

Mayor applauds the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies for donating Cyberlab to Manoe High School

Learners of Manoe Secondary School at Ga-Kobe in Ward 07 will from now on experience the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) in practical terms, thanks to the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies for gifting the school with the state-of-the-art cyber lab.

Her Worship the Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality, Cllr Maria Thamaga has called on the department to prioritise the needs for connectivity in various areas of Blouberg.

"Re leboga Department le SITA ge ba tlišitše Cyberlab mo sekolong sa Manoe. Se se tla thuša sekolo le setšhaba sa rena go gata mošito o tee le maemo a technology. We have challenges of network connectivity in Blouberg, We hope SITA and Department of Communication will help us address those challenges. Life today is about technology.

Principal, Mr Molokomme we hope this Cyberlab will help you teach our learners about Coding and Robotics. Let us take care of this facilitate. Deputy Minister we appeal to you to bring more Cyberlabs to our schools. Please come back and help us address network challenges in our area".

Five laptops were in addition donated to the school to be given to the top five learners who performed well from Grade 11 in 2023. Learners were identified by the school based on their end of the year assessment performance. Such laptops will belong to the learners while the school will remain with the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) allocated 40 laptops.

The lab will go a long way in assisting learners to perform robotics which will be part of the programmes being offered by SITA to the school. SITA which is an agency of the Department of Communication & Digital Technology will offer the school connectivity for the coming year. It will also train learner's on basic end user.

SITA will capacitate the Cyberlab with the following equipment and resources include: 40 laptops, uncapped connectivity data at 100mbps and unlimited downloads, 2 trolley carts charging station, Interactive White Smart Board, Interactive TV Smart Board  
Coding and Robotics.

"Manoe Cyberlab will be a centre of research and technology for the learners and will serve as an encouragement for both learners and community" says the president of school Learner Representative Council (LRC), Charlene Mashego Mashamaite. Mashamaite on behalf of all learners, thanked the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies for identifying Manoe High School as the beneficiary of this project.

When appreciating the Deputy Minister of the Department of Communication & Digital Technology's good work, the School Principal, Mr Molokomme indicated that

a new IT Subject will be introduced at the school to encourage learners to observe Information Technology as a key to societal development.

Deputy Minister Philemon Mapulane made an undertaking to the community of Kobe in general particularly Kgoshi NI Maleboho, that his department will engage various agencies to asses why there is no network coverage in various areas and ensure that it is prioritised. Limpopo MEC for Education, Ms Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya also graced the occasion.





