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Ehlanzeni TVET gains recognition

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MBOMBELA - The local Ehlanzeni TVET College was recently recognised as the Best Skills Development Partner by the Chemical Industries Education and Training Authority (CHIETA).

This organisation held its annual recognition awards on October 26 in Johannesburg and the college won a trophy, certificate and a R150 000 cheque, which it will need to apply as part of the 2017/18 discretionary grant.

CHIETA was established to facilitate skills development in the chemical-industries sector and ensure skills needs are identified and addressed through a number of initiatives and training sectors.

The regional college is one of two, out of the 50 TVET colleges in South Africa, that has CHIETA offices.

Through working closely with public and private institutions, partnerships are formed to address concerns of skills development, internships and job placements.

According to the

college's spokesman, Mr Mxolisi Nzimande, the partnerships with CHIETA have worked to the college's advantage to place 500 college graduates in industries.

"Most of our engineering students were absorbed by industries, while business-studies students were placed in different government departments and municipalities," he said.

Nzimande mentioned that the college has a strategic goal to address the skills needs of the industry and to overcome skills shortages.

"That includes interventions at school level through visits, particularly in reference to mathematics and science teaching to promote the industry's 'Decade of the artisan' theme," he said.

The spokesman added that by focusing on the issue of the lack of skills and unemployed graduates, the collaboration will continue to be strengthened to ensure that graduates are placed in relevant industries to obtain quality work experience.