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**ETOSHA SECONDARY SCHOOL CROWNED OVERALL WINNER OF 2017 BANK OF NAMIBIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION**

The Bank of Namibia has announced the winners of its biennial National High School competition held on Friday, 28 July 2017 at a Grand Finale gala dinner held at the Safari Hotel and Conference Centre in Windhoek. The winners are as follows:

Overall winner: Etosha Secondary School, Oshikoto region  
Runner up: Noordgrens Secondary School, Kavango East region  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Swakopmund Secondary School, Erongo region  
4<sup>th</sup> place: Gabriel Taapopi Secondary School, Oshana region

Etosha Secondary School, the competition's runner up two years ago, was crowned the overall winner, scooping a cash prize of N\$50, 000.00. Noordgrens who have also previously won the competition were rewarded N\$30,000.00 for their efforts, while Swakopmund Secondary School and Gabriel Taapopi Secondary School walked away with a N\$10,000.00 cash prize and a printer, respectively.

The competition which is open to Grade 8 to 12 High School learners attracted registrations of 184 schools' country-wide. Learners competed in teams of 4, answering a series of questions focusing on the fundamentals of the Namibian economy, financial literacy, developmental issues and the role of the central bank.

The regional rounds of the competition took place between 3 – 14 July in all 14 regions where the winning team in each region qualified for the semi-finals held on 27 July 2017 at the Bank of Namibia Headquarters in Windhoek.

The National High School Competition is part of the Bank of Namibia's corporate social responsibility in facilitating public education with respect to its role as a central bank.

This year's Grand Finale was attended by stakeholders in education, teachers and learners from the 14 regional teams and was broadcast live on National Radio and streamed online on social media platforms.

Deputy Governor of the Bank of Namibia, Mr. Ebson Uanguta in his remarks at the event called for smart partnerships between government and corporate entities to realise Namibia's developmental aspirations.

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Mr. Uanguta said a situation where government alone is the only entity responsible for meeting the growing developmental needs of the country is not sustainable. At the same time, he pleaded with corporate players to initiate corporate social responsibility programmes in close collaboration with beneficiaries and government to create sustainable programmes.

“This is the sort of collaboration that will take Namibia forward. And the time is ripe for such smart partnerships to take centre stage in every sphere of society” he remarked.

In her keynote address, Ester Anna Nghipondoka, Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture said events such as the Bank of Namibia National High School Competition contribute to the positive self-image of learners and assist in exposing them to educational opportunities beyond the class room.

She, in particular, called on the learners to make full use of opportunities availed by government and its partners such as the Bank of Namibia. “We need every single one of you to develop your talents, skills and intellect so you can help solve our most difficult problems. Indeed, we want to see you, the youth of today, also taking the lead internationally.”

The Deputy Minister concluded by emphasizing the important role partners of education play to provide access to quality education that will contribute meaningfully to human development in Namibia.

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