

Mozambique minister to open book fair

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MOZAMBIQUE'S Culture Minister, Cde Luis Bernardo Honwana, will open the fourth Zimbabwe International Book Fair at the National Gallery in Harare on August 24, a member of the organising committee, Mr David Martin, said yesterday.

Mr Martin, the ZIBF director, said his committee was pleased that Cde Honwana, the author of "We killed Mangy-Dog", had agreed to open the fair. His book is a collection of short stories published in the Heinemann African Writers Series.

"At a time when Mozambicans and Zimbabweans are standing shoulder to shoulder in their fight against apartheid and its surrogates, this is yet another manifestation of the close bonds between the two peoples," he said.

Cde Honwana left Mozambique to join Frelimo in 1967 and returned home in 1974 as secretary to the Prime Minister of the transitional government, Cde Joaquim Chissano.

He held various posts after independence in 1975 and was deputy minister in the president's office when Cde Samora Machel died in October last year. He assumed his current post in January.

The theme of this

year's fair is Literature for children in Africa and the Third World. Distinguished authors, scholars and publishers were expected to attend a workshop on this theme which would run concurrently with the fair. — Ziana.