



## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **MISS GLOBAL BOTSWANA 2012**

Nicole Lisa Gaelebale is Miss Global Botswana 2012. She entered the beauty pageant on 1st September 2012 and was a very popular winner. The pre-arranged sponsorship fell through but her mother, Kenalemang, was determined to get her to Jamaica for the international final and had within a few days organised the sponsorship she need to pay for her flight to Montego Bay, Jamaica on 11th September!

There was so much to sort out in so few days! Traditional wear including a Botswana flag - swimwear to show off her 177cm long body to its best effect - evening wear to wow the judges in the last round. Nevertheless it was done and she met her guru & trainer, Boikanyo Trust Pheny, at Heathrow airport on 12th September. They travelled on together from Gatwick to Montego Bay to arrive 4 days earlier than the other girls. This was to provide time for training as “Miss Nicky” had not had any experience as a model or beauty queen!

Sunday evening came all too soon for the cocktail party at the hotel with most of the other contestants - there being 29 altogether - more than ever before! There followed a week of frenzied activity touring round the Island visiting VIPs, Sponsors & Judges, providing photo opportunities and meeting the people of Jamaica whose friendliness was exceeded only by the oppressive heat of the sun!

Monday: Negril: “Meet the Queen” Cocktail Party, Fashion Show & Karaoke

Tuesday: Jamaica Zoo & at Kingston a Cocktail Party followed by Dinner & Karaoke

Wednesday: Courtesy Calls, Grooming, Tour of Hotel, Boat Ride & Photo Shoot & an evening at Club India

Thursday: Ocho Rios: Dunn’s River Falls, Dolphin Cove (swimming with Dolphins)

VIPs etc included: Prime Minister Portia Lucretia Simpson-Miller, Governor General Sir Patrick Allen, Commissioner of Police Owen Ellington, Sponsor for Gowns & Swimwear Madame Seductive (Ms Dacion Alexander).

Friday saw the talent show for which Miss Nicky had prepared a dance which with those long legs was certainly going to wow the judges! Her reward was being placed in the top ten with the winners being announced the following day at the Grand Coronation Show to be held in the prestigious new Montego Bay Convention Centre!

Then Saturday - the day they had all been waiting for! First the prejudging in swimming costumes from which the judges would choose the top 12 to be announced at the Grand Coronation Show later. 5 hours were reserved for Hair & makeup, grooming & rehearsals with the show starting at 8pm. By 11pm it was all over and unfortunately Miss Nicky was not placed in the top 12 much to the amazement of the entire audience. Later it was discovered that it was her amazing Africa curves that let her down. All I can say is they pumped everybody else up! Judges . . . who needs ‘em!



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And the winner was Miss England (Amanda Lillian) with Miss Puerto Rico and Miss Jamaica as 1st and 2nd runners up.

Nicole stayed on with Boikanyo in Montego Bay for a few more days to recharge their batteries before returning to the UK on 27th September for a photoshoot by Steve Spurgin in Southsea - a very well known local photographer. On Saturday the Botswana Independence Day celebration organised by Boikanyo featured Miss Nicky as a VIP guest together with other VIPS such as: Dr Patricks (Director Miss Commonwealth International) and Miss Portugal UK 2012.

So Miss Nicky did not achieve her ambition of being the first to take the Miss Global crown to Botswana but she is undeterred: "This is just a challenge to me!" she said with a defiant look on her face. "I'll show them next year - just watch this space!"

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Boikanyo Pheny'.

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