Featured: Pharo Foundation opens its first school in Kigali, Rwanda

Pharo Foundation is a mission-driven organization based in the United Kingdom and runs a chain of schools in Kenya, Ethiopia, Somaliland and now Rwanda, spanning different levels from pre-primary to post-secondary levels. Since 2011, Pharo Foundation has accumulated significant experience in the education sector in the Horn of Africa. It runs six Pharo Schools in Somaliland and Ethiopia serving over 1,800 students ranging from kindergarten, primary, secondary and vocational training. Additionally, the Foundation runs 15 Early Childhood Education (ECE) centres in Hargeisa all within public schools, and an additional 3 in Berbera, Somaliland. The Foundation has also implemented the same ECE model in over 11 schools in Ethiopia to set a solid academic foundation. Pharo Schools are centres of excellence offering top-quality education, and integration of extra-curricular activities to ensure an all-rounded approach.

Pharo School Kigali is the latest addition to these schools. Pharo Foundation's flagship in Kigali has opened enrollment for the September 2023 intake and registration is ongoing. Pharo School Kigali's main aim is to equip children and youth with the requisite skills to lead local and global economic and social change. "We are on a mission to provide a locally relevant and globally competitive, high-quality learning experience, which empowers students to become lifelong learners and productive global citizens", said Moureen Mutiso the Communications Coordinator at Pharo Foundation in a radio interview.

"The backbone of our education is our ambitious hands-on curriculum, designed to tailor instruction and personalize learning to cater for each child's needs. This is complemented by a wide range of extracurricular activities including music, dance, and sports where students can explore their creativity and talent," she stated.

Pharo School Kigali will provide high-quality, affordable education and upgrade existing facilities to create a learning environment that allows the entire school community to flourish. "It is our goal to create a safe, welcoming environment that celebrates diversity and considers the individual needs of each student. Pharo School Kigali is uniquely positioned to bridge the socio-economic divide in the educational landscape through a hybrid program that is both accessible and of high quality. We maintain awareness of the national curriculum, but use international school procedures, practices, and technologies as inspiration. Our curriculum and pedagogy are highly influenced by the Cambridge and IB curricula", she said.

She concluded the interview by mentioning that Pharo School Kigali is a school where students are prepared to become independent learners, caring and critical thinkers who drive positive change locally and globally.

"Pharo Schools are here to stay and grow with our children to provide quality education from nursery to secondary and beyond. The tuition fee of 400,000 RWF per term will go towards teacher training, quality curriculum development, state-of-the-art facilities and equipment and extracurricular activities. Pharo School Kigali is currently accepting registrations for the September 2023 intake", she said.

For more information visit: <u>www.pharofoundation.org</u> or email us at <u>info.rw@pharofoundation.org or</u> call +250798687020. Pharo School Kigali is located in Kimihurura opposite the old Cadillac.