

Mpango to grace ALAT meeting in Mbeya today

From DAILY NEWS Reporter in Mbeya

THE Vice-President Dr Philip Mpango is expected to grace the 2022 congress of the Association of Local Government Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) in Mbeya City today.

The theme of the three-day gathering focuses on efficient collection and spending of local authorities' revenues as the basis of sustainable development for the people.

In quick analysis, increased independent revenue sources tap can provide local governments with more resources to meet the growing demands of meeting expenditures on healthcare, roads, water and other local government services.

Speaking after handing over a 120m/- cheque to support the 36th ALAT congress yesterday, NMB Chief Executive Officer, Ms Ruth Zaipuna pledged that the bank will continue to work closely with the local govern-

ment to make sure that it increases efficiency in revenue collection.

"The relationship between us and ALAT has been for some time active, and has been of great benefit to the two parties. For many years, we have collaborated with ALAT at all levels from the council to the national level," she pointed out.

She added, "NMB Bank recognizes the good work of ALAT under the leadership of national chairperson, Murshid Ngeze and Secretary General Elirehema Kaaya in overseeing and implementing the objectives of the organization."

In her short address of NMB's acceptance to sponsor the ALAT 2022 Congress, Ms Zaipuna lauded the association's leaders for their strong stewardship of the organization.

"In the bid to strengthen this relationship, NMB finds it appropriate to ensure that this congress, which starts today, succeeds by contributing 120m/-

for its organisation," she added.

Providing services with locally generated revenues enhances the local government's social contract with its citizens, building a culture of tax compliance as the price paid for a well-functioning local government.

In response, ALAT's General Secretary, Elirehema Kaaya applauded the bank for not only supporting ALAT, but also on how it was close to the government and supportive especially in health and Education sector.

Last year's ALAT Congress, which was also sponsored by NMB Bank, took place in Dodoma with over 500 participants from 185 city, district and municipal councils across the country.

The local governments are major NMB business and development partners which it serves as well as their people through 227 branches that comprise the widest network of bank outlets in Tanzania.



MINISTER for Information, Communications and Information Technology, Nape Nnauye at the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) Office addresses public about online content that is not compatible with Tanzania's ethics in Dar es Salaam, yesterday. (Photo by the ministry)

JK lauds PURA for supporting children with cardiovascular diseases

By DAILY NEWS Reporter

FORMER President Jakaya Kikwete has lauded the Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA) for its generous support to children with Cardiovascular (Heart) diseases.

Mr Kikwete issued PURA with a certificate of appreciation at the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) Marathon held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PURA were among the event sponsors.

The marathon aimed to

raise funds to cover medical expenses for 50 children at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI).

Speaking at the event, after receiving the certificate of appreciation, a representative from PURA, Mr Ebeneza Mollel, said PURA is sincerely humbled for the appreciation and for being among those, who supported such a good cause.

"We are delighted to be part of this crucial event and for the invitation extended to us by TPDC to be among the sponsors. We are looking forward to

contributing more in the future so as cover medical expenses for more vulnerable children," commented Mr Ebeneza.

TPDC Marathon brought together over 600 participants (both professionals and non-professionals) in the categories of 5, 10, and 21 kilometers. In attendance at the event were dignitaries including TPDC Board Chairman Ambassador Ombeni Sefue, government officials, company representatives, not-for-profit organisations, and various media groups.

'Stop denying students right to sit for national examinations'

By DAILY NEWS Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM regional authority has directed all private schools not to deny students their right to do their national final examinations for non-payment of school fees.

It also condemned the conduct by some private schools to expel students who fail to meet their school's standards, instead of helping them to excel.

The directives were issued over the weekend by the Dar es Salaam Regional Education Of-

ficer Alhaj Abdul Maulid, during the 19th graduation ceremony at St Anne Marie Academy held over the weekend at the school's premises in Mbezi Kimara kwa Msuguri.

He said it was important for schools' management and parents/guardians to solve school fees issues amicably before the examinations time, to avoid any act which may cause stress, disappointments and dejection on the part of students.

Alhaj Maulid expressed his happiness with the education standards that are provided by St

Anne Marie Academy schools, saying other schools' need to take a leaf.

Meanwhile, Alhaj Maulid told parents and guardians to make sure they are close to their children and do close follow up because the current statistics show that violence against children are on increasing trajectory.

"We must protect them at any cost because they are our future leaders," he said, insisting that the government will continue to take stern actions against all those who will be caught liable of violating the rights of children.

Z'bar wins Payne Africa tourism awards as praise goes to Samia, Mwinyi

From DAILY NEWS Reporter in Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Commission for Tourism (ZCT) has won the Payne Africa awards for best tourism 2022, as praise goes to Union President Samia Suluhu Hassan and Zanzibar's Hussein Mwinyi for their great contribution through the 'Royal Tour film.'

The ZCT Board of Trustees Chairperson Mr Rahim Mohamed Bhaloo, who led Zanzibar delegation to the event held at the Eco Hotel Lagos in Nigeria on Friday, received the 'Payne Awards in the Best African Tourism Board category.'

"We are happy to win the awards because it further advertises and promotes our country's rich tourist attractions," Mr Bhaloo said.

He said that organisers of the Award- Africa Tourism Board in Nigeria, also recog-

nised President Samia and Dr Mwinyi for their ongoing efforts in promoting tourism in the united republic of Tanzania.

In his brief statement after receiving the award, Bhaloo thanked the Pyne Awards 2022 and the Africa Tourism Board for recognising the contributions of Zanzibar in the tourism sector, and efforts made by leaders and executives in Tanzania.

Also in attendance at the colorful event were: Ambassador of Tanzania to Nigeria Dr Benson Bana, Mayor of Zanzibar Mahmoud Mohamed Mussa, and the communication and diplomacy officer in the Zanzibar City Council Ms Nafisa Ali.

The 'Payne Awards Africa' is a partnered event with the African Tourism Board on Tourism in Africa and is an annual event celebrating excel-

lence, growth and hard-work of all stakeholders operating in the hospitality and tourism industry in Nigeria and Africa.

The awards event is normally well attended by guests from over 20 nationalities who have hospitality and tourism businesses in Africa, investors, industry stakeholders' professionals from other industries & government agencies supporting the hospitality and tourism industry in Africa.

Both Zanzibar and the union government have been taking different measures to revive tourism after it was highly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic in 2019/2020.

Increased advertisements and improved infrastructures are some of the ways being used to boost tourism, and the award is another opportunity, according to the Zanzibar Minister of Tourism and Heritage Mr Simai Mohamed Said.

CJ advises C'wealth judges to take challenges as opportunities

By FAUSTINE KAPAMA

THE Chief Justice (CJ) of Tanzania, Prof Ibrahim Juma, has advised Judges and Magistrates from Commonwealth countries to address the challenges they are facing as opportunities when carrying out the duties of providing justice to the people.

Prof Juma made the appeal in Accra, Ghana recently, while presenting a topic on Mobile and Virtual Courts at the 19th Triennial Conference of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association (CMJA) held last week.

The CJ pointed out that Tanzania is an expansive country spanning over 900,000 square kilometres and a population of more than 60 million people, saying it has always been a challenge to reach out to everyone in provision of justice especially those in hard-to-reach areas.

Prof Juma emphasized, however, that such challenge acted as a motivation for them to think out of the box and devise ways to ensure access to justice for the Tanzanian population even during the Covid-19 pandemic. "It is empowering to learn from (this) that the more challenges we face, the more

we should be motivated to resolve them," he told the well-attended conference.

The Chief Justice further pointed out that the Judiciary in Tanzania had embraced strategic planning, as a tool to properly engage the executive on priorities and actual needs of the Judiciary.

Through strategic planning, the CJ expounded, the Judiciary of Tanzania has got onto the driver's seat thus enhancing performance in all areas including significant reduction of backlog cases.

He said one of the leading management gurus of the 20th Century, Peter Drucker, probably never envisioned that of all institutions, the judiciary, as conservative as it was (and still is) would one day be on the forefront of strategic planning.

"Indeed, failing to plan is planning to fail," Prof Juma told the conference held this year under the theme 'Access to Justice in a Modern World' when giving in his well, as expected, brilliant presentation.

He told the attentive listeners mostly judges and magistrates during the conference, which takes place every three years that through the Mobile

Courts' initiative, marginalized communities in hard-to-reach areas have been empowered.

"The demigods and the so-called untouchables in remote villages who had hitherto thought they could not be reached by the arm of the law have automatically been forced out of their hideouts," the CJ said.

According to him, Tanzania had learnt and adapted the Mobile Courts' Model from Guatemala, which was customised by the Judiciary of Tanzania to suit its own needs.

The excitement was obvious as the CJ announced that Tanzania was planning to scale up the programme to cover even more areas and higher levels of the court particularly the District Court.

He said that all courts in Tanzania were going to be connected to the internet to facilitate electronic filing of cases, commonly referred to by the shorthand "e-filing".

The conference opened by Vice President of Ghana, Alhaj Mahamud Bahamia on September 5, 2022, was attended by 25 Chief Justices and 350 delegates (Judges and Judges) from various countries of the Commonwealth of Nations and ended last Friday.

Ngara DC warns against sabotaging Nickel project

From DAILY NEWS Reporter in Ngara

NGARA District Commissioner Col Mathias Kahabi has said anyone who tries to sabotage the Tembo Nickel project is purely disrupting the government's activities and that is unacceptable.

Col Kahabi said this at different occasions in Rwinyana and Bugarama, during public meetings over the weekend on his way to explain the importance of land and asset survey for the communities surrounding the Tembo Nickel project in Ngara District, Kagera Region.

"This is a big project which we must take onboard seriously, there is massive investment from abroad and the Tanzanian government has 16 per cent ownership. The project is going to help us immensely.

"This means we are the direct guards of this project, and as directly responsible for the security of the district, it is my responsibility to ensure that nobody tampers with this process. You must understand that sabotaging the project means disrupting the government and I will not let that happen," he emphasised.

In a related development, he discouraged the idea of some people travelling from Geita and Mwanza regions to convince the villagers in the project area to sell them their pieces of land cheaply.

He added: "They have come to buy farms with few coins, they are speculators and thugs who want to cause havoc and derail the land and asset survey, but they should know that this exercise is being carried out in a highly professional manner and satellite pictures have been taken since the cut-off date of July 18th this year, every crop on these farms has been recorded.

"My advice to you is that you cooperate with the valuers, who are very professional and who want to ensure everyone is compensated fairly," he added.

He said the government's eyes and ears are on this Tembo Nickel critical minerals project and warned village leaders to stop being conned by speculators.

Col Kahabi further said: "We have information that some village leaders are allowing speculators to be part of the village land committees and giving them access to land, they did this in Rusumo but were vigilant and refused to allow this here.

"We know that there are some men who had left families and after hearing about the project, they have returned to sell land and property without caring about the future of their families, and we will not turn a blind eye to this injustice."

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