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Juan Kiti

A well-know Belgian Artist is going to open a Art School in Namibia.

Well-known Belgian artist, Juan Kiti, visited Namibia last week on invitation of the hospitality group, Leading Lodges of Africa. The artist was so inspired by the Namibian landscapes and scenes, that he completed two paintings whilst in the country. The one painting was done of Dead Vlei in the Sossusvlei area, and the second painting in the bushveld at Epacha Game Lodge and Spa. Mr Kiti was accompanied by a film crew and a number of journalists, who filmed and recorded the artist at work.

Mr Kiti was so impressed with Namibia and its people, that he, together with Count Paul van de Vijver, Chairman of Leading Lodges of Africa, decided to built an art school and workshop on the Epacha Game Reserve, adjacent to Etosha National Park. The art school will promote contemporary Namibian art by making use of local materials. The art school will host Namibian students and artists.

During his visit to Namibia, Mr Kiti further had the honour of meeting Ms Esther Kauluma, the daughter of King Immanuel Kauluma Eliphas. During this meeting, Mr Kiti donated one of his paintings to the King Kauluma Children's Trust, which is currently constructing an orphanage in Ondangwa.

Furthermore, Juan Kiti also met with the Director General of the National Planning Comission, the Hon Mr Peter Katijvivi and the Deputy Minister of Justice, the Hon Utoni Nujoma at the King Kauluma Gardens Restaurant at Villa Verdi Guest House.

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