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### Messenger-cum-driver scoops best employee award

A messenger-cum-driver in the Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in Bokone Bophirima made history when he scooped two awards at the inaugural OR Tambo Public Service Excellence Awards which were held in Mahikeng yesterday.

Kenneth Ndlovu (46) who has been working for the department for the past four years, walked away with the best messenger driver and overall best employee of the year award. Amongst others, Ndlovu was assessed for performing beyond set standards, high level of customer care and interpersonal skills, upholding the Batho Pele principles on a daily basis and always going beyond the call of duty.

"I am speechless because this is something I have never expected. I try at all times to do my work to the best of my ability and assist my colleagues wherever possible and never expected any recognition, let alone an award", he said. He will compete at the provincial awards to be held later in the year.

The OR Tambo Public Service Excellence Awards which were pronounced by Premier Supra Mahumapelo during the State of the Province address last year, are geared towards ensuing professionalism, promoting sharing of best practices, good performance as well as to encourage excellence performance amongst employees.

The awards were categorised as follows:

- Best Messenger Driver of the year
- Best Commercial Cleaner of the year

- Best Sub-Directorate of the year
- Best Chief Directorate of the year
- Best Implemented Core Project of the year
- Best Employee of the Year

Speaking during the awards ceremony, the MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Galaletsang Gaolaolwe, appealed to the officials to always display the values of Batho Pele in their work and serve communities to the best of the abilities. 'Always remember that you are in government to serve the public and you cannot afford to fail or disappoint them. As you continue with your daily work, remember the likes of our heroes and stalwarts, Oliver Reginald Tambo who fought tirelessly for the democracy that we are now enjoying.

Meanwhile, over 170 employees received certificates for being in the employ of the department for more than 20 years.

"The National Development Plan (NDP) enjoins us to build a state that is capable, professional and responsive to the needs of the society and in order for us to achieve that, we need dedicated, loyal and skilled public servants who take pride in their work", said MEC Gaolaolwe.

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