

Kilifi County to host World Tourism fete

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By PHILIP MWAKIO

Urali College is gearing up for this year's World Tourism Day to be held from September 24 to 1st October.

The event, which is also the Kenya Tourism Week, will be celebrated under the theme: Tourism for All; promoting universal accessibility.

Participants will explore various attraction sites and enjoy art exhibition, cuisine, music, culture and sporting activities organised by the

Hospitality and Tourism Sports Organisation (Hotoso) whose patron is the Principal, Kenya Urali College.

Speaking during a preparatory meeting he'd at the Temple Point Resort, Watani, acting Principal Kazungu Mwango said Urali College is participating in the annual event as a key stakeholder in the hospitality and tourism industry.

He said the institution is part of the national organising committee including other parastatals under the Tourism ministry.

"The college has over the years continued to provide input into the

planning and eventual execution of this annual event. Our position as Africa's premier hospitality and tourism training institution provides us with a platform on which to engage other key industry stakeholders with a view to ensuring the success of this global event," he said.

Mwango said the event provides the college with an opportunity to continue partnering with county governments with a view to providing solutions to manpower development in the industry.

Efforts to deal with lack of skilled maritime labour excite players

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Players in the maritime sector are upbeat the current shortfall in skilled labour will soon be eliminated.

Since the enactment of the Shipping and Maritime Act and development of the maritime training curriculum, both public and private institutions have taken up maritime training in a bid to bridge the exist-

ing gap. Geoffrey Mwango, a director at Shipping and Transport College of East Africa, said the institute opened last year and teaches both Institute of Chartered Ship Brokers and Kenya Maritime Authority programmes.

"Maritime education is expanding but the challenge is lack of lecturers specialised in training such programmes," said Mr Mwango.

The shipping industry in the country is also in a celebratory mood after setting a world record in international professional examinations.