

Okakarara VTC celebrate 40th anniversary in providing cutting edge Technical, vocational education and training services, on 7 and 8 July 2017.

History of Okakarara VTC

The centre officially opened in January 1977 as Okakarara Technical Institute or Okakarara Tegnieise Instituut by Mr. Jan Malan. It started off with 21 trainees and offered only two trades, Carpentry and Bricklaying, including Technical Drawing.

In 1979, two more trades, Welding and Motor Mechanics were introduced. Under the able and dedicated leadership, more trades were added to the list in 1984. These include Plumbing & Pipe Fitting, Electrical General, Hairdressing, Tailoring, Hospitality & Tourism, and Office Administration. In the same year of 1984, the centre was renamed from Okakarara Technical Institute to Okakarara Vocational Training Centre (OVTC).

Over the years, OVTC has aspired to be the centre of excellence by producing a number of young Namibians who have thus far, graduated as competent youth, who are able to take up employment in their respective industry sectors, with ease.

The number of graduates from OVTC can be traced to be at +-12,000 at the moment, with 80% of these employed in different industries and 20% are self- employed.

At the moment, the centre boosts with an intake of +-1100 trainees registered, the number which we believe as a centre is ever growing

because of the positive and close relationship we maintain with inhabitants of the town and the communities surrounding us.

OVTC has a compliment of 71 staff members, of which 30 are Trainers and 37 administrative staff. The pass rate at the centre is at 70% currently. Ten trades are offered at the centre, which are all accredited by the Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA).

Okakarara VTC continues to live up to its reputation of turning out high quality VET graduates, who are able to become future entrepreneurs.

When and where is this is happening?

The 40th anniversary will take place on 7 and 8 July 2017 at Okakarara vocational training centre.

What can be expected, what arrangements are made for this big day,

The event will start on Friday 7 July with sports activities such as seven a side and live music entertainment by Big Ben, One Blood, Ethnix and Vindina. Graduates from 1977 until 2015 will form team to play for fun. The day is packed with a lot of entertainment, braai and jumping castle for children.

Saturday morning 8 July 2017 40th anniversary program starts at 8:00. The Honourable Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation will deliver the keynote address. The girls hostel block will be inaugurated by the minister.

Saturday Evening 8 July 2017

Saturday evening the OVTC will host a Gala dinner, the program will start at 17h30. The tickets cost N\$ 500-00 per person and a table of 10 is N\$ 5 000.00. we invite everyone to come and support us.

who will be there and what is being celebrated really?

We have send invitations to different companies, graduates of the OVTC from 1977 until 2015. We are also inviting all Namibians form different walk of life to come join us in this Joyous and memorable occasion.

Please find attached programs.

For more information, please do not hesitate to

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