Mandarin Language Training Opportunity for Tourist Guides

The Department of Tourism hereby invites nominations of registered tourist guides to apply for the foreign language training programme that the Department will be funding this year. The main objective of the training is to capacitate existing tourist guides in the Mandarin language to enhance visitor experiences and to better serve the needs of the Chinese market.

The Department will be sponsoring the following language programme:

Phase 1 Mandarin language training at Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK1).

SELECTION OF TOURIST GUIDES:

- Registered tourist guides that are interested in participating in this programme will be required to submit a written motivation (not exceeding 1 page) giving reasons why they should be selected to undergo training in Mandarin. Please ensure that your full name and surname along with your valid tourist guide registration number is also included. Only South African citizens may apply.
- Applicants should have 2 – 3 years' guiding experience. Experience with the Chinese market will be an added advantage.
- Applicants should be between the age group of 18 - 35 years.
- The **deadline** for submissions is **31 January 2020** no later than 16:00.
- Shortlisted candidates may be required to undergo an interview process.
- Once selected, guides will be required to undergo an extensive and continuous training programme for an estimated duration of two (2) months.
- The Department will arrange transportation, accommodation and meals where necessary. More details regarding the logistics will be communicated to all successful candidates.
- Full-time employed guides who are selected to undergo training will be required to submit a letter signed by the employer (on a letterhead) giving permission to attend and participate in the language programme.
- Candidates may be subjected to vetting processes and the signing of learner contracts as a commitment to the training programme.
- Based on the performance of candidates in phase 1 and a further selection process, candidates may be considered for admission into the next phase of the language programme which will entail HSK2 and cultural immersion.

All submissions must be sent via email to cfortuin@tourism.gov.za or knyanyiwa@tourism.gov.za.
For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Department on 012 444 6647/6396.

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