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### **South African pavilion gears up for Youth Day Celebrations**

The Youth Day celebrations will kick start on a higher note in Nagoya, Japan. The South African Pavilion in Aichi Expo, Japan presents some of the fine musicians from South Africa to bring testimony to this thesis. It is promising to be a spectacular event featuring Thandiswa Mazwai, Phambili Marimba and Brass Ensemble, MXO and Bongo Maffin. Visitors of all ages are sure to find something of interests among the numerous performances of these musicians.

The event will take place at the Aichi Expo Common 5 Stage to celebrate and commemorate the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Youth Day with the community of Japan and other nations. It is going to be a two-day performance starting from 17 to 18 June 2005. The event is destined to portray South Africa's rich cultural heritage.

Their performance also embodies the South African theme, the Rhythm of Life which is a musical theme knotted in the overall theme of the 2005 World Exposition, the Nature's Wisdom. The musicians are expected to give a different flair of traditional and rustic music show to explain the South African story of a country once divided into one that's now united in its diversity.

June 16, 1976 marked an important milestone and turning point in the struggle for transformation and social justice in South Africa. It is a reflection of the South African history that reveals problems faced by young people today, which stem from many decades of systematic colonial rule. Since then, the contribution of the young people of the country became even more evident than ever.

Government and civil society also mark June as youth month to recognise the contribution and sacrifices of young people in creating a new and democratic order in South Africa. It is a time to take stock of the gains for youth under the new dispensation and the opportunities for youth in building better communities and a better future for all.

**Details of the event are as follows**

**Date:** 17 – 18 June 2005  
**Time:** From 11h00 – 18h45 (Friday)  
From 11h00 – 14h30 (Saturday)  
**Venue:** Aichi Expo Common 5 Stage, Japan

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