

THE QUEENS OF LOCAL TOURISM

Both Rebeccah and Gabale faced stiff competition but came out on top. **ZuQka's** Joy Wanja and Joseph Kanyi tell you a little bit about the two beauty queens



Rebecca Wairimu, a 21-year-old engineering student, won the Miss Tourism Kenya 2013 - Nyeri County title held on Saturday evening at the White Rhino Hotel.

of not only representing Nyeri County but promoting tourism and the cultural heritage of my county," says Rebecca.

Becky, as she is fondly called by peers, is a Third Year mechatronics engineering student. She renounced a previous beauty pageant title in order to contest

holder from contesting. She had been crowned Miss Tourism Ki-mathi University on September 27 this year at the Nyeri County run-ups.

Miss Tourism Kenya is a beauty pageant for promoting tourism, unity in cultural diversity, and good environmental practices. The pageant is geared towards creating new investment opportunities in line with Vision 2030. It is organised in all 47 counties in line with the devolved structure and a winner is declared in each county.

Becky will represent Nyeri as a delegate in the national finals to be held in December in Nairobi.

The chief guest, Governor Nderitu Gachagua, who had travelled abroad, was represented by Deputy Governor Samuel Wamathai. Guests at the event included nominated legislator Isaac Mwaura, the speaker of the county assembly, Mr Mwangi Mugo, and several county Cabinet secretaries.

By Joy Wanja

WHO IS FAIREST OF THEM ALL? | Participants prepare for beauty pageant



Some of the 25 models who participated in a one-day boot camp training at the White Rhino Hotel in Nyeri town yesterday in readiness for the Miss Tourism Nyeri County pageant. The contest, organised by Prime Constel, will be held on October 12 at the same venue.

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CALLING ALL OF NYERI'S BEAUTIES

Finalists of Miss Tourism Kenya 2013 Nyeri County Edition will from this Sunday attend a one-day boot camp at the White Rhino Hotel for training ahead of the finals to be held on October 12.

In the past two months, Prime Constel, the organisers of the Nyeri County edition, held run-ups at Kagumo College, Nyeri Technical, and Kimathi and Karatina universities, attracting 24 finalists.

The last auditions will also be held on Sunday 6 October at White Rhino Hotel from 8am. The event sponsors include Dabo fortified maize flour, the Nyeri County government, and the Mt Kenya Tourism Circuit Association.



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Nyeri county executive in charge of education, ICT, sports and tourism, Elijah Nguny (centre) shares a drink with youths during a breakfast meeting with stakeholders in preparation for Miss Tourism Nyeri County finals yesterday. The county government intends to use the pageant to promote tourism through identifying sites, hotels and cultural activities and marketing them both locally and internationally.

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MISS TOURISM KENYA AUDITIONS

Nyeri Edition, go down at Nyeri Technical Institute tomorrow September 14, at 2pm. For details call Peninah on 0729-147-730. The finals take place on October 12 in the same town, at White Rhino Hotel.

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MISS TOURISM NYERI COUNTY

will be held tomorrow at White Rhino Hotel from 7pm. Expected to showcase both their beauty and expanse knowledge of Nyeri County's tourism heritage, the 25 contestants will battle it out at a red carpet event hosted by Mother-in-Law's Lisa and graced by NTV's Dann Mwangi, 2012 Mrs Universe Kenya Esther Wahome, radio personality and comedian Githingithia and 2013 Groove Award Winner Makena.

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