrations often lead to involvement in crime and other anti-social activities. "For instance, here in Atteridgeville, one of the communities earmarked for sports projects, it would really be unnecessary and futile to try and address those social problems while making no efforts to provide recreational facilities to occupy people's minds".



Steve Tshwete (Sports and Recreation Minister), Ali Bacher (MD, UCB) and Jay Naidoo, (RDP Minister) at the launch of the R50 million sports development programme at the Atteridgeville Community Centre

Kwa Thema teachers comment on Draft Constitution

**Report by Phil Thulare
Pic by Charles Mofulatsi**

Teachers from Laban Motlhabi participated in the Constitution making process when Ms Nelly Malefetse of the Constitutional Assembly conducted a workshop in Kwa Thema. The constitutional session was organised by the Gauteng regional office of the South African Communication Service (SACS). The public participation programme was aimed at both educating and inviting comments and inputs from the public about the Draft Constitution.

Explaining the significance of the exercise, Nelly who is based in JHB said: "It is the prerogative of all citizens to be actively involved in the constitution making process by making comments and submissions to the CA for consideration. In this way, every citizen will know that they have made some meaningful contributions to the formulation of their country's supreme law."

"Scepticism with regards to the possibility of the CA considering public input was raised and Malefetse responded by assuring the audience that the CA has been considering public opinion and remains consistent and sincere about their undertaking to do just that because the constitution must be consid-

ered legitimate by all."

Interesting and intense discussions and debates on issues like, the death penalty, the national anthem, abortion, hate speech and many other topics followed.

It was interesting to note that the same problems encountered by the CA around issues like the death penalty also prevailed on the ground.

Although some members of the audience called for the retention of the death sentence, the overwhelming part of the participants argued that it must go although of course efforts should not be spared in finding other strong deterrents to crimes such as child abuse, murder and other severe crimes. Submissions to the CA on the other issues were also forwarded. The workshops, which began on January 15, 1996 and lasted until February 20, 1996, served as the final phase and opportunity for members of civil society to influence the ratification of the Draft Constitution before it is finalised and eventually legislated.

Nelly Malefetse urged the participants to make submissions in writing and send them to the CA by February 20, 1996.

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Steve Tshwete (Sports and Recreation Minister) and Jay Naidoo (RDP Minister), surrounded by beneficiaries of the multimillion rand sports development programme at the Super Stadium in Atteridgeville.

ENVIRONMENT

Toyota adopts environmental programme

Toyota South Africa is encouraging an environmental protection and waste disposal programme - believed to be the first such project in South Africa's motoring industry - for its network of more than 300 dealers countrywide.

The programme is aimed at helping dealers to institute measures for reducing waste and instill management systems for the proper collection and disposal of the various wastes generated in the operation of their business.

"This is a voluntary programme for all our dealers," says Toyota SA Marketing's Service Development Consultant, Robbie Barnett. "Our dealers are very excited about the programme as the project is aimed at protecting the working environment at our dealerships as well as the protection of the general environment. The response from the dealers has been very encouraging."

Barnett said the key objective is for each dealer to establish a "Waste Management Strategy" in order to implement basic steps such as:

- identifying the various wastestreams generated at the dealership

- establishing the viability (cost, benefits and return on participation) of separating the various waste produced into special containers for collection by recognised collection and recycling agents

- obtaining or manufacturing suitable containers for storing the different wastes, and ensuring that they are clearly identified for ease of collection

- informing and educating all staff at the dealerships of the importance of the programme and obtaining their dedicated co-operation in order to ensure the continued success thereof; and

- to continually strive to further reduce the amount of waste in order to protect the health of the dealerships' employees as well as customers.

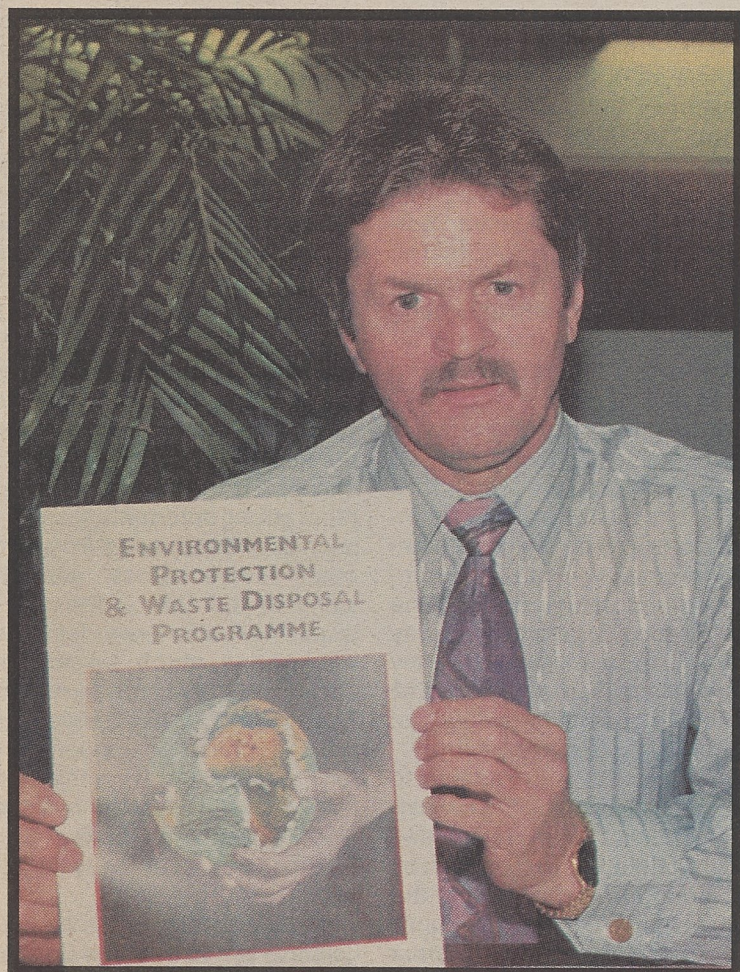
Barnett said major wastestream problems identified at the dealerships included: plastics, paper and boxes, scrap metal, scrap rubber, redundant food waste, redundant oils and grease, contaminated sawdust, washbay water, fluorescent tubes, empty cans, asbestos waste, scrap batteries, redundant solvents, and refrigerants.

"Through advertising and point of sale material," says Barnett, "the dealer can make their customers and the general public aware of the dealer's efforts and concerns with regards to protecting the environment by effectively managing the disposal of their waste."

"Automotive dealers are continually striving for greater profits through improving technician and staff productivity and efficiency levels. Thus pushing towards greater profits and the subsequent increase in workload leads to an escalation in the amount of solid waste which is produced on a daily basis."

"We all have a moral duty to ensure that what we produce and discard does not affect or harm the environment nor the people and community around us. We have to also realise that our resources are finite."

"The resources are, in fact, dwindling at an alarming rate. Our natural resources need to be managed with extreme care and consideration. Re-use and recycling are our only solution and co-operation between the public and the private sector must be encouraged and promoted at all times."



Mr Robbie Barnett... holding the handbook that sets out a step-by-step approach to waste disposal at dealership level.

SAUWO creates job opportunities for the jobless

The South African Unemployed Workers' Organisation (SAUWO), a registered organisation under Section 21, formed in 1993 is a non-profit-making entity which is striving to provide the means for all people to accomplish the dignity of meaningful employment.

The following areas are the organisation's main focus:

- Community-driven projects
- Training
- Job placement
- Youth development
- Environmental awareness
- Small, medium and macro enterprises

On January 17, 1996 SAUWO held its first workshop of the year with CBO's of the East Rand, West Rand, Vaal and other areas to discuss the functions and role that SAUWO should play in the new democratic SA.

SAUWO Consultative Forums Workshop

SAUWO convened a consultative forum workshop on 17-01-96. Mandla Mentoer opened the meeting. The SAUWO interim committee was introduced by Mandla. The organisation's aims and objectives were explained to the delegates.

The SAUWO report was given by Avid Raseslu. Achievements and frustrations were discussed and some recommendations were put forward. From the workshop, it was learned that the '95 figure shows that 3,5 million youths are unemployed. People were advised to contact SAUWO when forming structures. Participants broke into four commissions, to answer four questions:

- How should aims and objectives be changed to meet the current realities of the unemployed in SA.



Some members of SAUWO at a conference in Johannesburg.

- What should the relationship of SAUWO be with other organisations, such as other community organisations, business, labour and government?

- What should the action of SAUWO be in 1996?

- What type of membership should SAUWO have or keep - paid or unpaid?

Report back/

Recommendations

(1) Make use of available resources in terms of skills and manpower

- Development of projects.
- Make use of networks. We must share resources and form partnership with other organisations and other institutions.

(2) SAUWO must have good relationships with labour, business, government, NGO's and all community-based organisations.

- Programmes must be changed

- It must have links with NEDLAC

- It must become a link between the government and community.

(3) SAUWO must lobby the government.

- Consultation and mobilisation
- Publicity: advertising through mass media.

- Workshops.
- Participation or networking with CBO's: business, labour and government.

(4) Different types of membership:

- Individual.
- Corporate or supportive structures.

- Associate
- Affiliations and
- Institutions

The organisation must maintain paid-up membership.

The interim committee will meet and formulate their plans of action to meet the recommendations.

Youth from Far East to visit Gauteng in June on environmental trip

Forty South African youths stand a chance to meet an equal number of youths from the Far Eastern countries such as Japan, Hong Kong and Vietnam. The youths will take part in an Environmental

Awareness Cross Cultural Exchange Programme, thanks to a sponsorship by the Cathy Pacific Airlines company.

The excursion will commence with the arrival of the youths from the Far East who will be welcomed by their South African hosts on June 15, 1996. They will then travel to the Lapalala Wilderness College in Fourways where they will stay until June 22 and then bid each other farewell.

South African youths who are interested in being part of this exciting, eye-opening and very educative exercise must be between the ages of 16 years and 18 years. Furthermore, they are expected to write an interesting essay about their environment and from there, be able to pass through an interview by the selection committee.

Explaining the rationale behind

the programme, Siphosimba, one of the co-ordinators and Director of Youth Affairs for the African Cross Cultural Environmental Fellowship, echoed the sentiments expressed by Bony M, that we must not kill the world. He put across the message as follows: "The environment has for centuries come under severe onslaught, abuse and disrespect from the human community. Humankind is known for its lack of appreciation to things that mean value to it. This is a culture that must be relegated to the dustbins of history and this programme is meant to achieve just that. "He continued and argued that it is very much possible to live together and in harmony with our environment. What people need to know is that, keeping a healthy environment is very crucial to the continued existence of human life.

As organisers therefore, they hope to inspire interest about this programme, not only from urban youth, but also among youth from the rural and farming areas. Explaining the latter, he said that, people from the rural areas

are often not exposed to a lot of things happening in their country and some of which have direct and indirect implications to their well being.

The very fact that most of them have no ready access to the electronic media especially television, deprives them of their legitimate right to learn and be responsible citizens of their country. They will therefore be happy to afford these youth an opportunity to interact with their compatriots and their Far East counterparts in an environment that will not only be educative but exuding fun as well.

They are therefore looking forward to be inundated with a plethora of informative and exciting essays. Those interested in taking part in this excursion are advised to contact Siphosimba at this telephone number: (011) 736 2564 or Nan Jackson at (011) 462 5793 or a/h 462 3040. Entry forms to be signed by parents can be obtained at the South African Communication Service, 11th floor, 66 Smal Street, JHB.