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Nageng Primary School pockets R50 000 for Intervention Project

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The Nageng Primary School in Vosloorus in Ekurhuleni became the proud recipient of a whopping R50 000 on Tuesday, 10 November, after winning the coveted 1st Prize in the national competition of the Department of Water and Sanitation's Intervention Project.

The competition took place in September last year in Boksburg but the handing over of prizes was delayed due to the outbreak of the global health crises triggered by the coronavirus.

Presenting the cheque to the school, the Departmental Director of Transformation, Dr Curtis Mabena, said the competition should be used to return the nation to its roots.

He stressed that young people should work hard to find homemade solutions to local challenges, stressing that the competition was one of the ways to get the youth involved in the quest to find lasting solutions.

Ms Shoki Malepe, an official responsible for coordinating the competition in Gauteng, praised the school for its achievement as it entered the competition for the first time. She said the effort they had put into the competition was impressive and had raised the bar for the future.

"In 1996 the Department initiated the 2020 Vision for water and sanitation education to create awareness about the integrated water resource management. This aims to promote careers in the water sector. If we lack expertise in the water sector, we will not be able to upgrade our dams so that we harvest more water," said the Department's Assistant Director, Ms Phakama Ngcanga, as she encouraged learners to participate in the programmes that are run by the Department.

Giving a message of support on behalf of the Water Research Commission, the sponsor of the prizes, Deputy Director at the Department, Ms Sylvia Rikhotso, congratulated the school for winning the first prize and for exhibiting extraordinary performance during the intervention project.

She said: "We realise that winning this prize was not easy but your hard work supported by the dedicated efforts of from your teachers and learners made it all possible. We congratulate the school for dedicating time and effort to expose learners to water-related projects."

Another message of support came from the Gauteng Department of Education Ekurhuleni South District's Ms Tintswalo Malabi, who acknowledged the partnership between the Departments. Ms Malabi appealed to the learners to take advantage of the opportunities presented by programmes such as Vision 2020.

A teacher responsible eco-school at Nageng Primary School, Mr Bethuel Malebe, said he was pleased and excited at winning the competition on the project that he has been running for some time.

Mr Malebe said out of eight other presentations, his school was chosen as outstanding and that the prize money would help them to sustain the project for the future.



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“The important part of the project I value most is the educational part that educates learners about water conservation because South Africa is a water scarce country and that sanitation is dignity. It also helps when it comes to learners taking care of their personal hygiene,” said the proud Mr Malebe.

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