

# ANC group eager to learn from M'sia

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KUALA LUMPUR: The 20 delegates from the African National Congress undergoing nine weeks of training at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations are eager to learn the success of Malaysia as a multi-racial nation.

Miss Ellen Molekane, 40, said Malaysia was similar to South Africa with its multi-racial communities.

"I want to learn tolerance instead of the inequalities of apartheid," she said.

"We don't have tolerance in our culture because apartheid teaches us to be apart, different, and not to respect each other's culture."

Molekane said she was grateful that Malaysia had shown its support for



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**Mawethu ... delighted with experience.**

ANC and hoped it would continue to do so. Molekane also wanted another favour from Malaysia.

"Most of all, I want Malaysia to be an independent party during the election to monitor the situation and ensure that

the principles of the United Nations will not be violated," she said.

The election for the new government will be in April, next year.

Mr Solomon Gassan, from Cape Town, also hoped to learn to cope and

live harmoniously with the different races in his country.

He said there were more than five different races with their own languages and cultures in South Africa.

Gassan, a Malay de-

scendant, felt the Malaysian Government should break away from the tradition that only the old were leaders.

"The young should be given a chance to be leaders of the country, too," he said.

Mr Robert McBride said he believed Malaysia was the best country in the region to learn diplomacy and international relations.

He said the country and people were beautiful and the food was delicious.

"This is the beginning of a friendship and I hope to understand the ways and culture of Malaysia," he said.

Mr Mawethu Ntshongwana, 42, was delighted with the experience in the house of a Malaysian family in Port Dickson where they had to eat on the floor.