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◆ Cuana Angula

We must thank the collective leadership of the SWAPO Party!

◆ Natalie Lu Boois

Definitely have to thank the SWAPO government for stability: politically, socially and economically. In many other African countries there is a huge need for the stability we have here in Namibia. The peaceful way our country men and women interact with each other is astounding. LONG LIVE THE SWAPO PARTY.....! LONG LIVE NAMIBIA.....!

◆ Natalie Lu Boois

And LONG LIVE DR NGURARE.....!

◆ Martin James Wilkinson

OK I have to admit it, the country is united by one party and that's SWAPO! and the country will be divided by all those other little tribal parties if they ever get their act together which is doubtful. so Viva SWAPO!

◆ Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare

lol, very well said my compatriots, I smiled at the post of Paulina and Martin calling "projects" and "little tribal parties". @that is a good one Meita, I am well hope you are too @Cde politician Boois, I c u ready for Parliament lol @ Cde Cuana that is true credit goes to the collective leadership of the Party though I think u will agree with me ... See Morethat the Founding President deserves a unique and special acknowledgement. That is a good one @Nashipe and @mpandu otate Martin ngesi monzira nakara tanizi koNkure-nkuru.

◆ Irya Gabriel

If it wasn't for SWAPO we wouldn't had walk freely in our country, peace and stability, BUT our SWAPO government should also c that all the SWAPO Youth r employed in the grn.lol

◆ Martin James Wilkinson

Ewa Otate, Zera Zongwa and greet my in laws there! (is it kiridisopo mo kumbo? that greeting always confuses me!!!)

◆ Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare

lol, ewa mpandu Tate , I think u meant to say "kundisirenipo wo kumbo" overall I must applaud our sister she worked hard to Namibianise an Englishman...ha ha ha! @Cde Irya, I second your motion and apart from Government the private sector should also empower unemployed youth with education and job opportunities.

◆ Josephine Mutenda

Defiantly it's the SWAPO Party which brought tranquility and political stability in this country whether we like it or not

◆ Jesaya Ashipala

The credit must be given to the SWAPO Party and it s strong government at large... Alluta continue!!!

◆ Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare

Very true Cdes Josephine and Jesaya, credit must be given where

it is due: SWAPO Party and its Government! We must know however that some powers outside Namibia are not happy with the presence of peaceful havens in Africa. For them war is profit and peace is poverty; they can even invade countries look at Iraq lol

◆ Imms Shawana Nashinge

We should all thank SWAPO and its leadership from Sections, branches, Districts, Regional and national level + plus its Govt! Without all this STRUCTURES we wouldn't have are achieved this much...

All we need is to work hard, work together at all time! we should continue to trust in ourselves and do what we believe is right for us and for the next generation to come. National interest and pride should be No 1 Priority! private Sector should contribute immensely. I want to see a SCHOOL, CLINIC, SPORT FACILITY, LIBRARY built and administered by N A M D E D , R O S I N G , NAMPORT, NAMPOWER and so on.... NOT JUST Government every time!!! Opposition parties should not fight SWAPO for their own stomach, emotions and greed, but for the development of this country!

◆ Lucia Hipondoka-Tuyapeni

MPANDU UNENE SWAPO! :-)

◆ Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare

lol with youth league members like Cde Imms and others who understand and articulate, patriotically, the ideology of our Party, I think Ngurare is ready to retire because the followers are ready and properly groomed for leadership of our Party youth wing lol well put Cde Imms!

◆ Imms Shawana Nashinge

Thank you Cde Senior but you can only retire when you are 70 years! That's the agreement you have with the people of this nation!

◆ Lucia Hipondoka-Tuyapeni

Nah Imms think he can only retire when not breathing anymore! :-)

◆ Margaret Mensah-Williams

I think this new Image of my son, Cde Imms is too hot and it make him to include all that needed to be said because he says it with the right attitude lol, he is indeed always giving me a smile on my face with what he says, you can see he was groomed right, I concur my Cde's we should thank firstly our loyal members in all our structures, then also our leaders including the pacemaker, Cde Dr Nujoma and indeed our SWAPO-Led government for steering this country in such a peaceful and stable manner that even opposition can co-exist and take the directorate of elections to court and we have no civil war like it would have been the case in other countries by now. Namibians are just cool people I will never want to stay in any other country even if I am offered money to, I love this country, my SWAPO Party, and my church to bits lol, I am in a very cheerful mood because its weekend and being away from home in a so called developed country make me once again miss the uniqueness of one Namibia, one Nation, we disagree but we appreciate one another,

Enjoy the weekend lols

◆ Imms Shawana Nashinge

Thank you Cde Williams I feel so blessed to have seniors of you r caliber that appreciate us as young people of this land! The great leadership that I see in all of you will make us SOCIAL Champions one day...

All my thanks goes to Cde Founding Father of this great revolution! Every time I see him I always feel different, he makes me feel like I am around an ANGEL! Fellow Christian don't hate me for saying that!

◆ Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare

Ha ha ha Cde Bornfree Lucia that is funny lol, we need young minds Cde Imms I would be unproductive at that age lol,

◆ Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare

I am still smiling at the message of Cde Mensah-Williams on those enjoying the freedom to take ECN to Court lol

◆ Lucia Hipondoka-Tuyapeni

Lol It's true Cde Senior only when u r not breathing anymore lol u may be become older in age but who says your mind will age as well.

◆ Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare

Lol, Cde Bornfree Lucia ha ha ha, at that time in the future perhaps the technology would be too advanced for a 70 year old politician lol

◆ Ndumba J. Kamwanyah

I agree that let's give credits where it's due. Sometimes we focus too much on finding blame in everything that government does. Yes, the SWAPO leadership is a huge part of peace and political stability we are enjoying now, but credits should also go to the Namibian people in general. As Namibians we are very tolerant and patience people in nature, rare qualities for many countries. Need I say that I am proud to be a Namibian!

◆ Lucia Hipondoka-Tuyapeni

Technology will be so advanced that the press of one button can do a lot lol :-) so u will not need any special skills Cde Senior!!

◆ Jemima Beukes

THE PEACE, FREEDOM and Political stability is not a benefit from the government it is what we are entitled to for voting for them. NO Thanking the government at all.

◆ Etuna Josua

You are absolutely right !

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You are absolutely right Cde Ngurare !

◆ Syvester Simubali

Well said Dr count the blessings indeed, SWAPO is the only party that has brought peace and stability in these country, today we can stand up and look back 20 years down the line and see what the Might SWAPO has done, tremendous job" whoever is not grate full to SWAPO Government is still leaving in the past and you will remain in the darkness till Jesus

comes because SWAPO is here to say....

◆ Tjitunga Elijah

Ngurare

My good friend Jermina thanks for your post: don't you even a little bit give credit to SWAPO Party for

the 50 years of its existence? I for one have many things to thank it for including tarring the Rundukure-nkuru-Elundu Road. Well put Cde Simubali.

World's first flying car a breakthrough, but many problems remain unsolved



World's first flying car is a breakthrough and will possibly change future transportation, but experts pointed out that problems need to be addressed before cars can really fly at will.

By George Bao

LOS ANGELES, — World's first flying car is a breakthrough and will possibly change future transportation, but experts pointed out that problems need to be addressed before cars can really fly at will.

The world's first flying car manufactured by Terrafugia Transition in the U.S. state of Massachusetts got approval from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently, which marks a milestone to realize the dream for drivers to have the cars flying.

The FAA allowed Terrafugia Transition to sell and operate such flying cars in the United States.

It's a 1,440-pound car and plane hybrid with retractable wings. It is designed to drive on public roadways and park in a standard garage. Drivers can go to any gas station to add gas for their flying cars. It can take off and land in any small airports.

The flying car's formal name is Transition Roadable Aircraft. It is classified as a Light Sport Aircraft. Therefore, it is first an aircraft, than it is a car. It requires a Sport Pilot certificate to fly and a driver's license to drive on the road.

Richard Gersh, Vice President of Business Development at Terrafugia Transition, told Xinhua that he is proud that the world's first flying car was manufactured by his company.

He said in 2006, five graduates from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) formed the company, Terrafugia, and turned the dream of a flying car into reality.

"Terrafugia" is Latin for "escape from land" and Terrafugia's mission is the innovative expansion of personal mobility.

Gersh said flying cars will be accepted by more people. Right now 70 people have placed their orders and those orders of flying cars, which costs 194,000 dollars each, will be delivered next year.

Getting licensed to drive and fly

a Terrafugia Transition requires 20 hours of seat time, and the vehicle gets a maximum airspeed of 115 mph with a maximum range of 460 miles. It only needs a 1/3 mile runway to take off — much less than the ordinary small aircraft.

Gersh said there are about 5,000 small airports in the United States, so the flying cars can easily find a nearby airport to take off and land. Gersh said the idea is revolutionary and flying cars will provide more mobility and convenience for travelers.

Asked about the potential for foreign market, Gersh said there have been foreign companies approaching Terrafugia to have flying cars manufactured in other countries, but he declined to specify.

According to Terrafugia, by giving pilots a convenient ground transportation option, the Transition reduces the cost, inconvenience, and weather sensitivity of personal aviation. In addition to the enhanced protection afforded by applying automotive crash safety technology to light planes, the Transition reduces the potential for an accident by allowing pilots to drive under bad weather instead of potentially flying into marginal conditions.

However, Eric Noble, Assistant Professor of Transportation Design at Art Center College of Design in California and President of an automotive design consulting firm, The CarLa, told Xinhua that the idea of flying cars seems exciting, and technically it is practical, but it is hard to have a big market. It is only for a very small section of very rich consumers and in a foreseeable future, cars will still run on the streets and freeways, but not flying in the sky.

He said there are many limitations for the development of flying cars. First, flying cars are small airplanes, and it should be taking off and landing at small airports. In the United States, there are thousands of small and private airports, but the number is diminishing and

no new small airports will be built because of the concern over noise and other pollutions.

In Europe and other countries, the number of small airports is limited. Without adequate airports, flying cars will find no or limited place to fly, Noble said.

The second limitation, Noble said, is the high costs of regulation and annual inspection.

Flying cars and airplanes should be regulated by the FAA. Right now the cost of a flying car is a little bit less than 200,000 dollars, but the costs to use the airports, annual inspection and other regulation fees will be very high. So even if people can afford buying a flying car, they may not be able to afford the annual inspection and maintenance, Noble said.

"Those flying cars are only for a very limited number of consumers," Noble predicted.

Flying cars are designed mainly for flying, therefore it is not as strong in crash resistance as other cars, and in case of an accident, it is more vulnerable, that is a big concern for potential buyers, he added.

Asked whether it is possible to have a kind of flying cars which can take off on freeways or from any open areas to let people realize the dream to drive and fly at any time, anywhere, Noble said there are two ways to fly: one is to use wings to fly forward, the other is to fly horizontally like helicopters.

He said it takes much more energy to fly horizontally than forward. Before a kind of new, much powerful and effective energy is made affordable for such cars, the idea to have a car flying like a helicopter is impossible, he predicted.

In his opinion, the manufacturing of flying cars is more entertaining than practical, and in the foreseeable future, people will still have to drive their cars on the streets or freeways instead of flying over the sky at will.

Also, even cars can fly anywhere, how to control and regulate the sky is a big problem. (Xinhua)