



PRESS RELEASE: Veteran promoter Nestor Tobias honored

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14 October 2021 – Windhoek - The adage that ‘you should give people their flowers when they can still smell them’ was the theme on Thursday evening when MTC and sponsors honored continental acclaimed promoter Nestor Tobias.

The Night of Appreciation in honor of Tobias was a brainchild of Namibia’s leading telco MTC with sponsors who have been part of a journey and appreciate the work of Nestor Tobias of the MTC Nestor Sunshine Boxing Tobias and Fitness Academy.

Having rubbed shoulders with the continent’s greats in his early ring days, former two-time lightweight world champion and former super middleweight world champion Dinga Thobela on the night praised Nestor’s journey.

“The man we are celebrating today is greatness. He has walked the walk with all adversities. How he has climbed the ladder to reach stardom remains impressive. When I met him in South Africa, he was not afraid to fight the best boxers. As a sparing partner, he brought the best out of you. Today he is a jack of all trades and we can only thank him for what he has done for Namibian boxing,” said Thobela.

With 178 fights under his belt as an amateur, 19 as a professional, before producing three world champions through his magic hands and promoting 485 boxers to date, the five-time WBO Best Promoter/Manager of the year in Africa remains the country’s Don King of Namibian boxing.

Having established the Namibia’s first boxing academy in 2000, the country remains renowned on the world boxing podium through the likes of Paulus Moses, Jeremiah Nakathila, Julius Indongo, Paulus Ambunda and the abundance of young talents still going through the ropes of Nestor.

“This is a revolution. We have a culture of not recognizing people when they are still alive. The message we want to send is that we need to celebrate our people. We are the very best when it comes to criticizing people but do the very least to recognize them when they do good. It goes without mention that Nestor has a lot for Namibian boxing, and he deserves all praises from the country,” said MTC’s Tim Ekandjo.

His appreciation included donations in monies and kind from corporates such as DStv, Temptations, 6M09, fuel vouchers, NWR, Readi Bites, Frank Fredricks Foundation, Kaiyamo Fresh Produce, Windhoek

Country Club and Resort, ConSoAv, Elvando Fishing, Nampower, MTC, Trip Travel, Shilongo Leather Works, 3D, Elly Moo Trading Enterprises, TIMEZONE, FlyWestair, Super Tyres and a performance by Kind Tee Dee on the night.

On the night, Nestor was also honored with a Tailor-Made Boxing Ring worth N\$54 000 and Tailor-Made Boxing Belt worth N\$27 000 from MTC. This is in addition to a new iPhone 12 and N\$24 000 worth of airtime per annum.

“I just want to say thank you for making me who I am today. It is not the end of the road, I am committed to take more kids off the street and make them champions,” said a delighted Nestor in accepting his reward from Namibian corporates.

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