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TRANSNET'S RURAL AND FARM SCHOOLS SPORT TOURNAMENT AWARD CEREMONY

A moment to celebrate the victories of South African youth

On Monday, 6 October 2014, the prestigious Transnet Rural and Farm Schools Tournament kicked off with an inspiring and heartfelt opening ceremony at the Germiston Stadium in Gauteng.

This sporting event begins every year with over 22 000 learners across the country competing in inter-house challenges, leaving just 2 000 of the best sporting champions to battle it out at this three day long National Tournament.

“This programme is about recognising and acknowledging achievement and celebrating success by all our sportsmen and women. We want to show all South Africans that we are praising the spirit of human triumph and not mediocrity,” says Mr. Mafika Mkwanzazi, the Transnet Board Chairman, speaking at the launch.

But the Transnet Rural Sport and Farm Schools Sport Tournament is more than just winning competitions. It's about shaping South Africa's youth, making dreams come true and initiating social change.

“Winning brings us instant gratification but at the same time, we must also value the recognition of good sportsmanship... It develops a person's moral, ethical and spiritual values, because the highest standards which are practiced in this field will be absorbed into one's personality and become a code of ethics.”

A number of inspiring local and sporting celebrities attended the opening ceremony to support South Africa's youth, such as Cece, Itumeleng Khune and Jabu Pule.

Over the past two days, tournaments for netball, football, athletics and chess took place. These games were played by girls and boys between the ages of 13 and 19, all of them coached by trained staff. An award ceremony will take place on Wednesday, 8 October 2014 at 1pm at the Germiston Stadium.

For more information on the Rural and Farm Schools Sport Programme, please contact Sibusiso Ngomane on 078 098 9546 or visit www.transnetfoundation.co.za/csi-portfolio/sports.html

For updated pictures of the Rural and Farm Schools Sport Tournament, please refer to the below link. Alternatively, you can also request a high resolution image.

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