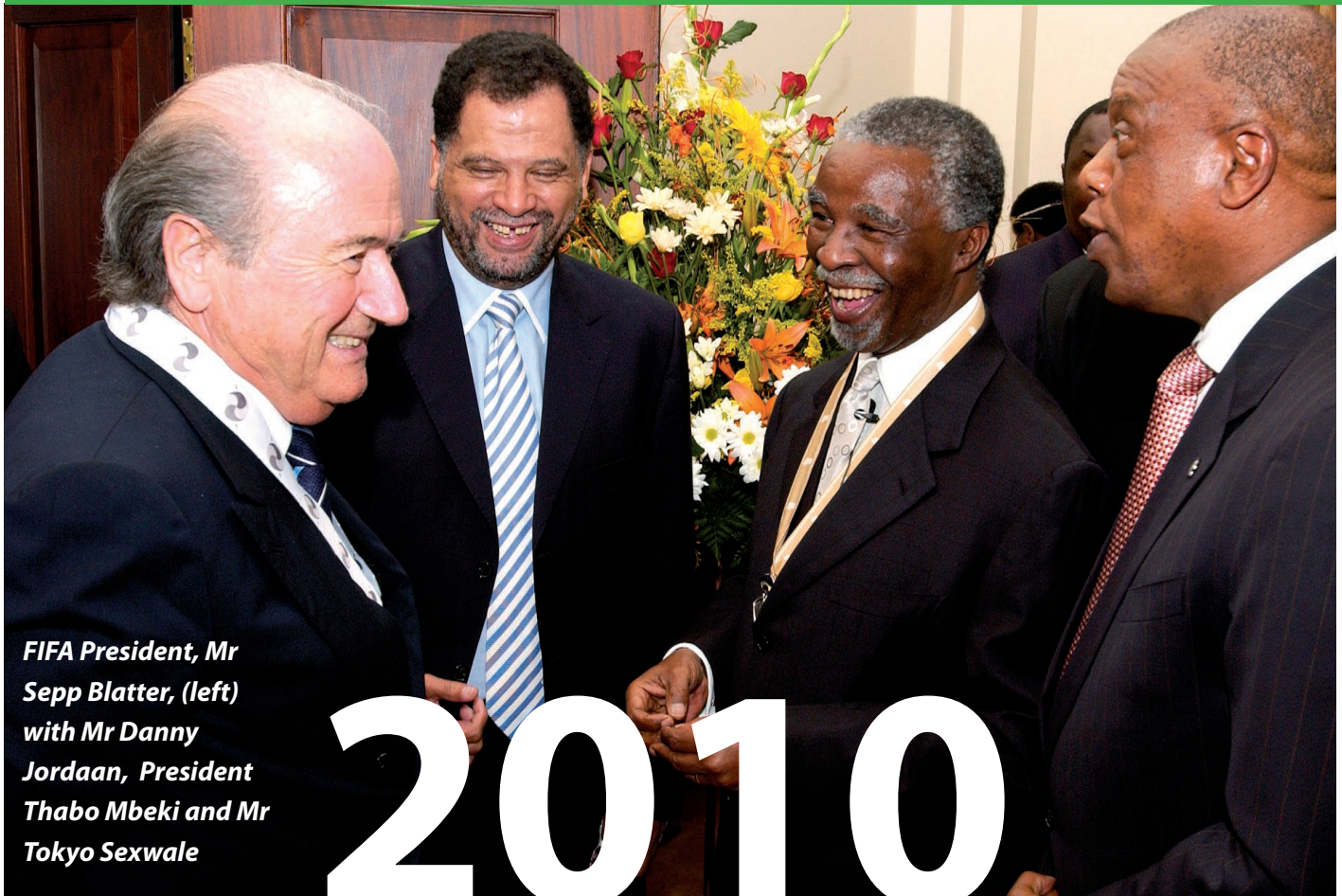


## 2010 World Cup



FIFA President, Mr Sepp Blatter, (left) with Mr Danny Jordaan, President Thabo Mbeki and Mr Tokyo Sexwale

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## - We are on track

“Just imagine this: One minute you are at the stadium watching Ronaldhino doing his tricks with the ball. Before you know it, you are watching a different game - the Big Five (lion, elephant, leopard, buffalo and rhino) showing off their muscles in a nature reserve. And when the sun sets, you go back to a luxury hotel with modern technology.”

Danny Jordaan, head of the Local Organising Committee for the 2010 World Cup, told *Vuk'uzenzele* these are just a few of the special things that overseas visitors to the 2010 World Cup can see in South Africa.

Apart from the soccer, the wildlife and the beautiful scenery, they will be surprised to see how rich the country is in tradition, history and modern technology.

### ■ 'African World Cup'

This will be a World Cup like no other. “It’s like having everything that exists on earth in one place,” Jordaan said. He spoke of the first FIFA World Cup to be held in Africa. This ‘African World Cup’ will be very different from the ones held in Europe, he said.

“In European countries, they have problems like soccer racism, fight-

ing among supporters and damaging of stadiums. In South Africa, people who support different sides enjoy the game together.”

### ■ Preparations

“We have a budget of R3,4 billion for this event,” Jordaan said. “Preparations are well on track and FIFA is happy that many of their expectations have been met well before time.”

The biggest challenge is building five new stadiums to be ready by 2010. He said all the necessary steps are in place. For instance, planning of roads leading to the stadiums, is also on track.

A Host City Forum has been started. This means the Local Organ-

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