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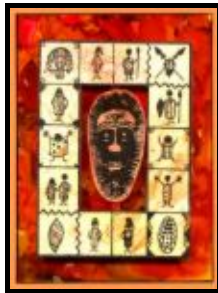
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## POLYTECHNIC CELEBRATES 13<sup>TH</sup> CULTURAL FESTIVAL

**Windhoek 01/08/08**-Appreciating the richness of cultural diversity will be one of the key themes when the Polytechnic of Namibia celebrates its 13<sup>th</sup> annual Cultural Festival from 5-9 August, 2008.

Students from the Polytechnic of Namibia will be marking their cultural festival with five days of activities. Each day will see different activities taking place across the campus, including cultural dances, games, competitions, live band performances and an International Cuisine event.

The festival has attracted handsome sponsorships, with First National Bank contributing N\$ 50 000, Namibia Medical Care N\$ 12 000, and Punch Life Style Computers two laptops for the Miss and Mr. Polytechnic Pageant.

The week culminates with a look at how food brings together different cultures. The international cuisine day will feature dishes from various countries across the globe. Namibia's own menu includes the Namibia "Afval" Potjie – a delicious deluxe mixture of goat head, trotters, tripe and potatoes cooked in a traditional cast-iron pot. High-cuisine from neighbouring countries such as Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Africa, as well Kenya, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) will also showcase the continent's culinary offerings. An array of sumptuous dishes from countries like China, India and Indonesia are also lined up.

Dr Tjama Tjivikua, Rector of the Polytechnic, said: "Every culture is an inherent source of wealth. The cultural festival week is an ideal platform for the Polytechnic community to share cultural experiences. Acknowledging the diversity of ethnic backgrounds and cultures is an integral feature of the Polytechnic. At the Polytechnic we encourage respect for and an appreciation of other cultures, and strive to develop an awareness of the value of a diversity of cultural perspectives and values.

"The cultural festival is an important opportunity to raise awareness about the various cultures we have around us. It is a chance for us to recognize and appreciate different cultures and to show that we all have a role to play in a developed, modern, multi-cultural society," added Frieda Shimbuli, Dean of Students at the Polytechnic.

Ms Shimbuli invited all interested parties to participate in the festival and to explore how their own cultural background intersects with other cultures from around the world.

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