

150th ANNIVERSARY FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE INDENTURED INDIAN LABOURERS



PREMIER: KwaZulu-Natal
Dr Zweli Mkhize

2010 marks a historic milestone in the history of South Africans of Indian origin as it is the 150th year anniversary of the arrival of Indentured Indian Labourers. To mark this momentous occasion a National Anniversary Celebration is being planned.

As part of the national celebrations and commemorations, Government of KwaZulu-Natal and The 1860 Organizing Committee takes this opportunity to invite you to be part of celebrations to take place as follows:

VENUE : **People's Park, Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban**
DATE : **04 December 2010**
TIME : **10:00 am**



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12th December 1860 Festival will be the best

Great interest is developing in the grand finale of the 1860 Festival sponsored by the Minority Front that will take place at the Chatsworth Stadium on Sunday, 12 December 2010 from 13H00 to 21H00.

Mr. A. Rajbansi said that it will be the brilliant South African performers with dancers providing the 1860 theme. The outstanding dance groups of Leona Dean, Krish Swamival, and Shastra Nagasser, together with Luxmi Ragaam, Flash Entertainers, Oriental Melodies, Rosy Govender, Khombi, Gujrathi dance, quawali, gospel music, Andhra Bhajans and drama "Through the Cane Fields" will set the stage alight. Entries are being called for Fancy Dress Parade in the

1860 theme in the following categories: boys, girls, adult male and female.

The highlight will be the Sarie Queen Contest with excellent prizes as follows: first prize: R5 000, a TV with cabinet to the value of R2500, a massaging chair to the value of R2 000, a microwave oven (26l) to the value of R1000 and vacuum cleaner - R700. Second prize: R2 000, a microwave oven (17l) - R900 and a vacuum cleaner - R600. Third prize: R1 000

and a microwave oven (17l) - R 900.

Those who want to enter for the Fancy Dress Parade and Sarie Queen Contest must send their entries by fax to 031 403 3354 or at 330 Florence Nightingale Drive, Westcliff, Chatsworth.

Mr. A. Rajbansi said that the Chatsworth Stadium will overflow

Leona Dean Dance Academy will be your top

attraction at the Chatsworth Stadium. The International Federation of Funakoshi Shotokan Karate of South Africa will showcase a karate demonstration led by Kyoshi Eric Govender.

We will also invite a person to give a Gully dhanda demonstration. All senior

citizens' groups are invited to come dressed in the 1860 theme with their banner to do the parade.



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SA celebrates 1860 anniversary at Moses Mabhida People's Park

The South African and KwaZulu-Natal provincial governments have joined forces with the 1860 Organizing Committee to commemorate and celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Indians in South Africa.

The historic multi-cultural event is being billed as a national celebration of unity. It will take place at the Moses Mabhida Stadium's People's Park in Durban on Saturday 4 December 2010.

The event is being jointly hosted by National Minister of Arts and Culture, Paul Mashatile, and KwaZulu-Natal Premier, Dr Zweli Mkhize, in conjunction with the 1860 Organizing Committee (OC) comprising senior members of the 1860 Commemoration Council.

The announcement was

made in Durban by Provincial MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Governance, Ms Nomusa Dube, Public Works and Human Settlements MEC, Mrs Maggie Govender, and 1860 Organising Committee Executive members, Mr. Seelan Achary and Mr. Ashwin Trikamjee.

The epic multi-million-rand event kicks off with a proudly South African cultural heritage parade through the streets of Durban at 10H00.

The colourful float procession will mark the historic arrival of the indentured Indian labourer in this country in 1860, and has been expanded to incorporate South Africa's fight for democracy up to current-day life.

At the Moses Mabhida People's Park, more than 15 000 members of the community – to be transported from various areas in the province and

country – will be entertained by a range of talented artists, singers and dancers. The opening act promises to be a spectacular affair with a multi-cultural cast of talented artists.

KwaZulu-Natal Idols' stars Lendel Moonsamy, Sindi Nene and last year's winner, Jason Hartman, will take to the stage.

The Suria Langa Dancers, Duke's Combo, Kuboni and Maskanda performer, Phuzekhemisi, will also feature. South Africa's international dance sensation, Rohann Ramkissoon of Entertainment Spectacular, will also wow the crowds.

Luxmi Stars from "sugar town" Mount Edgecombe have joined forces with Eastern Shadows to perform a range of linguistic pieces in all vernacular languages. Dance performances will be choreographed by

sought-after artist Satchu Anamalay.

Popular SA actors, comperes, comedians and DJs, will also take to the stage. The event will include the unveiling of an 1860 plaque – a catalyst for the unveiling of other plaques at strategic venues in the province over the next few months and culminating with the unveiling of an 1860 national monument in Durban.

The organizing team, comprising a 30-member steering committee of government and community members has lined up an exciting programme that includes an art and photographic exhibition and book show commemorating the historic 1860 anniversary.

A fireworks display will end the festivities. There will be a range of interesting stalls at the venue.

The catering, which

includes some of the best traditional Indian dishes, will be provided and there will also be a variety of food stalls.

Transport plans include the hiring of buses to

ferry people from all over the province and outer-lying towns like Richard's Bay, Ladysmith and Port Shepstone. Buses have also been provided for people coming from

Phoenix and Chatsworth.

The event is expected to be screened live on national television and local radio stations will broadcast live from the venue.

The organizers from government and the 1860 OC extend an invitation to all South Africans to attend this function and be part of history in the making.

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