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### AREFADIMEHENG LEARNERS EXPERIENCE CONSTRUCTION

Grade 10 Maths and Science learners from Arefadimeheng Secondary School today braved the freezing weather for a Project Site Visit at the Matlosana Secure Care Centre Project Construction Site in Jouberton Township outside Matlosana.

The Project Site Visit hosted by the North West Department of Public Works and National Entrepreneurial Partnership Consulting Engineers included presentations by construction professionals and tour of the Project Construction Site.

The visit is part of the provincial programme in support of National Construction Week. The objective of the campaign is to promote the profile and image of the construction sector among Grade 10 maths and science learners in order to attract them to the sector.

Despite the freezing weather, presentations by the Department's Civil and Structural Engineers, Architects and HO Quantity Surveyors gripped the attention of the learners. The presentations focused on the role of different built environment professionals in the construction process, opportunities and benefits for new entrants in the sector.

In his remarks, Public Works Head of Department Mr Obakeng Mongale highlighted the critical skills shortage in the construction sector and urged the learners to consider the construction professions as career options.



After presentations, learners were taken through a tour of the Administration block, youth court, six trades workshops for rehabilitation, a computer room, three recreational areas, living quarters for 60 youths.

On completion, the R20, 9 million facility for youth in conflict with the law will cater for 40 males and 20 females and alleviate juvenile overcrowding in prisons.

To wrap up the Provincial Programme for National Construction Week, the department will on Thursday 3 August 2006 host learners from Pule Leeuw Secondary School on a Project Visit to the Vryburg Hospital Revitalisation Project.

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