

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Health Department to preside over graduation of Nelson Mandela/Fidel Castro Medical Doctors Programme**

**Pretoria:** The Department of Health will on Friday, 04 July preside over the graduation ceremony of medical doctors who completed their studies in various Universities in Cuba through Nelson Mandela Fidel Castro (NMFC) medical training programme.

The graduation ceremony for over 70 qualified Doctors of Medicine will take place at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, outside Pretoria. This year marks the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the programme which has so far produced more than 3700 medical doctors, filling a critical skills gap in the country.

The Programme, founded by former and late presidents Nelson Mandela and Fidel Castro of Cuba aims to afford opportunity to students, mainly from historically disadvantaged communities to pursue medicine and place them in health facilities based at underserved communities.

### **Members of the media are invited to join event scheduled as follows:**

**Date:** Friday, 04 July 2025  
**Time:** 10h00  
**Venue:** Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University Sports Complex, Ga Rankuwa, North of Pretoria

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