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Sevengwana Secondary School wins SAYWP provincial competition

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Sevengwana Secondary School from Mopani District won the Provincial South African Youth Water Prize competition that was held by the Department of Water and Sanitation in Limpopo on 24 April 2018 at Kwena Moloto MASTECH College in Seshego.

The South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) competition, which is held on an annual basis, is one of the science and technology-based action projects of the 2020 Vision for Water and Sanitation Education Programme (2020 VFWEP).

The project was launched in 1999 in collaboration with the Stockholm Water Foundation. The competition begins in the provinces and then proceeds to national level. The national winners represent South Africa in the Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) in Stockholm, Sweden.

Speaking during the start of the programme, Ms Mokgadi Manamela, who is the programme manager of SAYWP in Limpopo, indicated that the main aim of the programme was to stimulate interest of the youth in water and sanitation.

Ms Manamela also encouraged the youth to pursue careers in water resource management, and revive arts and culture.

“The 2020 Vision programme has been successful in developing young people into responsible citizens on matters of water. The programme has further increased interest amongst young people to become cadres of water management by pursuing careers in various water fields after completing school, said Ms Manamela.

She said the focus of the programme was to create awareness and change the behaviour amongst the youth, adding that the programme was complemented by the Community Education Programme which targeted adults in selected localities.

Learners from Fred Ledwaba High School, Sevengwana Secondary School, Phuti Kwena High School, Langalibalele High School, Mbilwi High School, SJ Van der Merwe High School, Boetse High School and EPP Minga Secondary School competed for the honours of representing their province at the National competition in Pretoria.

As a form of encouraging the competing schools, last year's SAYWP National winners who represented the country in Stockholm, Sweden (Mokgotho Temogelo Thami, Mmola Desmond Kutullo and Nkwane



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Wayne from Luka of Lebeko High school in Phalaborwa) were also present to share their experiences of representing the province in both the national and international competitions.

After all the schools had made presentations and models to adjudicators – who were led by Mr Simon Mpamonyane from Lepelle Northern Water – the Sevengwana Secondary School from Mopani District was announced as the winner. The school will represent the province in the national SAYWP competition in Pretoria.

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