

# R800 MILLION COMPUTER CENTRE OPENS AT CASINO SCIENCE CENTRE

Children can lead the way when it comes to science and technology provided they are exposed to the tools and resources they need said a senior department of education official at the opening of the Olwazini Science Centre's computer training facility at the Golden Horse Casino on Tuesday morning.

ICZN director for Maths, Science and ITC Phillip Dikgomo praised the Golden Horse Casino for spending R800 000.00 on the new facility saying the science centre, science lab and

computer centre "all speak the same language" which is "promoting the fun and importance of science in a fun and educational way".

The new computer centre provides children with access to 30 new computers all featuring internet connectivity, said chairman of the GHC board Patrick September. He said Olwazini in Zulu means 'place of knowledge' and that the board was proud the centre was fulfilling its educational role.

"The usefulness of science is to help mankind adapt to the

laws of nature. This projected had humble beginnings but has now grown into a powerful facility with over 70 exhibits that caters for around 10 000 visitors a year. One makes this centre particularly relevant and unique is that it includes cultural aspects of knowledge which provides learners with a completeness that is not found in other similar initiatives," said September.

The keynote speaker at the launch was KwaZulu-Natal First Lady Dr. May Masheko-Mkhize reminisced about her education career and the lack of technology and resources previous generations had to cope with.

"I went through university without ever having to touch a computer and so today I stand here proud to be opening a computer centre as it provides a bridge for those children who are not fortunate enough to have access to these important resources... We must use this facility to instill a love for science among our children. This initiative is but one ripple and if we motivate others to invest we will have more ripples and eventually then a wave promoting science. I would like to see children from rural areas also be given the opportunity of visiting this centre and perhaps herein lies a CSI opportunity for another

corporate partner to help provide transport logistics that will assist impoverished school send their children here," said Dr.Mkhize.

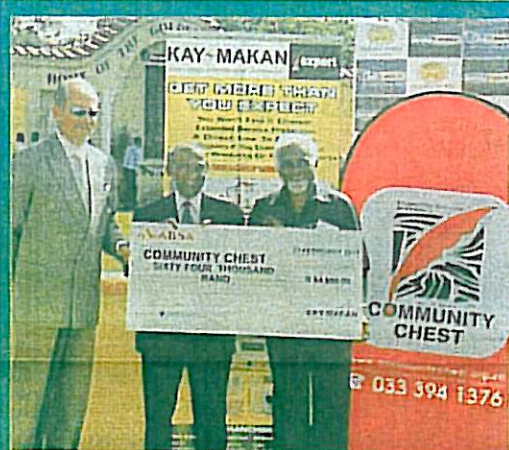
Msunduzi Speaker Babu Bajjoo said South Africa was in urgent need of innovation to enhance efficiency and productivity and that a strong grounding in science and IT skills would help the country deal with its

present challenges.

"As a country we have major challenges which we cannot overcome alone. The city therefore congratulates Golden Horse Casino and its board for this investment and for taking seriously the state president's call for South Africans to hold hands and walk together," said Bajjoo.



L to R Patrick September - Chairman of Akani Menedit, Dr May Mkhize - 1st Lady of the Province and Cnr. Babu Bajjoo - Msunduzi Speaker at the official opening of the Olwazini Science Centre.



L-R Wayne Kubusch (Vice-Chairperson of the KZN Racing Board), Kay Makhlan (Director - Kay Makhlan) handing over the cheque to Arwa Naidoo (Executive Director - Pietermaritzburg & District Community Chest)

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