

Zimbabwean high school students design car

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Prince Edward High School pupils in Harare have written a piece of history for the institution after becoming the first secondary school in the world to design a car, set to be manufactured in two years' time.



The 20 students, all in Upper Sixth, with the assistance of science and technical department lecturers, have since formed a company that is being registered.

The project, headed by Princess Mushonga, is bankrolled by Book of African Records in collaboration with a local insurance firm, Sanctuary Insurance Company.

Kits for the vehicle, to be called Macintosh Curlybyte, will be imported.

Lecturers from the science and technical departments are assisting the pupils while technical support and insight is offered by experts from the motor industry and commerce.

Officially launching the project and the company, to be called Prince Edward Automobile, district education officer in the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Anatoria Ncube said the ministry was fully behind the project.

"We are fully behind them because it is the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education's thrust to equip our learners with relevant knowledge, skills and attitudes to enable them to create employment for themselves in a sustainable manner," said Ncube.

Speaking at the same occasion, Prince Edward School head, Agrippa Sora, said the car initiative was a quest to relate school life to real life.

"Socio-economic and political advancement is critically intertwined with the levels of education and skills of people. As Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) beacons, the car initiative is a quest to relate school life with real life. It has become apparent that more lucrative opportunities the world over are STEM-related," said Sora.

Keith Ncube is the CEO, while Tanyaradzwa Makurumidze is the business development manager.

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