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Metropolitan Botswana teams up with Botswana Chess Federation

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Metropolitan Botswana sponsors Chess Championship

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Metropolitan Chess Championship kicks off

GABORONE – Metropolitan Botswana have announced that they have revived their longstanding relationship with the Botswana Chess Federation. Metropolitan will be sponsoring the 'Metropolitan Chess Championship', which has already kicked off, for the 6th consecutive year. The championship takes place throughout the months of February and March, culminating in the national championships at the end of March. Metropolitan has sponsored the championship to the tune of P80,000.00.

The Metropolitan Chess Championship first round qualifiers, held in Gaborone on the 9th and 10th of February, was open to all members of the public and saw hundreds of chess enthusiasts in attendance. The weekend of the 23-24 February 2013 saw the second round qualifiers held in Palapye, at which those who made it through round one competed for a place in the finals from March 28th to April 1st 2013.

Said Metropolitan Botswana Managing Director, Mr. Oupa Mothibatsela, "Metropolitan Botswana is incredibly proud to be building upon our already longstanding relationship with the Botswana Chess Federation. We have worked together for five years already and we are excited to be taking this relationship further. The game of chess is about strategy and forward thinking, not unlike the game of life. It promotes free thinking, and tactical decision-making in our youth. As such, it is an initiative we cannot help but want to be a part of."

The Botswana Chess Federation is a registered society whose primary mandate is to promote the sport of chess across the nation. The Federation, comprised of six permanent members, encourages players of all ages and from varying backgrounds to work to develop the game of chess and promote the development of players to an international standard.

“We are humbled and grateful to Metropolitan Botswana generously coming on board to sponsor this year’s chess championship. It has been a favourable 5 years of working together and we are thrilled to be partnering for the 6th consecutive year, encouraging new players to join in and more experienced ones to show their talent further,” concluded Tshepo Sitale, Botswana Chess Federation President.

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