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KZN HOSTS SUCCESSFUL CAREERS EXHIBITION

The Government of KwaZulu-Natal, has hailed the success of a public service career exhibition held in Ladysmith this week, with thousands of learners exposed to career opportunities in the public service.

The Office of the Premier, through its Human Resource Development Chief Directorate within the Human Resource Management and Development Branch is currently hosting the annual Public Service Career Exhibition at Ladysmith which runs until tomorrow (Thursday 1 August, 2013)

"Testament to the success of this career exhibition is that the national Department of Higher Education has expressed its wish to partner with the Province in hosting similar events in the future," said General Manager of the KZN Public Service Training Academy Mr Fazal Safla.

On the first day of the exhibition on Tuesday, held at the 5 South African Infantry Battalion of the SANDF in Ladysmith, over 2000 people attended workshops and exhibitions.

"We have a wide range of exhibitors covering various aspects of the public service, who spoke to attendees about career paths that are available in the civil service," said Safla.

The exhibition provides a platform for Public Service entities, national and provincial departments to showcase youth, skills and rural development services, provide information on skills development and career opportunities in the Public Service to learners, school leavers, unemployed youth and graduates and respond to the skills supply pipeline challenges facing the Public Service.

Participants include Grade 10 to 12 learners, unemployed youth, unemployed Graduates, youth ambassadors, community development workers and people with disabilities.



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On the first day of the expo, Transport and Community Safety MEC Mr Willies Mchunu, who represented KZN Premier Dr Zweli Mkhize, told learners that this Province, like the rest of the country, is facing a high level of unemployment, especially among youth.

He said education and skills levels are very low and unemployment very high. "In 2009, only 2% of adults had an accredited tertiary qualification in the form of a diploma or degree.

"Our labour force is largely unskilled. These figures are not adequate for KZN to grow the provincial GDP to the levels needed to decrease unemployment," said Mchunu.

Finance MEC Ms Ina Cronje spoke to the learners about opportunities in the finance sector.

Learners who attended the expo are from uThukela, Amajuba, Umgungundlovu and Umzinyathi districts.

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