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MORE NURSES FOR KZN

The KZN Department of Health will Tuesday, 10 October hold a graduation ceremony for the second group of nurses who have completed various nurse-training programmes, which were offered by the Provincial Department of Health under the KwaZulu-Natal College of Nursing.

Provincial Health MEC Mrs. Peggy Nkonyeni will deliver the keynote address at the graduation. The first group graduated last month at the University of Zululand. The college was formed last year after the amalgamation of a number of state nursing colleges that were offering nurse education. The KwaZulu-Natal College of Nursing comprises 11 campuses; 4 campuses in the northern half of the province and 7 in the southern half of the province. The college has 14 sub-campuses; 11 in the northern half of the province and 3 in the southern half of the province.

“In the State of the Nation address at the beginning of this year our honourable President Thabo Mbeki talked of the further expansion of health infrastructure and the re-opening of nursing colleges to increase the number of health professionals. The province of KZN never closed its nursing colleges hence this graduation of 1500 nurses which are part of the 2900 regiment that we are producing this year,” says the MEC.

The media is invited to attend and report on this historic inaugural graduation ceremony. Details are as follows:

DATE: TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2006

VENUE: ICC, DURBAN

TIME: 11H00

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