

RTC TRAINS MORE STUDENTS FOR BOTSWANA'S ROAD CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY....*writes A. M. Dintweng*

The Minister of Transport & Communications Frank J. Ramsden is expected to confer certificates to nearly 70 students from the Department of Roads training arm – RTC – as they graduate on December 2nd 2011. This will be in gesture of their importance to Botswana's construction industry which continues to grow even though it has its challenges.

Since its establishment in 1962 under the Public Works Department which eventually became Roads Department in 1974, more than 1500 students have been trained by the institution. Roads Training Centre offers courses mainly in Certificate or Diploma in Highway Engineering. The training is now available to the open market as a strategy to increase citizen contractors' capacity in this very competitive industry.

The home of highway, as affectionately called by its students has produced some of the best of Road Engineer's including the current Director of Roads Kabo Phillip Kote. In fact, Armando Vasco Lionjanga, a former Director of Roads himself and a reputable engineer in the industry, will officiate at this year's event where some 500 people are expected.



Director of Roads – Kabo P. Kote addressing RTC Graduation 2011
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