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YOUTH BENEFITS FROM INDUSTRY SUPPORT

The AAD2008 Youth Development Programme (YDP) attracted a lot of attention from young visitors and the industry.

International Aero Engines (IAE), a multi-national consortium that develops aero-engines for Airbus aircraft, made a major contribution to the YDP and to a school for special needs children in Cape Town.

Col Bobby Keller, chairman of the AAD Youth Development Programme, said that IAE's generous support "will have a lasting impact on the youth of South Africa and the Alta du Toit School and its pupils."



PARLIAMENTARIANS VISIT AAD2008

Members of Parliament, notably the Portfolio Committee on Defence, left the serious business of legislative functions in the house, to tour the AAD2008 displays during the trade days.

It was clear that they took a keen interest in the military products and high technology equipment at the show. Moreover, it demonstrated a commitment on the part of the Government for the aerospace and defence industry in South Africa.



NEW TECHNOLOGY TO STOP BULLETS

Some truly interesting technologies were shown in the halls at AAD2008.

The DuPont company launched its new patented Kevlar® XP™ at the show, claiming it has more bullet stopping power and provides both ballistic and trauma protection in a more comfortable body armour solution.

Tests show that Kevlar® XP™ consistently stops bullets within the first three layers of a vest designed with a total of 11 layers. The remaining layers of Kevlar® XP™ absorb the energy of the bullet, resulting in less trauma, or backface deformation, to the vest wearer.

DuPont is a science-based products and services company founded in 1802, and is currently operating in 70 countries.



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