

## Tourist guides graduate from Foreign Language Training Programme in Mandarin

## 16 August 2022

Deputy Minister of Tourism Fish Mahlalela will award certificates to tourist guides who successfully completed the Foreign Language Training Programme in Mandarin at a close out event that will be held at the Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre in Benoni, Ekurhuleni.

The Foreign Language Training Programme is a capacity-building initiative designed to enable tourist guides to develop competencies in Mandarin, with the view of improving service levels and visitor experience. The training programme focused on language tutoring, reading and writing skills, and a course on Chinese culture.

China was among the top international tourist markets for South Africa prior to the COVID19 Pandemic. As the global tourism economy opens up, it is envisioned that South Africa will once again enjoy increased tourist arrivals from China.

#### MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

DATE: 18 August 2022

VENUE: Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre, Benoni in Ekurhuleni.

TIME: 13:30 for 14:00

Kindly confirm your attendance by no later than 17 August 2022 to:

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