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Premier Mahumapelo content with Tourism and Economic Growth

Marikana: North West Premier Supra Mahumapelo is pleased that Tourism is continuing to bear positive fruits in contributing towards the growth of economy in the province. Premier Mahumapelo said this last week Friday while delivering the State of the Province Address at the official opening of the North West Provincial Legislature ceremony held in Marikana outside Rustenburg.

According to Premier Mahumapelo, the Tourism Sector has thus far managed to create over 20 000 jobs. He said international arrivals have grown steadily since 2014 by no less than fifty thousand international tourists coming into the province, while overnight stays increased by over one million.

“All these are linked to the various initiatives of repositioning Bokone Bophirima as a business, leisure, recreational and tourism destination of choice”, said Premier Mahumapelo.

He further indicated that the province will focus on skills development, including the tourism sector related skills, to ensure that the province has skilled and capable young people who will also contribute towards the economy of the province.

Premier Mahumapelo also reported that the provincial economy has since showed significant growth since 2017. “Our provincial growth rate is now moving in the right direction, and I am pleased to report that our economy grew by 3.4% during the first

quarter of 2017, followed by another 4.9% for the third quarter, following the measures introduced by the 5th administration”, he said.

He said that his administration adopted the economic growth strategy anchored on Agriculture, Culture and Tourism (Act) while placing mining as a strategic tributary sector to grow the Provincial economy.

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