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AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF TAUNG HOTEL SCHOOL

AND CONVENTION CENTRE HELD AT

TAUNG TUSK

DR.RUTH SEGOMOTSI MOMPATI DISTRICT

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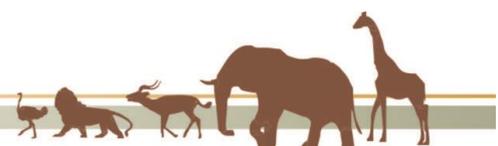
Senior Management and Staff in general

Media Houses Present

Our Stakeholders at both Private and Public Sector

Ladies and Gentlemen

Ladies and Gentlemen our gathering this morning is surely not your ordinary dawn as it marks the historic leap in the people of Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati and the North West populace in general. Today Programme Director we taste the fruits of the soil that has been toiled over the years by many of my predecessors and most importantly the people of Taung in general. One thing about our people is that they cannot be kept waiting forever, and that as government we should not test their patience. That long wait for the Hotel School and Convention Center to be opened is today a thing of the past.



As they say Bagaetsho, that waiting was worthwhile, because as government of the people we wanted to tie all the loose ends in making sure that the school will be fully functional. Bagaetsho this school that we are opening here today is for the people of Taung to use it to the fullest and most importantly to safeguard it and be jealous about it. The people of Taung should be able to tell their future generation that 'I was there and witnessed the opening of this majestic institution'. Ladies and Gentlemen that can only happen if all of you in Taung take care of this institution.

A re bouleleng Ditheo tsa rona tse re di newang ke puso, gore di kgone go re tsaya lobaka gore bana ba batlang mo morago ga rona le bone bakgone go ka ungwelwa bagaetsho. Ke dumela ebile ke tshepa gore Magosi a rona a a fano a tla ntswa thuso mo go netefatseng fa setheo seno se nna lentswe tshipi le lere la batho ba Taung. This is a historic and a joyous moment for all of us today as this resonates with our vision and mission as a Department to establish analogous schools across all districts of the province. Ladies and Gentlemen, there's a Chinese proverb that says "If one wants to plan for the next decade, one should plant rice, but if one wants to plan for life time then that requires one to invest in education.



This is exactly what we are doing as the North West Provincial government; our plans are about the next cohort. We have long emitted a spear for years to come by building this institution, now today chickens are coming home to roost. As Barack Obama once said during his first visit to an African country in Ghana when he said as Africans we should move away from building a culture of strong men, we should rather move with speed in building a culture of strong institutions that will further liberate a black child from mental slavery and free economic path that we have long been gunning for. This is a legacy, inheritance par excellence, now the onus is on you in making it work.

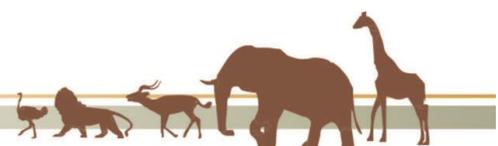
The opening of this institution further stimulates the interest in the Tourism sector in bettering the lives of our people. The staid faces I see in front of me should be rest assured that the future in the Tourism sector is forever emerald and the fruits will be sweeter than ever. As they say "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams", that dream Ladies and Gentlemen has been realized today and what a better way of realizing the dream with opening a school of this magnitude. As government we are faced with a gargantuan task of making sure that we change mind sets of our people on how they view Hospitality as a sector.



Most if not all we have a hallucination theory of believing that Tourism is cut for the rich and most importantly the whites. The opening of this School is but one of many marketing tools that we are using as government to further lure our people into the field.

We have brought this school to the people of Taung which is 80 percent rural, that on its own shows that we mean business when we say we want to push back the frontiers of poverty, unemployment and education. Our people have to benefit in all aspects one can think of. From cleaners, gardeners, receptionists and all other aspects, at the fore front should be the people of the town famously known as "The Skull". Seno ke maiteko le maitlhommo a rona a puso go netefatsa fa batho ba Taung ba tswa mo lehumeng le ba mo go lone ba tshwana le batho, ba lala ba bogile legaba. Nngwe ya dikatlenegiso le thotloetso e e dirileng gore puso e bone go le maleba go tla go bula sekolo sa mofuta ono mo Taung ke gore maemo a ekonomi a tshwanetswe ke go tsholetsega bagaetsho.

Bagaetsho segolo bogolo basha le basadi ba tshwanelwa ke go ka ema ka dinao ba ikamanye le lefapha ba tseye ditshono tse Lefapha mmogo le sekolo seno se tlileng go di tliša mo kgaolong eno ya Ngaka Segomotsi Mompoti.



Puso e na le mananeo a a maleba a a batlang fela gore bagaetsho ba tle ka mekgwa le ditsela di le dintsi go ka tokafatsa matshelo a bone. Re tshwanelwa ke go ema Sekolo seno sa rona nokeng Bagaetsho,go nne ntle le rona mmogo le ditheo tse di tsweletseng go re ema nokeng ga re kitla re fenya ntwana eno ya go dira Bojanala nngwe ya maphata a a kwa pele mo porofenseng le Aforika Borwa ka bophara. Jaanong maphata otlhe a tshwanelwa ke go kopana re tle ka maano a go gogela ditheo tse dikgolo go tla go beeletsa mo kgolong ya sekolo seno.

Ladies and Gentlemen the school will be operating with current existing facilities as completion of the school will gradually take place during the course of the year. The institution is also in the process of appointing professional and supporting staff that is required. As we all know that within this sector you need people who specialise and that on its own does not come cheap at all.

To date progress has been made and I can assure you that we have roped in experts to teach our children. It is envisaged that by June a second intake of new students will take place. The institution will then be running on a full steam come end of February 2015.Learners will be offered practical courses of Professional Cookery; Food, Beverage and Accommodation Services for this academic year.



The institution will further introduce additional courses by June this year, which will include the Higher Education programmes in Tourism and Hospitality Management. All thirty students that have enrolled for the current fiscal year I urge you to help us as Government in pushing boundaries and in making history by doing your best in your studies as that will further market the institution for more learner's to enroll come the year 2016. Young as you are, you must be aware of the general demands within this sector. The shortage of skills in the sector of hospitality require you to double your efforts in making sure that we level the playing fields with the legacy that has prolonged and derailed our success for a very long time.

The opening of this institution further gives impetus approach in seriously championing the issues affecting our youth in general. All affected spheres of government on youth development issues have to radically implement ways and means that will lure our youth to have hunger for education. This is the only way in giving them freedom to a better life. Education unlocks every door and is a weapon that one needs to prosper in life. Now if you arm yourself with such you will be set for life especially within the sector of hospitality.



Hospitality industry is growing in leaps and bounds and most importantly it will forever be relevant to all spheres of life. Now we do not want to be left behind as government, we do not want our people to be pointing fingers at us tomorrow, this opportunity is worth grabbing. Again to all students who have enrolled in this institution I urge all of you not to pack your bags after completion of your studies in the year 2018. We need your expertise and skills to help in moving the sector forward within the province. Come up with creative proposals that will help in rebranding the Tourism sector. We are sick and tired to train people for Gauteng, Cape Town, Durban and Overseas while slowly our province is perishing in front of our eyes.

Again let me thank all those who have been with us in realizing this dream from the onset, also the stakeholders who continue to dig deep in their reserves in making sure that opening of this school becomes a reality. I am saying do not tire when again we come back for advice when the need arises. Kwa bokhutlong ka re bagaetsho Tau e senang seboka e siiwa ke none e tlhotsa, jaanong ga ke bone none e ka re tshwara fa re ka ipopa ngata e le nngwe mo go netefatseng fa re dira sekolo seno lere la rona le re ka ikokotlelang ka lona.



KE A LEBOGA.I THANK YOU.

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