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**LIFESAVING SA SCOOPS 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE IN PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL  
LIFESAVING CHAMPS IN JAPAN**

Lifesaving South Africa has continued to keep the South African flag flying high. They have come 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall in the recent International **Lifesaving SANYO BUSSAN Challenge** which was held a week ago on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at Onjyuku Beach, Chiba in Japan.

Our Lifesaving SA national team performed outstandingly by being placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with 205 points and obtaining 5 medals: 1 Gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze. Australia came first with 278 points and Japan, the host country, came third with 185 points.

The Lifesaving South Africa team, managed by Andrew Crook, included the following competitors:

**Women:** Jade Antunes (Fish Hoek); Kim Brugman (Fish Hoek); Chantelle Godfrey (Durban Surf); Eloise van Gysen (Fish Hoek); Kendall Loots (Fish Hoek)  
**Men:** Donald Brierley (Umhlanga Rocks); Ridhaa Damon (Fish Hoek); Ryle De Morny (False Bay); Shaun Dias (Durban Surf); Jasper Mocke (Fish Hoek)

In the Team Events, the Women's Team received Gold in the Tube Rescue and a bronze in the Board Rescue. The Men's Team received Silver in the Tube Rescue and a Bronze in the Board Rescue. In the Individual events, Kendal Lootz came 3rd in the Iron Lady.

This Lifesaving Championship, a first for Japan, was aimed to commemorate the conclusion of a praiseworthy sponsorship from SANYO BUSSAN Limited, and to provide an opportunity to display spectacular, world-class Lifesaving Sports, to the Japanese public. Due to the great success of the Competition, Japan has made a commitment to make this an annual event and add it to the International Lifesaving Sports Calendar. Lifesaving SA will definitely be aiming for first position next year that's for sure.

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