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Children were thrilled on Sunday when 'Santa' dropped in from the sky over Vipingo Ridge to bring them gifts. No chimney this time! A great day was had by all.

'Weigh-Bridges' On Likoni Ferry

Kenya Ferry Services has installed weighbridges at its Likoni crossing to check the tonnage of vehicles ferried across.

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The Ksh18 million weigh bridges on the island and Likoni mainland ramps are part of plans to regulate and monitor ferry capacity to improve safety.

The project which is in its commissioning stage is also expected to enhance revenue as vehicles will be paying according to their weight.

"We have introduced the weighing of trailers, Lorries and

other vehicles which use the ferry to ensure we know the capacity we are carrying.

"This will create efficiency of service, improve ferry safety and help prevent accidents as most vehicles lose control due to over loading," Kenya Ferry Services Managing Director, Musa Hassan Musa said.

Mr. Musa said that all vehicles



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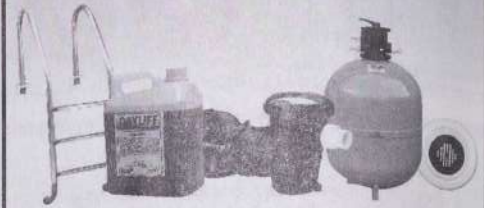
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A great day was had by children and all the guests on Sunday 22nd December at the Vipingo Ridge when Santa dropped in from the sky with a parachute to present children with gifts. Many thanks to Fleur van den Driest and Gary Lincoln-Hope of Skydive Diani for making this wonderful day possible. Seen are the children with Santa, Gary Lincoln-Hope, Fleur van den Driest, Tommy Cavenagh, Luke Hubbard, Jordan Ruhne, Malachai Ruhne.

Kampala Serena Hotel's Staff Christmas Initiative

Serena Hotels staff in Kampala joined hundreds of children in yet another fantastic celebration of the 2013 Christmas initiative.

Children of "Kireka Home with Special Needs" were treated to an "early Christmas", thanks to the various wish lists they had submitted to staff and management of Kampala Serena Hotel earlier in the year.

These were shared with guests and business supporters who have been very supportive towards

the initiative, and some even joined in the handover of the various gifts and celebration.

The Christmas Initiative is aimed at lighting up the lives of hundreds of children from various children's homes.

This year, Serena Hotels is taking this noble initiative across Serena Hotels, Lodges, Safari Camps and Resorts in East Africa and each unit will do nothing less than making the wishes of these children come true.

As these take place, we continue to encourage our guests and members of staff to be involved.



Seen are the Kampala Serena Hotel members of staff and some clients as they handed over various gifts to Children of "Kireka Home with Special Needs".

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City Mall, Nyali Decked Out For New Year's Eve

It's that time when we gear up to bid farewell to the year that was and usher in a new one, 2014 (the Chinese "year of the horse"), we can't help but get excited at all the events happening at City Mall, Nyali, this New Year's Eve.

If you are all set for a night of partying with loved ones and or friends, it's always a good idea to coordinate your New Year's Eve plans so that all your stops for the night are close to one another, making your trips between dinner and your party destination of choice as short as possible and where else better to do this, than at Mombasa's one stop premier shopping mall!

The Food Court, on the second floor, at City Mall, will offer a family friendly setting, giving you the perfect place to enjoy a great meal with your family, choosing from any one of the five food venues i.e. Flames Deli & Grill, Haandi Udipi (Indian Cuisine), Black Bean (Chinese Cuisine), Burgerworld and Sinbad (Persian Cuisine).

To add some pomp to the occasion, the food court will be decked-out in colour and a DJ will be on site to ensure that the background music at the food court sets the right tone for the evening starting at 6pm.

The management of the Mall will be handing our party favours



Adding pomp to the occasion, the food court will be decked out in colour and a DJ will be on site with background music.

to diners at the food court, ensuring you and your family have all the necessary accessories to ring in the new year.

Should the children get restless, they can always head over to the Kidzone Ent.

Also located on the second floor, to play and interact in a safe environment.

Of course, for a more mature setting, City Mall offers more options from the Cafesserie Lounge, located on the ground floor, where a large dance floor will be in place to accommodate all partygoers, to the third floor of the Mall, where you can party the night away at the Sheba Terrace lounge, with its

sweeping views of the highway and amazing line up of DJ's and entertainment for the night, it will truly be a night to remember!

For the more quite souls eager to enjoy a private night at home with close friends and family, make a point to walk in to Nakumatt Supermarket, on the ground floor for all your grocery and party needs.

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47 Ronin is a fictional tale about a real-life group of Samurai that existed in Japan in the 18th Century.

These fearless warriors were a close-knit family that no one could break and each would give their life for their compatriot and the Samurai honour.

So when their master is killed by a ruthless man, Lord Kira, their leader Kuranosuke Oishi gathers the group together to seek revenge. In their group is an unusual addition in the form of Kai who is the illegitimate son of

Exciting Action Drama Based On The 18th Century Samurai

a British sailor and Japanese peasant woman.

Because of his lineage, Kai is an outcast in Japan but the Ronin make him in their midst to make up 47 Samurai who will go against Lord Kira.

47 Ronin, in two and three dimension, will be specially released with **NYALI CINEMAX** and the USA simultaneously.

British actor Jason Statham has made quite a name for

himself in Hollywood with *The Transport*, *The Italian Job*, *The Expendables* and more recently *Fast and Furious 6*.

He plays the lead role in Chuck Logan's story *Homefront*, adapted for the big screen by Sylvester Stallone.

Statham is DEA agent Phil Boker who has now retired to a sedentary life in a small town after putting away drug dealer Danny T in jail.

His daughter Maddy confronts the local bully in school and gets

the upper hand. The bully's uncle Gator is roped in to break into the Boker house and scare Maddy.

On doing so Gator discovers that it was Phil Boker who had put in Danny T and goes on to contact Danny's henchman Cyrus to exact an even bigger revenge. Cyrus attacks Boker, who escapes but Maddy is kidnapped by the gang.

There are now no holds barred as Boker goes all out to rescue his daughter, no matter what the

consequences.

With Statham in the lead are James Franco, Winona Ryder, Kate Bosworth, Chuck Zito, Frank Grillo, Rachelle Lefevre, Clancy Brown, Christa Campbell, Stuart Greer, Omar Benson Miller and Izabella Vidovic.

When the Western Bank of Chicago finds their branches being looted and a message in Hindi sprayed across the walls, they ask the Indian police to assist.

ACP Jai Dixit and his side-kick Ali Akbar who have solved some very unique cases in Mumbai are sent off to America.

As he gets closer to the bank robber, Jai realizes that the truth is much bigger than what he thought.

It is all a mind over matter and all that you see is not necessarily the reality. Abhishek Bachchan plays his usual role of Jai Dixit and does Uday Chopra in the form of Ali Akbar.

Aamir Khan is the antagonist Sahir while his lady love is played by Katrina Kaif as Aaliya.

Jackie Shroff is in a supporting but pivotal role as Sahir's father. They all come together in a complicated mind game to make some 'dhoom' in *Dhoom 3*.

It is still the mood of Christmas as we tag along with Ben Stiller and his adventures in *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*.

Walking With Dinosaurs and *Frozen* are the two animated films on show at the **NYALI CINEMAX** this week and can be viewed in two and three dimension.

Sanjay Leela Bhansali's highly colourful, emotional and super-active film *Ram Leela* can be enjoyed for those who don't want to watch a good film on New Year's Eve. Catch Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone romancing like there is no tomorrow on Tuesday, December 31 at 9.15p.m. Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful 2014.

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5.45pm & 9.30pm; Thur.- 9pm

Please note-Due to circumstances beyond our control -The movie **WALKING WITH DINOSAURS** (that has been advertised in the Cinemax flyers) has been cancelled until further notice. The cancelled shows have been replaced by **CLOUDY 2** and **FROZEN**. The line-up below has been updated with the replacement shows for this movie. Our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience caused. - Nyal Cinemax Management

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Pisces (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20) Your personal goals are undergoing a transformation. It's surprising to realise the things that once drove you now seem relatively unimportant. This is just a sign you are growing and changing.

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20) You're more determined than ever to succeed. It's important to have a realistic view of your strengths and weaknesses to get ahead. If you tend to sabotage yourself with negative thoughts, try reprogramming your inner dialogue.

Taurus (Apr. 21 - May. 21) Financial support, grants or scholarships can help you finance a dream. You'll have to fill out a lot of paperwork, but that's better than paying for everything out of your own pocket.

Gemini (May. 22 - June. 21) You want to undergo a personal transformation. Just remember that changing your appearance won't alter your emotional landscape. If you're sad, you should tackle the issues that are causing you pain.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23) Working with a strong-willed person bolsters your own confidence. You're just as smart and capable as your partner. The difference is you need to summon your personal power. Be assertive about your demands.

Leo (July 24 - Aug. 23) You will be given a sensitive assignment at work. It's tempting to discuss the details with friends, but don't. This is a test of your discretion. If your boss sees you can be trusted, you will be given bigger and better jobs.

Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) An intense admirer sweeps you off your feet. It's nice to feel desired. If you're already in a relationship, your partner will become jealous of someone who keeps fawning over you. Try to spend more quality time with your amour.

Libra (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Making changes to your domestic routine will be liberating. You're tired of being held hostage to everybody else's schedule. By setting down guidelines about when you are available, you'll save yourself a lot of aggravation.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 23) Slowly, but surely your attitudes are changing. Part of the reason is you have come in direct contact with a social problem. Now you understand the circumstances behind behaviour that used to bother you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) Find ways to recycle used items. The more you use you get out of materials, the farther your money will go. You can put your savings towards a tip or gadget. If you're not happy with your current salary, this would be a good time to negotiate a raise.



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Intelligence Unit To Tackle Terror Threats In Mombasa

MOMBASA (Xinhua) - Kenyan authorities on Wednesday set up intelligence unit to deal with terrorism threats in the coastal city of Mombasa.

A security meeting attended by top security chiefs and county government announced the formation of central coordinate team that will be operational during the festive season.

"We are aware of the threats posed by the terrorism in the region but our security team are up to task to avert any attempt to disrupt peace and tranquility during the season," Mombasa County Commissioner Nelson Marwa said.

He said the intelligence team is collaborating with all stakeholders in the tourism industry to ensure safety for both foreign and domestic tourist.

Mombasa Coast Tourism Association chairman Mohammed Hersi said the hotels have invested largely on security.

"We have taken precaution measures to deal with terror threats by intensifying patrols within hotels and thorough searching and vetting of all tourists," said Hersi.

The East African nation has been playing a pivotal role in ensuring that terrorism and other forms of criminal activities threatening the country's security were minimized if not eliminated.

Kenya's coastal towns are the backbone of the country's thriving tourism industry, which has been hit by the fear of terror attacks and the kidnapping of foreigners by Somali pirates from resorts near the border with Somalia.

The country's tourism has suffered a decline since September 2011 when the Somali militant group, the Al-Shabaab, carried out the kid-

nappings of tourists in the Lamu archipelago and the kidnapping of the Spanish volunteers.

Mombasa County Commander Robert Kitur challenged the security agencies to be vigilant to avoid any attack that might cripple the tourism sector.

Hersi recommended that tourist using the Kenya ferry services should be given special treatment to avoid delaying them

on long queue that might prone them to attacks.

"We want the Kenya ferry services to ensure safety of tourists to avoid unnecessary travel advisories or total ban that will negatively impact the sector," said Hersi.

Tourism is the second largest source of foreign exchange revenue for Kenya after tea, with the main tourist attractions

being photo safaris through 19 national parks and game reserves, though the country has been diversifying to other areas like eco-tourism, conference tourism and cultural tourism.

Revenues from tourism reached to about 1.1 billion U.S. dollars for the 2012/2013 financial year, compared to the 1.18 billion dollars in the previous period.

MORE TOURISTS FROM WEST AFRICA

NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- Kenya tourism officials have stepped up marketing campaigns in Ghana and Nigeria by launching travel trade training sessions in different regions of the two countries to woo more visitors from West Africa.

Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) Regional Marketing Manager Fred Okeyo said the two West African countries have shown all the indications of contributing to the tourism growth as Kenya turns to emerging markets and the Africa region for more tourists.

"West Africa is potential to us and this is the beginning of our efforts to tapping into the market that has high spenders with

willingness to spend," Okeyo said in Nairobi on Tuesday.

The statement from the KTB comes after the launch of travel trade training and media engagement programs underway in the cities of Ghana and Nigeria.

The East African nation plans to attract 50,000 tourists from Nigeria in 2013, compared with 15,029 in 2012.

Nigeria and Ghana recorded about 23,000 arrivals to Kenya in 2012, a figure KTB says will be increased significantly soon as a result of aggressive marketing being put in place.

KTB is training about 200 travel agents in West Africa as well as media engagement programs in a bid to equip them with information on Kenya's tourism products.

Kenya aims to lift the number of tourists visiting the East African nation from the current average of 1 million to 3 million by 2015.

The KTB and private sector players are also changing strategy in how they sell Kenya as a destination to the new and potential markets.

The East African nation recorded 1.78 million tourist arrivals in 2012, a 0.3 percent decline from the previous year.



There will be no Coastweek for the issue of Friday, January 03, 2014



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Coastweek will resume normal publication on Friday, January 17, 2014

'Weigh-Bridges' On Likoni Ferry

FROM FRONT PAGE using the channel would undergo weight checks before being cleared to board the ferries to enable the company determine the actual volume of cargo ferried at any given time for proper planning and decision making.

"Over loaded trucks is the main cause of damage to ferry prows which means we have to undertake frequent maintenance.

"Determining the right weight of vehicles will help us minimize the damage these vehicles exert on ferry prows thus reducing maintenance costs," the MD said.

He noted the company spends more than Ksh60 million annually to fully maintain and operate the current five ferries at the channel.

"Currently, the billing has been calibrated to coincide with the current toll rates thus no change



Kenya Ferry Services Managing Director, Musa Hassan Musa.

in toll charges," he said.

Trailers are expected to pay a minimum of Ksh7, 800 while salon cars will pay Kshh90 shillings to be ferried across.

About 300,000 people and 6,000 vehicles are ferried between the island and the south coast mainland every day.

Kenya Ferry Services was established in 1989 by the Government and has played a pivotal role in linking the island to the mainland south of Mombasa. Unlike the northern side of Mombasa that is linked by bridges at Nyali, Mtwapa Kilifi and Sabaki the south coast depends solely on the ferries.

The service is operated freely for passengers as a government social obligation and motorists pay a minimal charge.

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Playing 'Cat And Mouse' With Traffic Cops Over New Year

I overheard a very lively discussion around the antics of Kenyan drivers and why the Traffic Act and its amendments could be a game changer for this country.

The Traffic Act as it currently stands has most for the provisions that should bring

sanity to our roads. It has provisions relating to the conduct of drivers, where drivers can and cannot drive, the condition of the driver, the condition of a vehicle, the hard ware of the road, information that needs to be made available to the driver about the road and the limitations the driver should observe and so forth.

In fact, we could make a differ-

ence to our driving habits and road safety by doing very little.

All it requires is for the enforcement agencies to focus on key areas of compliance that would drive behaviour change.

Putting road blocks and speed traps on the highways in between towns will impact on very few drivers.

In any case, with the well developed communication protocol between drivers in Kenya, it is unlikely that any driver worth his or her salt will be caught napping by speed traps and road blocks.

Word gets around very quickly and compliance is observed at the location where the boys in blue are situated.

Cops have also learned about this rapid method of communication so they also move around a lot - at the tax payers cost - so that they maintain some element of surprise.

However, this cat and mouse game does not achieve the outcomes desired by the statutes.

The discussion I overheard was one suggesting how the cops would create the biggest impact in terms of changing the behaviour of road users.

I fully agreed with the suggestion that most traffic cops should be deployed into the crowded urban centres.

If they were to be even fifty per cent effective in compliance enforcement and the Judiciary strictly followed with the punitive measures that are prescribed in the statutes then they would begin to change the behaviour of the largest body of drivers - urban drivers.

These would in turn become a big bulk of conforming drivers

and the few country cousins that would be left with the wrong attitude would stick out like a sore thumb and would self correct when they found that most drivers were complying.

The boys in blue would not be allowed to do what they do now which is to operate at specified places in the cities and major towns.

They tend to focus on managing traffic and avoiding or sorting out traffic jams.

An inordinate number are also involved in providing chase

They would take whatever evidence is required for prosecution purposes, including pictures, witness statements and so forth and then bundle them into a vehicle and take them to a police station for processing.

Such processing would be fast tracked such that offenders would appear in court or wherever within a few days.

Such "flash cops" would visit roundabouts, junctions, bus stops, parking lots - almost anywhere that motorists, cyclists and pedestrians interact with each other and quickly mete out their justice.

Doing this regularly for a period of a year would quickly cause people to comply as they would not know when the cops would strike.

So people found overlapping, climbing pavements, not using indicators, jumping lights, not observing lane discipline, hanging out of public vehicles, overloading and so forth - the list is long - would be quickly brought to justice.

Strict application of the punitive measures as well as the amount of time it takes to process a

miscreant driver should combine to create a great deterrent to breaking the law.

If a campaign like this is sustained for a year or more in the key urban centres in Kenya and is the progressively rolled out to the rural areas, we could transform the behaviours of our road users in a very short time.

This would then mean that fewer members of the enforcement agencies would be required and they could be deployed into other more strategic duties like intelligence and also community policing.

I fully agree with the people who suggested that we should retreat to the urban areas and start the journey of change from there.

However, prior to implementation it is necessary to carry out a lot of public education so that when people are caught and disciplined, they cannot have the excuse of not knowing what is expected unless of course they have been living in Mars or some similar extraterrestrial place.

As Kachumbari says, focus action is the best way to achieve rapid and long lasting results.

Thirty Five Years' Ago

Coastweek, December 22-28, 1978:

Kenya Ports Authority chairman P.K. Kinyanjui led his fellow directors John Gituma, W.K. Borrett, D.K. Ngini and Juma Ferunzy on an inspection tour of Shimoni, Vanga, Kilifi and Malindi ports.

The new-look Nyal Beach Hotel hosted a gala dinner for VIP guests including Tourism Ministry Permanent Secretary Yuda Komora, United Touring Executive Director Eric Larson, Mombasa District Commissioner E.G. Karanja, Block Hotels Chairman 'Tubby' Block, Polmans Managing Director Dimitri Pelteko and Neckermann Vice President Hugo Stinnes.

Coast magician 'Mighty Aboo' was photographed on the Mombasa seafront performing his latest daring illusion with a pretty girl apparently levitated off the ground on the point of an Arabian sword. Calling on Kilindini while heading on for a five-day Christmas visit to the Seychelles was the 3,600-ton French Navy Indian Ocean flotilla destroyer 'Kersaint' under the command of Captain Franiatte.

Nathu Nathwani, Pratap Raichoor, Kirit Thakker, Kishore Nanji, Batuk Savjani and Dhiru Savjani were leading a strong Coastal team to take part in the annual Lohana Community Kisumu Sports Festival.

KENYA Cinema was showing 'Jaws II', REGAL the filmed-in-Kenya adventure drama 'Safari Rally', NAAZ Ryan O'neal and Bruce Dem in 'The Driver' and at CHOX it was Dev Anand in 'Shareef Badmaash'.

Letter writers included sports columnist Anver Versi, Chege Kamau, Juma Mwayani, Bernard Wambugua, John Ondiek and A.S. Juma.

Reef Hotel advertised a 'full Christmas luncheon' at K. Shs. 100/= per person, the Mvita Grill offered a 'gala lunch' at K. Shs. 90/= per person, while a full five-course dinner at the Tamarind Restaurant cost K. Shs. 150/= per person.



facilities for Cabinet Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Members of Parliament, Senators, Governors, Diplomats and special cargo just to name a few duties.

The slow court system also means that too many cops are tied up in the management of cases - very old, old, recent and new - that are making their painfully slow way through the judicial system.

The cops would be allocated what we call sting duties.

They would be despatched in small groups armed with statute books and all the necessary instruments for them to deal with compliance.

They would conceal themselves and then suddenly appear, just like flash mobs and quickly scan and arrest motorists and other road users, including pedestrians, who are in violation of any of the statutes.

RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS

Religious festivals: One 'notes' that Coastweek gives wide coverage - to religion of all 'denominations', Christmas, Diwali, Eid - your 'publication' - gives such - festivals 'prominence'. A 'festive' fear hovers: During such 'merry-making' we should not forget the less fortunate.

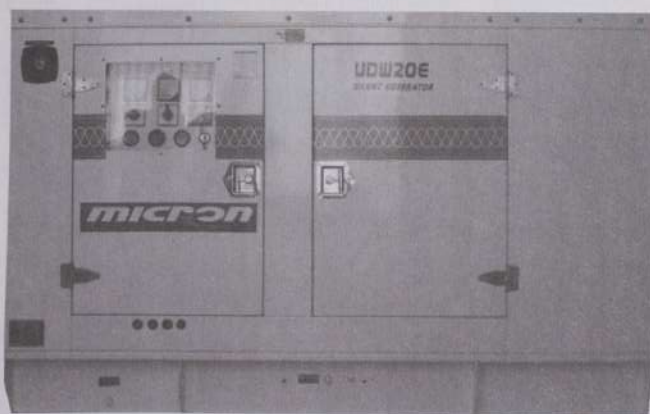
How Coastweek editions - updates on the venues and the 'mode of celebrations. A rich culture abounds at the coast: Christians, Muslims, Hindus - observe their particular faith and 'participate' in fun-filled activities. Whether it is birth of Christ or the festival of lights or revelation of Koran (Eid) an aura of happiness, joy and religious 'fervor' exists/persists.

Clearly, a time to 'rejoice'. Readers season's greetings!

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Nairobi Serena Treats Cottolengo Centre's Children To A Luncheon

Nairobi Serena Hotel has today hosted children from Cottolengo Centre to a fantastic luncheon to mark the Christmas celebrations, and to

handover various gifts in the ongoing 2013 Christmas initiative.

The theme for the Nairobi Serena Hotel Christmas Initiative was to "Light up a life, not a tree", and this was aimed at lighting up the lives of hundreds of children from various children's homes.

Officiating the handover event and celebrations was the General Manager Nairobi Serena Hotel- Mr. Daniel Kangu, also joined by several guests, business suppliers and members of staff.

Mr. Kangu took time to appreciate all who had helped make the children's dreams a reality, and applauded especially his members of staff who had over the past months engaged these children at various levels to get a view of the gifts that would make their Christmas tide glow.

"I am deeply humbled by the presence of these little angels here today and more so by all of you for the selfless contribution towards making this day a success" said Mr. Kangu.

"I am reminded of the gentle words of Mother Teresa who once said that it is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.

"And it is my sincere belief that all of us here have been involved out of nothing but pure love for the children of Cottolengo Centre" he said.

Cottolengo Centre plays home to about 80 vulnerable, abandoned and orphaned children, affected and infected by HIV/

AIDS. Established in 1994, the Centre's main objective has been to provide a holistic environment for the development of the children, while ensuring their nutrition and medication needs are also met.

This noble initiative has been going on across Serena Hotels, Lodges, Safari Camps and Resorts in East Africa and each unit has so far done nothing less than making the wishes of the various children come true.

Nairobi Serena Hotel is grateful and more so humbled to have had the opportunity to share in this noble initiative.



Boys from Cottolengo Centre get assistance from Mrs. Azmina Janmohamed [left] and Rosemary Mugambi [right].

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LION LADIES CELEBRATE WITH ORPHANS, ELDERLY

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary Committee of Lions Club of Mombasa Pwani, went into action yet again, by stirring an early Christmas for all the 60 inmates of Mji wa Salama (Children's Home), and the 40 senior citizens of Nyumba Ya Wazee, on December 21st 2013.

It was over a loud echo of cheerful singing of Christmas Carols and the nostalgic X-Mas song, "Jingle Bells", that the Lion Ladies, led by Lion President Dr. (Mrs.) Lata Magon, and Convenor / Co Convenor, Lion Kamini Khanna and Lion Meena Gohil, were welcomed by the Children and staff of Mji Wa Salama Children's home.

The excitement built up as the

"Merry Christmas" cake was cut by a couple of the resident children, and the cake, juices, biscuits were distributed to all.

The frenzied singing and dancing continued as the goodies were distributed, bringing with it

a vision to see the orphaned / abandoned children, from an infantile stage onwards, leading a happy, fulfilling and fruitful life.

The mission of C.W.S.K. is to ensure survival and protection of all children and to facilitate

Kababs and salad, prepared by Abu Caterers.

The institution was also given a donation of Mosquito nets, raw food in the form of lentils, red beans, and also cleaning detergents to maintain in house hygiene. When asked, "Are you all enjoying your Christmas Lunch", our humble efforts were rewarded by their spontaneous answers, "Have no words"; "We bless you all for this delicious meal"; "Mzuri Sana, with our blessings"; and so on and so forth!

Nyumba Ya Wazee is a charitable housing institution to enable typically elderly people.

It was established in 1950 by the colonial regime and was initially used as their barracks.

Post independence, the Municipal Council of Mombasa took over the home and immediately turned it into a home for the elderly and destitute people, providing them with shelter, food, medical care and security.

To give happiness is to receive it right back!

Experiencing this wonderful feeling, the members of the Ladies Auxiliary Committee of the prestigious club of Mombasa Pwani, bid farewell, taking with them a lot of love, contentment and the blessings of all, especially the senior citizens, and truly feeling, that together we can endeavour to fulfill our goals and objectives and live up to the International slogan, Follow Your Dreams' and District slogan, "Join hands in service".



Seen [from left] Co Convenor Lion Meena Gohil, Lion President Dr. Lata Magon, Elders of Nyumba Ya Wazee, Convenor Lion Kamini Khanna.

a lot of love and joy to the hearts of all.

Over 4,000 Exercise books were also donated as the institution educates the children in house, with primary education, apart from its day care facilities and sending the senior students to boarding schools for secondary education.

Those boarding outside, come back to Mji Wa Salama for their vacations.

Mji Wa Salama, under the banner of C.W.S.K. (Child Welfare Society of Kenya), has

their participation and development to their full potential.

At Nyumba Ya Wazee, the ladies were given an equally cheerful applause by the senior citizens.

A Christmas tree was put up with Christmas decorations and it was a sheer joy to see the faces of all light up with pure ecstasy, over joyous singing of Christmas songs.

Here too the "Merry Christmas" cake was cut by a couple of the senior citizens, followed by distribution of a sumptuous meal of Chicken Biryani, Mutton

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Pre-Christmas Price Hikes

NAIROBI (Xinhua) — Christmas mood has come in Kenya, and preparations by residents to celebrate the season are in top gear.

But as Kenyans are ready to mark one of the world's most important holidays, prices of various goods and services have gone up as traders seek to cash in on Christmas rush.

Residents have to dig deeper into their pockets to access transport services, food items, apparels and cooking gas, thanks to Christmas.

The cost of goods and services has increased by up to 70 per cent as traders seek to make hay while the sun shines.

Transport services are among the worst hit, with fares across the country almost doubling.

In Nairobi, city residents seeking to celebrate Christmas with their friends and family out of the city are paying dearly.

All companies operating long-distance buses that go to various destinations across Kenya, including Mombasa, Kisumu, Busia and Isiolo have increased fares.

Travellers are paying hefty amounts to travel to Kisumu and Kakamega.

"Fares have shot up. I have checked with different companies, which operate busses to Kakamega and all of them have increased fare," said Nairobi resident Geoffrey Aluvale. However, that was not his only problem. Nearly all the buses plying the

route are fully booked until Dec. 26. "I thought this time I would avoid the high fares but it seems it is impossible.

The offices of different long-distance bus companies in the capital were a beehive of activities on Wednesday. Company's buses are fully booked until Dec. 25, said an attendant.

It was a similar scenario at offices of bus companies that ply to Mombasa, which is a favorite destination for most holiday-makers from Nairobi.

Dozens of people queued at the offices located in downtown Nairobi seeking to secure travelling tickets. Majority of them complained of the price hikes. Sadly, the fares have increase further due to Christmas.

The cost of food items is also up, albeit marginally.

Kenyans have to offer more cash to buy fresh produce, maize flour, wheat flour, meat and chicken, among other items associated with festivities. In Mombasa and Kisumu, price of the staple have risen.

"The only way to avoid the price hikes is to shop early for Christmas but majority of people cannot because they have to wait for their December salaries before they shop," noted office worker Beatrice Akoth.

The widow, who has three teenagers, one in college and two in secondary school, said she expects to be paid before Christmas.

However, prices of the items, including second-hand ones sold in stalls, have been increased.

Emirates Launches Its Celebrated A380 Flight

Emirates, which has often picked up the Oscars of the travel industry, has swooped into the home of the original Oscars to launch its celebrated A380 service.

Packed with Hollywood movies on ice Digital Widescreen, the double-decker becomes the world's longest A380 service in operation.

The landmark flight, crossing the Russian Federation, the North Pole and Eastern Canada, has a published duration of 16 hours 20 minutes, more than enough time to delve into over 400 hours of in-flight Hollywood movies.

"Bringing the glamorous A380 set of wings to the City of Angels seemed like a natural fit as this aircraft mirrors the luxury of the Hollywood lifestyle," said Hubert Frach, Emirates' Divisional Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations West.

The Emirates' A380 is like no other. Its generously proportioned Economy Class, exclusive mini-pods in Business Class and Private Suites in First Class are talked about the world over.

On the top deck of the aircraft, First Class passengers can freshen up in one of two Onboard Shower Spas, whilst First and Business Class travellers can mix and mingle in the popular Onboard Lounge - enjoying a drink and exchanging tales at 40,000 feet.

Passengers in all cabins have access to WiFi, 1,500 channels of in-flight entertainment and gourmet-chef prepared meals, served by highly trained, multi-

lingual cabin crew.

Generous luggage allowances are available to customers; 30 kilograms in Economy Class, 40 kilograms in Business Class and 50 kilograms in First Class. Premium passengers can also enjoy dedicated lounges and chauffeur-drive transfers at many destinations across Emirates' network.

The airline started flying to Los Angeles in 2008 with the Boeing 777-200LR.

The introduction of the 489-seat A380 service, powered by US made GE GP7200 engines, is a direct response to demand with over one million passengers travelling between Los Angeles and Dubai so far.

Emirates 23rd A380 service will operate daily as EK 215 departing Dubai at 0820hrs and arriving at Los Angeles International Airport at 1250hrs the same day.

The return flight, EK 216, departs Los Angeles at 1600hrs and arrives in Dubai at 1950hrs the following day.

The double decker has 14 First Class Private Suites, 76 lie-flat beds in Business Class and 399 spacious seats in Economy Class.

The A380's arrival time in Dubai offers passengers from L.A. connections to an extensive range of onward destinations in the Middle East, Indian Subcontinent, Africa, Asia and the Far East.

The airline operates 63 weekly flights to the U.S., serving seven gateways; Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Dallas, Houston, Washington DC and New York JFK, where two of

the three daily flights are operated with A380s.

The 3rd JFK flight, operated with a Boeing 777-300ER, stops in Italy's fashion capital of Milan before continuing to New York. A daily service from Dubai to Boston will start 10th March 2014.

With 131 Boeing 777s in its fleet worth US\$ 34 billion, and a further 150 Boeing 777Xs ordered at Dubai Air Show 2013, valued at US\$ 76 billion, Emirates is a major contributor to the U.S. aerospace industry.



LA Mayor Eric Garcetti and Hubert Frach, Emirates' Divisional Senior Vice President Commercial Operations West Celebrate the Arrival of Emirates' A380 in LA.

Aga Khan University Hospital Opens State Of Art 'Dental Clinic'

Aga Khan University Hospital has opened a state of the art dental clinic which is located on the 3rd floor of the Park Place Building at the junction of second Parklands Avenue and Limuru Road overlooking City Park forest.

The facility consists of six dental consultation rooms, a large reception area furnished with a comfortable waiting area with WiFi and a big screen TV that shows educational material on dental health. It is open from 7.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on Saturdays.

The new outlet at Park Place is an addition to the other dental clinic at Aga Khan University Hospital which has four chairs and is open six times a week.

Dr. Linus Ndegwa, a Dental Surgeon at Aga Khan University Hospital, said, "We have six modern dental chairs at this clinic which are computerized and connected to digital x-ray machines and individualized screens.

"This enables dentists to take x-rays, plan treatment and take pictures of the patients and show patients the outline and condition of the teeth during treatment sessions on the screen thus enabling a paperless environment.

"We also have a surgical room where minor operations are carried out. These procedures are all done under local anaesthesia by highly qualified dentists."

"Among the services being offered in our new Park Place dental clinic are comprehensive consultations, dentures, tooth colored fillings, root canal, crowns and bridges, veneers and teeth whitening.

"Our dentists also give advice on oral hygiene and diet. This facility is open to both adults and children."

"Plans are underway to open a dental laboratory at this clinic which will be used to make dentures, crowns, bridges and braces.

"Initially these services will be accessed by the Aga Khan University Hospital outlets which have dental clinics. Afterwards, we shall provide services for private dental clinics which require these devices." A separate x-ray room has already been established and will soon have the latest top of the range 3D x-ray machine.

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THIS WEEK IN PHOTOGRAPHS



STUDY TOUR - George Mutinda (left), a Senior Technician for TVS motorcycles at Car and General describes a dismantled TVS engine and gearbox to students of Don Bosco Technical Institute during their study tour of the company. The students were also shown Cummins power generators and Piaggio tuk tuks which are sold and serviced by Car and General.



NISSAN DELIVERY VAN - Tintoria Drycleaners has expanded their fleet by adding a Nissan Hardbody pick-up with a custom built delivery van conversion which was purchased from DT Dobie. The van was handed over to the Finance Manager of Tintoria Drycleaners Rodgers Kemboi (right) and the Marketing Manager Gerald Hassan (centre) by a DT Dobie Sales Executive Victor Ochieng. The Nissan van will be used mainly for collection and delivery tasks.



NAIROBI (Xinhua) — Nairobi County Governor Evans Kidero [centre], Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Fred Matiang'i [right] and Nairobi Deputy Governor Jonathan Mueke announce a collaborative deal between the Nairobi and the ICT Ministry in Nairobi. According to Evans Kidero, the collaborative deal to install Information, Communication and Technology infrastructure was intended to enhance security of residents and protection of property within the city. XINHUA PHOTO: FRED MUTUNE



Christmas Kick Starts At The Sarova Stanley - It's that time of the year again as Sarova Stanley kicks off the festive season with their annual traditional cake mixing event. The traditional cake mixing ceremony starts right before Christmas. The ceremony is an opportunity to cherish the memories and harness love and relations. The rich fruit cake will be shared and given to guests during Christmas. The occasion was graced by Ms. Anne Othoro, County Executive committee Member for Trade, Industry cooperative Development Tourism and Wildlife, Nairobi County. Let Christmas begin!

On December 19, 2013 MP for Mvita, Hon Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir joined the management of Standard Group, APDK and Kenya Re in distributing equipment to persons with disabilities in Mombasa County. The equipment included wheelchairs, prosthetic legs, polio shoes, crutches and other aids. A total of 80 recipients were assisted. The initiative is funded courtesy of Kenya Re, Standard Group and A.P.D.K. Mr Nassir congratulated them on this excellent initiative. "I am glad that the Managing Director of Kenya Re has confirmed the firm's intention to continue with this C.S.R beyond next year," said the Mvita MP.



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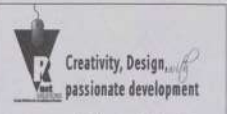
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"You don't have to take it apart for a good clean - just dust it."



"Don't know how he puts up with it in stereo!"



"Well, it's not my idea of a room divider."



"Punishment time - your wife is here!"

Coastal Union To Tour Oman

Coastal Union FC of Tanga, Tanzania will make a three weeks tour of Oman early next year ahead of the second leg of the Tanzanian Vodacom league.

County Stadium after the club's 1-0 victory over Admiral FC in Mombasa, Coastal Union Kenyan coach Yusuf Chipppo said the club will play a series of build-up friendlies against top clubs in Oman as from January 5, next year.

friendly matches against top Oman clubs to give our players the much needed exposure," said Chipppo.

After the Oman tour Coastal Union will jet back to Tanga and play host to Morogoro based JKT Oljoro FC on January 25 before taking on paca setters Yanga, both matches will be played at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga.

Coastal Union beat Admiral 1-0 through a 17th minute goal by Keneth Masumbuko.

The club is currently placed 8th in the 13-team Tanzanian Vodacom league standing.

Meanwhile, Bandari football club have told Gor Mahia to keep their hands off Shaban Kenga. Club's technical adviser Edward Oduor told K'ogallo that Kenga is their dependable player who has a contract with the team and they should forget about acquiring him.

"We have worked hard to groom Kenga from the grass-roots and have successfully molded him to a star and for Gor all of a sudden to start poaching him is unacceptable. We also want to win the Kenyan Premier League with Kenga," said Oduor.

Oduor advised Gor Mahia to invest on youth programme instead of poaching polished players from other clubs. Reliable sources reveal that Kenga is among the wanted players by 2013 Kenya Premier League (KPL) champions.



Sparki Youth FC captain, Tobia Mirah [second, left] receiving the 50th year Uhuru Anniversary Cup from the tournament organiser, Taherall Nurdin Babun [right] as other organising committee members look on. Sparki Youth won the title after beating Sarigoi Youth FC 1-0.



DECEMBER MUG

Agil Is-Haq (left), A-Division Winner with 72 points and Best Gross with 78 points receiving a Mug from Nyali Golf and Country Club Captain Abass Sheikh.

COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

In the following hand Declarer missed a seemingly insignificant play, but in doing so wrecked his slam.

DEALER: SOUTH NEITHER-SIDE VULNERABLE BIDDING:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
TWO SPADES	PASS	THREE CLUBS	PASS
THREE SPADES	PASS	FIVE SPADES	PASS
SIX SPADES	ALL PASS		

West led the Four of Hearts and Declarer played Dummy's Ten, discarding a Diamond. He drew Trumps in Four rounds.

West discarding three Hearts and Dummy Two Diamonds.

Then he played the Knave of Clubs.

East won the Ace and returned a Diamond.

Hoping to discard his two remaining Diamonds, Declarer rose with the Ace and cashed his two remaining Spades.

NORTH			
♠	8	7	
♥	A	Q	J 10
♦	5	4	3
♣	K	Q	4 2

WEST			
♠	5		
♥	K	6	5 4 3 2
♦	J	7	
♣	10	8	7 3

EAST			
♠	6	4	3 2
♥	9	8	7
♦	K	9	8 6
♣	A	9	

SOUTH			
♠	A	K	Q J 10 9
♥			
♦	A	Q	10 2
♣	J	6	5

Down to King, Six of Hearts and Ten, Eight, Seven of Clubs. West smoothly bared his King of Hearts on the last Spade in order to keep his Three running Clubs.

Declarer had to guess what to discard from Dummy (who held Ace-Queen of Hearts and King-Queen-Four of Clubs). He threw the Queen of Hearts, hoping for an even Club break.

West took the last trick with the Ten of Clubs to defeat the Slam. Can you spot Declarer's costly error?

If he cashes the Ace of Hearts at Trick Two, then he will have to guess in the end game. On the last Spade West will have to discard either the King of Hearts - in which case Dummy can discard the Four of Clubs and take the 12th trick with the Queen of Hearts or a Club, in which case Dummy's Queen of Hearts is discarded and the 12th trick is made with the Four of Clubs.

M.S.C. Cricketers Indian Tour Successfully Ends

The Mombasa Sports Club Juniors Cricket tour of India has successfully ended with a bang.

Although it was meant for training and development, the match results were an amazing 4 triumphant wins and 1 loss!

The results are not fully indicative of the skills levels - which definitely need improvement through more professional training.

Raw talent we have but to go further the players saw first hand the need to focus and apply the tips received.

The final day and closing ceremony were graced by the presence of former Indian cricketers like Anshuman Gaekwad and Nayan Mongia.

Besides the medals, certificates and gifts the real 'bang' came through a surprise fireworks participation by all.

It included a massive 10,000

firecracker "loom" that went on and on. Besides that the team visited about 11 fine restaurants in Vadodara, went bowling and had a night on the Go Kart track.

A personally guided tour of the Laxmi Vilas Palace, by Aniruddha Gaekwad, the Art Museum, Zoo and various malls kept the team occupied.



Anshuman Gaekwad receiving the Mombasa Sports Club tour banner and a cap from Vivek Mehta and Harry Shah from Mombasa Sports Club.

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Historic Triumph

MARIAKANI QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL DIVISION I LEAGUE

Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Kaloleni sub-branch treasure Daniel Kazungu Kambi has congratulated Mariakani Stars FC for winning the South Coast Zone C champions title and a ticket to play in the national division one league next year.

Speaking after Mariakani Stars crushed Buzeki FC 7-1 in their last match at Baptist High school ground, a delighted Kazungu said the team's qualification in the country's second top league was a historic triumph for Kaloleni.

"I take this occasion to congratulate the Mariakani Stars' qualification to the national division one league and wish them the very best in its future matches.

This triumph is rightly seen as another powerful symbol of Kaloleni's soccer resurgence," said Kambi.

Kazungu explained that credit must go to the players, technical bench officials and club leaders for their hard work and spirit in playing their hearts out till they manage to emerge victors.

Mariakani Stars join two other Coast clubs, Vimbwanga and Technical University of

Mombasa (formerly Mombasa Polytechnic) to play for national division one league for the first time, next year.

Mariakani Stars qualified for the division one league next season after they milked Buzeki 7-1 to emerge South Coast premier league zone C champions during their last match played at Baptist ground, last Sunday.

Mariakani threw everything into attack from the word go and opened the floodgates in the 7th minute through Mohammed Jamaan.

Fred Kariuki doubled the lead ten minutes later.

Jumaan was the master assassin again in the 25th minute while Idd Karama scored the fourth goal three minutes after half an hour mark for a 4-0 lead at half time.

Mariakani came back in the second half breathing fire and Fred Kariuki stretched the lead to score the fifth goal in the 70th minute before dangerman Ben Mosha added the sixth goal in the 78th minute.

Steven Onyango pulled back for Buzeki in the 87th minute.

Ben Mosha completed the amazing goal burst one minute to time.

After playing 22 matches

Mariakani finished the league at the summit of the 12 team zone C table with 44 points on level with SS Assad but with a superior goal aggregate.

The other match involving SS Assad and Rabai Sports was abandoned three minutes to break after Rabai players walked off the pitch protesting the referee's decision to flash red card to their player.

At the time of abandonment, Assad were leading 4-0.

SS Assad drew the first blood in the third minute through Ali Pesa and Matano Omar made it 2-0 four minutes later.

Assad were awarded a penalty in the 21st minute after a defender handled the ball inside the box.

Yusuf Rama stepped up to convert the spot kick. Ali Pesa was on mark again to score the fourth goal two minutes to half an hour mark.

The madness started in the 43rd minute after Rabai's Kelvin Mwanyambi was given his marching orders by center referee Omar Mwamaarifa for a second bookable offence.

Rabai Sports Club bitterly protested the decision and walked off the pitch.

After waiting in vain for the visitors to resume play, the match officials called off the match.



Magongo United FC team prior to one of their friendly matches. The team is preparing for the South Coast Premier League which is expected to start in February, next year.

Street Child World Cup

One of the world's biggest professional services companies, Ernst and Young (EY), has teamed up with UK-based charity Glad's House to help transform lives of street children in Kenya.

On board as Corporate Fundraisers, EY is undertaking a fundraising project to raise £60,000 for Glad's House through a charity football tournament for staff.

Glad's House is based in the UK, but its main operation is in Mombasa where the organisation works with street kids delivering programmes of education, enterprise and using sport to unite the young people.

Next year the charity is hoping to send a team to the Street Child World Cup, which is taking place in Rio de Janeiro, but money is needed to help the young people on their way.

Cliff Ferguson, co-founder of Glad's House, said: "EY are one of the biggest and most respected businesses in the world so to have their support is phenomenal.

"Our relationship is designed to be mutually beneficial as it will help EY extend their already admirable social responsibility credentials and also allow its staff to shine in a different environment outside the workplace."

Taking place in January 2014, the tournament already has 30 teams from EY lined up to compete.

Kate Bamford, Partner from EY, said: "This corporate fundraising partnership offers the perfect opportunity to give something back, and fundraising for Glad's House is a very worthy cause.

"As well as raising money for

charity, the staff football tournament we're organising also works as a team building exercise.

"Our staff are very driven so this is a good outlet for competitive natures outside of the office.

"We're a very conscientious business so we operate a range of different corporate social responsibility projects and we truly believe that working together we can make a difference."

The tournament is taking place at London Soccer Dome and around 300 staff will be taking part. The money raised will pay

for entry into the Street Child World Cup and the start of Glad's Houses legacy programme from SCWC, a new 'Glad's House Girls' programme which the charity is launching to provide greater engagement with street-connected girls.

Females living on the street are less common, but they require a greater level of support and counselling due to the increased trauma and abuse they face on the streets.

Glad's House Girls will provide an essential lifeline and hopes to help hundreds of girls each year.

Kenya Cricket Friendlies

By John Kwoba NAIROBI (Xinhua) - Kenya cricket team will play two international build up matches against Hong Kong, China and Nepal prior to their trip to New Zealand for the World Cup qualifiers.

The team, which has returned from the ICC Inter-Continental matches in Dubai, has landed two build up matches as part of their preparations for the 2015 ICC World Cup qualifiers scheduled to take place in New Zealand between January 13 and February 1.

This means that Kenya will play ties against Hong Kong, China in their first build-up match to be played at Christchurch on January 10 and Nepal in their second friendly match at the same venue on January 11, two days before they start their World Cup qualifiers campaign.

Steve Tikolo, Kenya's interim coach said the matches will be important to help Kenya acclimatise prior to the tournament proper.

"The build-up matches will help us to acclimatize to weather conditions in New Zealand that are very different with Dubai and Kenya," Tikolo said Sunday in Nairobi.

"Playing the two teams (Hong Kong, China and Nepal) would also help us know their approach of the game just in case we meet in Super Six Stage."

This will be the first time that Tikolo will be leading

the team, and it offers him a chance to know where best to position his players and analyse their strength and weaknesses. Kenya is in Pool "B" together with Papua New Guinea, Namibia, Uganda and Netherlands. Group A consists of United Arab Emirates, Scotland, Canada, Hong Kong, China and Nepal. Top three finishers in each group advance to the Super Six Stage.

Super Six finalists qualify for 2015 World Cup to be hosted by New Zealand and Australia.

According to the qualifiers fixtures released by International Cricket Council, Kenya opens its campaign with a match against Papua New Guinea at New Plymouth on January 13. Tikolo charges would then take on Namibia in their second fixture programmed for January 17 before engaging neighbours Uganda two days later.

Kenya play their final group match against formidable the Netherlands on January 23.

"We've played all these teams before and we know their strong and weak points. We met Papua New Guinea at recent Twenty20 World Cup qualifiers in Dubai and we've idea on how they approach the game," said Tikolo.

Papua New Guinea (177-4) beat Kenya (175-6) by four wickets during the match played November 15.

"Kenya and the Netherlands teams meet regularly especially in the World Cricket League and so the sides are not new to each other," he added.

Maiyo, Kipkemboi Eye Gold

By John Kwoba NAIROBI (Xinhua) - Jonathan Maiyo and Nicholas Kipkemboi will lead Kenyan charges in the next Dubai marathon, which will be held on January 24.

Kenya has not done well in this event, especially the men's event.

However, the two colleagues are keen to break the duck and secure the title from the strong Ethiopia grip.

Lucy Kabuu and Mary Keitany, are some of the women from Kenya who have ruled the roost in the United Arab Emirates premier marathon race in the past.

"It is important that I improve on my third place finish in 2012 and win the ultimate prize," said Maiyo.

"However, Dubai is now a bid city marathon attracting top class athletes and it will be hard.

"However, I focus on my strength and not

the competitors and that is why I am certain of doing well and end the long wait for the gold medal in Dubai," Maiyo told Xinhua, Sunday in Eldoret.

The Dubai Marathon has a prize money of 200,000 US dollars for the winner plus an additional bonus of \$100,000 for breaking the world record.

Two Ethiopian debutants have won the most recent editions of the Standard Chartered Dubai Marathon in spectacular style - Ayele Abshero broke the course record with 2:04:23 in 2012 and Lelisa Desisa clocked 2:04:45 this year.

Might a third consecutive upset be on the cards in just over a month?

The pair will be on the start line alongside their more experienced compatriot Markos Geneti, who finished third in the 2012 Dubai race in a personal best 2:04:54.

Maiyo was fourth in the 2012 Dubai Marathon and smashed his personal best by

almost eight minutes, improving from 2:12:45 to 2:04:56, when finishing behind an Ethiopian trio.

Also returning to this superflat course is Nicholas Kipkemboi.

Ayele Abshero broke the course record with 2:04:23 in 2012 and Lelisa Desisa clocked 2:04:45 last year.

When the next edition is staged on 24th January the Kenyans will be going all out to reclaim supremacy.

But the Ethiopian blend of experience and promising debutants could prove a potent mix.

Nicholas Kipkemboi, who made his marathon debut in Dubai in January, clocking a fine 2:06:33 for sixth place.

Atsedu Tsegay, who won the New Delhi Half Marathon two weeks ago will also be in the mix.

Abera Kuma is another promising Ethiopian making his debut at the marathon in Dubai.

Coach Amrouche Seals Lucrative 5 Year Contract

By John Kwoba NAIROBI (Xinhua) - Kenya has moved to secure the service of Belgian coach Adel Amrouche, barely a week after helping the East Africa country to clinch the regional Cecafa Senior Challenge Cup.

Football Kenya Federation (FKF) chairman Sam Nyamweya announced Sunday that Amrouche has agreed an improved five-year contract with Kenya, which will see him guide Harambee Stars through the 2015 Africa Nations Cup qualification and possible help in the 2018 World Cup qualification.

More importantly, the Kenya government will meet the new deal obligations, after president Uhuru Kenyatta had agreed to help FKF to shoulder the coach's salary burden.

Amrouche, who replaced Frenchman Henri Michel in February, was earning US Dollar 15,000 in the previous deal.

"It is great to have his service. He has agreed to grow with us and we are happy with his performance. Winning the regional tournament was his first assignment and he has delivered. 'Now we focus on the bigger things and the Africa Nations Cup and the World Cup will feature prominently,' Nyamweya told Xinhua, Sunday in Nairobi.

Amrouche who holds a UEFA professional diploma and a Masters in Scientific Sports Research from France University noted his desire is to see a country playing attractive football and winning results.

Nyamweya said the new contract has been made possible because the government decided to come on board to assist Harambee Stars realise its potential.

"The government has pledged to settle Amrouche's salary for the next five years of the contract," he said.

"We had a chat with President Uhuru Kenyatta, when the team went to State House to present him with the Cecafa Senior Challenge trophy, which we last won in 2009.

"He agreed to chip in and support football in the most possible way. The federation is grateful for this kind gesture which will definitely improve services within the national team."

The contract will take effect from January 1, 2014. He however, didn't disclose how much the new contract is worth.

Already Kenya has made a bid to host the 2019 Africa Nations Cup finals and Nyamweya said they are optimistic Confederation of Africa Football (CAF) will allow them to have the rights.

"We submitted our bid over four months back now and CAF has already acknowledged the receipt of the bid.

"We are hoping that we can get the chance to host the tournament in 2019. Our success with Cecafa Senior Challenge Cup is a bonus," said Nyamweya.

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KENYA TIDE TABLES

MOMBASA, Dec 27, 2013 - Jan 16, 2014

FRIDAY High Water - 2.2 m. at 11.07 hrs. (11.07 a.m.), Low Water - 1.3 m. at 05.13 hrs. (5.13 a.m.) and 1.1 m. at 17.06 hrs. (5.06 p.m.).

SATURDAY High Water - 2.7 m. at 00.01 hrs. (12.01 a.m.) and 2.2 m. at 12.39 hrs. (12.39 p.m.), Low Water - 1.1 m. at 06.42 hrs. (6.42 a.m.) and 1.0 m. at 18.31 hrs. (6.31 p.m.).

SUNDAY High Water - 2.9 m. at 01.14 hrs. (1.14 a.m.) and 2.4 m. at 13.54 hrs. (1.54 p.m.), Low Water - 0.9 m. at 07.51 hrs. (7.51 a.m.) and 0.9 m. at 19.42 hrs. (7.42 p.m.).

MONDAY High Water - 3.1 m. at 02.14 hrs. (2.14 a.m.) and 2.6 m. at 14.51 hrs. (2.51 p.m.), Low Water - 0.6 m. at 08.44 hrs. (8.44 a.m.) and 0.6 m. at 20.35 hrs. (8.35 p.m.).

TUESDAY High Water - 3.4 m. at 03.04 hrs. (3.04 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 15.39 hrs. (3.39 p.m.), Low Water - 0.3 m. at 09.30 hrs. (9.30 a.m.) and 0.4 m. at 21.23 hrs. (9.23 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY High Water - 3.7 m. at 03.48 hrs. (3.48 a.m.) and 3.2 m. at 14.19 hrs. (4.19 p.m.), Low Water - 0.1 m. at 10.10 hrs. (10.10 a.m.) and 0.3 m. at 10.07 hrs. (10.07 p.m.).

THURSDAY High Water - 3.9 m. at 04.32 hrs. (4.32 a.m.) and 3.3 m. at 05.02 hrs. (5.02 p.m.), Low Water - 0.0 m. at 10.51 hrs. (10.51 a.m.) and 0.2 m. at 10.53 hrs. (10.53 p.m.).

NOTE: Standard Port is Kilindini. ADD 40 minutes for Lamu and ADD five minutes for Malindi. 'No Change' for Kiimi and Diani.

GOODWILL GESTURE

EU Naval Force frigate, **ITS Libeccio** has come to the assistance of a Yemini fishing dhow that was sailing along the Somali coast with 38 people on board.

Due to poor weather conditions, one of two skiffs that were being towed astern of the dhow had capsized and started to sink.

Fully aware of the great value that these small boats have to local seafarers, as they are often used to extend fishing nets and longlines, the Italian Navy crew quickly approached the capsized vessel and after righting it, emptied the water out.

As the recovery of the sunken skiff has taken some time, the Italian chefs on board **ITS Libeccio** kindly prepared packed lunches for all of the 38 fisher-men, who were very appreciative of the good

will gesture. Since the EU Naval Force commenced counter piracy operations in December 2008, over 300 seafarers have been rescued or given humanitarian assistance at sea.

ITS Libeccio has resumed her counter piracy patrols.



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