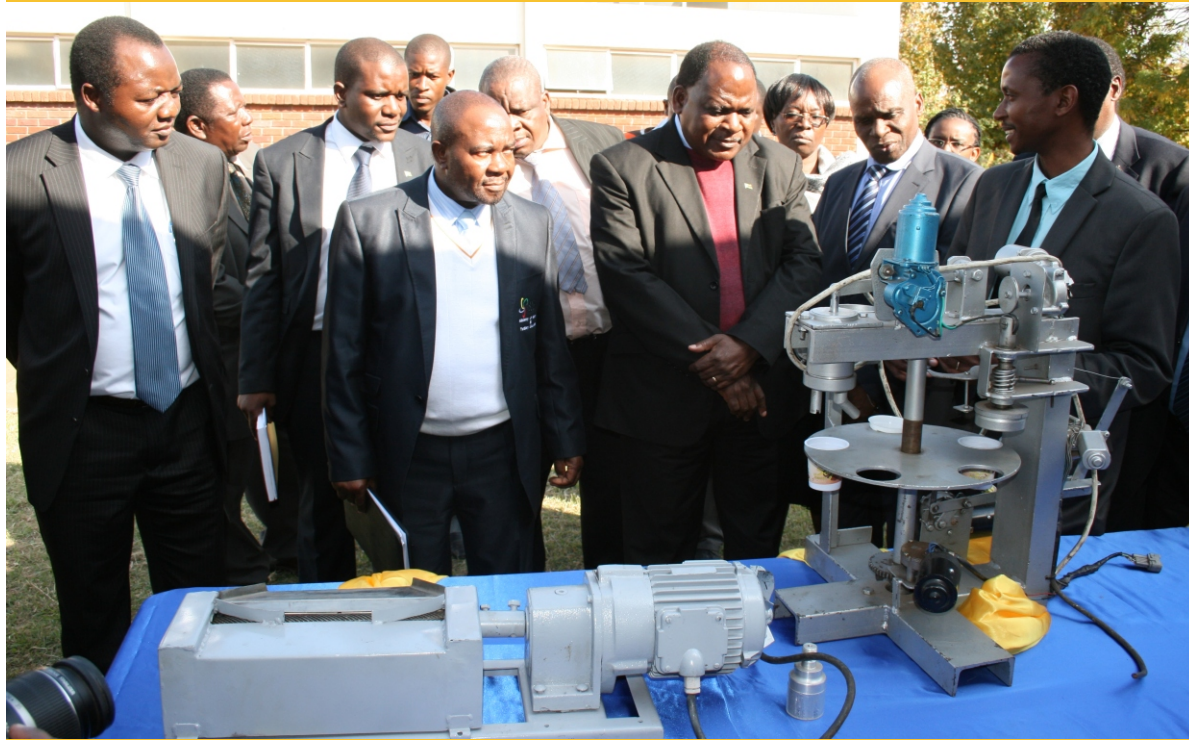




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CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT & CABINET VISITS HIT, UNVEILS ENTREPRENEURSHIP & EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME (GEEPP)



The Chief Secretary to the President and Cabinet Dr. Misheck Sibanda (Third from left) and his delegation being shown some of the technological projects and products at HIT sjust before launching GEEPP.

The Chief Secretary to the President and Cabinet visited the Harare Institute of Technology and launched the Government's Graduate Entrepreneurial and Employment Promotion Programme (GEEPP) to provide jobs and create equal economic opportunities using local resources and institutions. The Chief Secretary to the President and Cabinet Dr. Misheck Sibanda launched the programme at the Harare Institute of Technology. An inter-ministerial committee chaired by the Office of the President and Cabinet will spearhead the programme. Speaking at the official launch, Dr Sibanda described the launch as a milestone in the development of a programme whose conception was a direct response to concerns raised by President Mugabe over unprecedented levels of unemployment among youths, especially graduates from local and

external tertiary institutions. GEEPP is more practical in implementation as it seeks to empower the people using local resources and institutions. GEEPP would complement the Youth Development Fund and Community Share Ownership Trusts, as youths would access resources from the two programmes. "This high-level initiative seeks to complement already existing youth development programmes by focusing attention on addressing graduate youth employment," said Dr. Misheck Sibanda. Dr Sibanda said the programme would be implemented through equipping unemployed graduates with appropriate entrepreneurial skills and providing on-the-job skills capacity building through attachments to selected public institutions and private sector companies. He said the beneficiaries would be provided with material and financial

resources to develop entrepreneurial skills and start self-reliant projects within a revolving funding arrangement. Dr. Sibanda added that the programme would result in institutionalising the accelerated absorption of graduates from National Youth Vocational Training Centres into tertiary institutions such as polytechnics and agriculture training colleges. This would be done through facilitating entry at appropriate levels as a way of raising the graduates' levels of competency and facilitating the placement of unemployed graduates in foreign friendly countries under government-to-government arrangements. "It is also hoped that in the long-term, institutions of higher learning would be challenged and motivated to review their curricula in order to produce readily employable graduates, that is, if they have...

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HIT VICE CHANCELLOR AWARDED THE INTERNATIONAL SOCRATES AWARD



Vice Chancellor Engineer Kanhukamwe receiving his International Socrates award at the Summit of Leaders "Europe Business Assembly Achievements 2013"

The Harare Institute of Technology continues to gain international acclamation as its Acting Vice Chancellor Engineer Quinton Kanhukamwe was recently awarded the International Socrates Award "THE NAME IN SCIENCE AWARD" in the Science sphere for personal contribution to intellectual development of today's society by the Europe Business Assembly. Engineer Kanhukamwe received "THE NAME IN SCIENCE AWARD" at the Summit of Leaders "EBA Achievements 2013" held at the British Institute of Directors under the aegis of the Europe Business School on the 10 - 12th of April 2013 in London.

The primary aims of this important event were to showcase dynamically developing companies and public institutions that are enrolled in the EBA rating, and also to present awards to outstanding managers, companies and public institutions.

In his acclamation to Engineer Kanhukamwe, the Europe Business Assembly Director General, John W.A. Netting expressed deep respect towards the Harare Institute of Technology and its Acting Vice Chancellor as well as his entire team, adding that his name is known outside Zimbabwe due to his participation in scientific, educational and social programmes and charity work combined with a successful managerial career.

"We must admit the successful work of your university

in professional, scientific and educational directions as well as high of its alumni. These key factors together with stainless reputation, dynamic growth and sustainable scientific achievements let the Socrates nomination committee to nominate your personality for the international Socrates Prize in the science sphere for maintaining traditional values of virtue, bravery and integrity", said the EBA Director General.

More than 120 participants from all over the world attended the Summit of Leaders "EBA Achievements 2013" conference, representing the spheres of construction and architecture, business administration, medicine, healthcare and education.

The International Socrates Awards were established by the Europe Business Assembly (EBA Oxford, United Kingdom). The main objectives are to promote leaders and to strengthen international economic, scientific and cultural relations as well as to promoting international integration.

Personalities, politicians as well as public figures, businessmen, scientists and artists are presented with EBA International Awards for their achievements and contributions to today's society.

The summit of Leaders was held in a warm and friendly atmosphere, and gave new impetus to the strengthening of international cooperation in the fields of business, science and culture.

The International Socrates Awards are recorded in the world register of outstanding scientists of the 21st Century with awarding a medal of fame for contribution to the world science. The Award gives the right to use Europe Business Assembly trademark for a period of five years to market the Institute's business and programmes.

This international award comes soon after the Outstanding Leadership and Contribution to Education Award that Engineer Kanhukamwe got in Mauritius in recognition of his leadership of HIT in December 2012. This award also recognises the Institute's uniqueness that has brought about a refreshing outlook in terms of its curriculum through the inculcation of technopreneurship and innovation. The award recognises individuals and institutions across Africa who have surpassed several levels of excellence and set an example of being a role model and exemplary leadership as well as the individuals behind these institutions who are building their institutions through leadership, innovation, academic and industry interface as well as a supreme objective of building future leaders.

Engineer Kanhukamwe was also recently conferred the Zimbabwe Institute of Management Public Services Manager of the Year Second Runner's Up 2012 Award in recognition of the contribution and dedication to developing and promoting best practices in management and leadership.

The Harare Institute of Technology (HIT) Board Chairman Dr. G. Mandishona, the entire Institute Board, Management, Staff and students congratulate Acting Vice Chancellor Engineer Quinton Kanhukamwe on being conferred these prestigious awards. Congratulations, Makorokoto, Amhlope!!!

INSTITUTE BOARD CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS



Dr Gibson Mandishona, Harare Institute of Technology (HIT) Board Chairman

The awards accorded to the Institute's Acting Vice Chancellor are representing the good work that the Vice Chancellor and his staff are doing alongside the students. This Institute is a technopreneurial university, which is supposed to advance the educational cause in technology and rapid national industrial development as well as upgrading the students' technical skills that interest students to select innovative subjects and projects of a technological nature.

This university has embarked on a number of entrepreneurial projects like the Instifoods, which is producing a variety of food products and beverage on campus. And very soon the Institute is going to start the manufacturing of electrical transformers, which are currently in short supply in the country especially in the agricultural sector.

There is also the production of incubators, which are going to be used in the production of chickens and increase the output of chickens in the country.

There are also quite a number of research projects being undertaken by students like the Biogas digester and a chemical mixer. This shows that HIT is actual having a thrust towards fulfilling its technological mandate.

We are very thankful to our stakeholders for the support they are giving to the Institute especially

the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education as well as our Chancellor, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde Robert Mugabe, who is also a figurehead in transforming this country into a technological society.

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The Harare Institute of Technology students took part in the Annual Zimbabwe Universities Sports Association's Athletics Championships held on the 23rd of March, 2013. HIT athletes participated in the following sport disciplines; Discuss, Shot put, Javelin, Triple Jump, 100m, 200m, 400m and relays. The athletes managed to scoop 2 gold medals, 2 bronze medals and 2 silver medals. Hillary Mgazi won gold in shot put and Javelin. Brendon Matanhire got gold in Triple Jump and bronze in

Long Jump. Theophillus Chiwuta also got bronze in Shot put.

Hillary Mgazi and Brendon Matanhire are proceeding to ZITISU games to be held in Bulawayo from the 20th to the 23rd of June, 2013.

On the 13th of April 2013, HIT participated in the ZUSA Zonal games in Bindura and the results were as follows:

- Lawn tennis men's team came 3rd out of 5 teams. They proceed to the finals.
- Lawn tennis women's team came 3rd and they

- proceed to the finals.
- Net ball team came position 5 out of 5 teams.
- Chess Ladies came position 3 out of 5 teams and proceed to the finals.
- Chess men came position 2 out of 5 teams and proceed to the finals.
- Basketball men came position 4 out of 5 teams.
- Basketball women came position 5 out of 5 teams.
- Soccer came position 4 out of 5 teams.
- Volleyball men came position 5 out of 5 teams.
- Table tennis men came position 3 out of 5 teams and proceed to the finals at the UZ.

The qualifying teams that participated in the finals at the UZ from the 3rd to the 5th of May did not make it except for the Karate student Lucky Mukondya who got 2 gold medals. He is currently prepared to compete the ZITISU games to be held in Bulawayo from the 20th to the 23rd of June, 2013.

According to the Campus Life Coordinator in the Student Affairs department our athletes can do much better in these sports competitions if the Institute has its own sport and recreational facilities as they could not endure in the last games because of lack of adequate training, despite competing very well in the various sporting disciplines.aste management (slime dams etc.)

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not already started doing so," Dr Sibanda said. "These institutions should also prioritise conducting regular tracer studies to establish where their graduates are and what they are engaged in."

The inter-ministerial committee comprises of the Ministries of Youth Development, Indigenisation and Empowerment; Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development; Education, Sports, Art and Culture; Higher and Tertiary Education; Small and Medium Enterprises and Cooperative Development; Industry and Commerce; Mines and Mining Development and Women Affairs, Gender and Community Development.

Dr Sibanda said GEEPP would cover all the country's provinces and districts when it becomes fully fledged. He said specific strategies and potentially viable projects had been identified sector by sector and beneficiaries were being selected and would be funded principally by lead line ministries.

Dr Sibanda said some of the identified areas of graduate entrepreneurial and employment promotion programmes were agro-based projects such as potato production, horticulture, livestock and cattle fattening and projects in appropriate provinces and ecological regions.

Farm engineering support services such as servicing and maintenance of farm machinery and equipment by unemployed graduates and value added agricultural businesses such as processing potatoes, tomatoes, vegetables, fruits and mancimbi as well as production of specialised agricultural equipment such as solar dryers, hatcheries and peanut butter

making machines would also be part of the programme.

The other areas are construction of low cost housing and making of appropriate furniture in the urban areas, and building...

of schools, health centres and community halls in the rural areas, business consultancy attachments and mentorship of unemployed graduates in various sectors of the economy by selected public and private sector enterprises. There would be targeted assistance of unemployed youth graduates from the School of Mines and other related specialised mining institutions through mining and value-addition syndications and the opportunity to use communal milling equipment at service centres.

Dr. Sibanda said inspite of budgetary constraints that characterise the economy, the programme would go a long way in addressing the problem of unemployment among the youth graduates and inculcating a culture of self-reliance.

"This is the opportune time for youth graduates to be masters of their own destiny and take control of economic development to the high levels of growth that the Zimbabwean economy can attain," he said.

"With utmost commitment from all of us, there is no doubt that this programme will not only empower our unemployed youth graduates as the future leaders for this country, but will provide a viable vehicle for enhancing their employability, the creation of equal economic opportunities and contribute towards poverty eradication in a holistic and integrated manner."

Dr. Sibanda invited key sectoral stakeholders to support the programme.

Speaking at the official launching ceremony, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Dr. Washington Mbizvo said that his team in the ministry believe that through this programme they will be able to extend an olive branch to thousands of families who will be able to make their lives more comfortable and more livable.

The Harare Institute Technology Acting Vice Chancellor, Engineer Quinton Kanhukamwe said they had embraced the programme and were committed to its success.

"We are very passionate and responsive to our ecosystem. HIT acknowledge fully the role that it should play in contribution to the development as well as the rapid industrialisation of this country. The Institute has committed some of its resources to make this beginning a success and we are confident of supplying more of these kits that are being manufactured here to all the pioneering graduates in all the provinces that have been chosen to embark on this programme", he said.

The Institute's Technology Centre is already producing the Solar Driers and Hatcheries, which are part of this programme.

The Chief Secretary to the President and Cabinet Dr. Misheck Sibanda and his delegation also toured the HIT Technology Centre where they were shown the facilities, plant and machinery as well as some of the products being manufactured on campus.

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