

SPEECH BY MEC FOR PUBLIC WORKS, HONOURABLE MR.HOWARD
YAWA, MPL ON THE OCCASION OF THE HANDOVER OF MAMPHO
SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MIGDOL, SATURDAY 22 JULY 2006

Programme Directors

Reverend L J Modise

His Worship the Mayor of Mamusa Local Municipality Honourable
Councillor RR Gincane

My Colleague-MEC for Education Department, Rev OJ Tselapedi,
Head of the Department for Public Works-Rre Mongale

Acting Head of the Department-Rre M Mveli

Senior Government Officials

Chairpersons and Members of the School Governing Bodies

The School Manager Rre Mothibi

Educators

The Professional team and Contractors

Representatives of Business and Community Based Organisations

Honourable Councillors

Representatives of organised educator organisations, i.e. SADTU
and Itusa

Distinguished Guests

Parents and Members of the Community

Ladies and Gentlemen

Members of the Learner Representative Council

Learners

On Tuesday 18 July, our nation and the world celebrated the birthday of Africa's remarkable son and icon of the struggle for Freedom and Democracy.

Today as the African National Congress led Government responds to the plight of children in the farming community of Migdol, I wish to agree with the icon of our liberation struggle and our former President, the Honourable Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela that, I quote "It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, the child of farm workers can become the leader of a great nation. It is what we make of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another." close quote.

In the last financial year, my colleague the Honourable MEC for Education as a client of the Department of Public Works, mandated my department to execute thirteen school building projects with a total approved project budget of R93, 9 million. As a department we committed ourselves to deliver these projects at a high level of quality and within the stipulated contract period.

Today we are excited because our resolve to denounce business as usual resulted in the delivery of the following projects three months ahead of the scheduled:

- The building of the new Clinton Garden Primary School in Ga-Mmotla.
- The extensions of 12 classrooms at Michael Modisakeng Secondary School in Majakaneng,
- The extensions of 12 classrooms at Adam Masebe Secondary School in Themba.
- The building of the New Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa Comprehensive High School in Slovoville, Winterveldt
- The building of the new Reabetswe Secondary School in Ipeleng Township

In the next week, we will handover Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa Comprehensive High School and Reabetswe Secondary School to the honourable Rev OJ Tselapedi.

Indeed Programme Directors, there is no turning back. Business as usual is no longer part of our service delivery orientation. We have embraced a new culture of service excellence. A culture that knows no postponement of what can be done today for tomorrow.

Here at Mampho Secondary School, the R6, 7 million spend on the construction of 15 classroom, an administration block, a computer room and a science laboratory and two blocks of toilets created job opportunities for 30 local labourers, 8 bricklayers, 8 plasterers and painters and a local sub contractor for plumbing.

As we celebrate the partnership for a People's Contract with farmworkers in the Migdol community, we recommit ourselves to make a difference in rural communities through the provision and maintenance of quality public infrastructure.

While Yesterday represented despair for farmworkers, today represents a new age of hope and tomorrow an opportunity for growth and development.

We wish to congratulate the Professional team led by W.P Jacobs and J.C. Nel Quantity Surveyors, Moedi Consulting Engineers and Kitso Technologies. Let me also commend Keledi Construction, Solly Electrical contractor, the Community Liaison Officer, PK. Khasu and our own Internal Project Manager, Mrs Emelda Mati for a job well done.

I trust that additional work on the project necessitated by the reposition of the manhole due to poor water pressure will address the problem of the outdated septic tank and provide for a bigger septic to accommodate additional learners to be admitted to this school next year.

In conclusion let me emphasise that the only way of ensuring that this school produces engineers, architects, quantity surveyors, technicians, doctors, mine bosses, leaders in areas of science, commerce and technology is when we protect it and take care of it.

It is my honour to hand over keys to my colleague, the Honourable MEC for Education, Reverend O.J. Tselapedi to officially open the school.

Ke a leboga.