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General Secretary Zwelinzima Vavi and Principal Kgolane Phala

MEC PHALA IS THE PROVINCIAL PRINCIPAL OF CHRIS HANI BRIGADE POLITICAL SCHOOL.

Polokwane- All speakers saluted and showered praises to the former ANC Provincial Political Education officer, Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, the Provincial Principal of Chris Hani Brigade Political School and the MEC for Finance in Limpopo at the Graduation Ceremony held in Royal Hotel, Thursday, 11 December 2014. They praised him for the role he played as the principal and an instructor of the school for the past two years without asking for anything in return.

According to Limpopo Cosatu Provincial Secretary, Essob Mokgonyana, the main objective of the school is to strengthen the mass democratic movement internal structures and ideological cohesion, and ultimately stronger structures to defend workers' interests and advance their demands. The school is also aimed at breeding a layer of independent thinkers. Thinkers who are analytical, witty persons, who are self-con-

fident and do not let themselves get worked up by conflicts and criticism and they are very much aware of their own strengths and have no doubts about their abilities.

In his address Cosatu General Secretary Zwelinzima Vavi who was the main speaker at the ceremony, called for unity among workers and appealed to the leadership to focus on mobilising workers who are being exploited. "71% of workers are un-unionised. They are in the malls, farms; they are exploited brutally by the Labour Brokers. Where do we get the time to focus our energy against one another," he said.

Vavi thanked MEC Phala for his discipline, determination and for imparting his knowledge to the future leaders of the movement. Although 50 workers enrolled at the Chris Hani Brigade Political School, only 19 graduated. The Provincial Political School Princi-

pal, MEC Phala said the school is about unity among workers.

"They are dealing with lot of programmes that empower workers," MEC Phala said.

In keeping with the global trend towards wellness, Principal MEC Phala was awarded a massage voucher to get massage therapy, a manipulation of soft body tissues muscle, connective tissue, tendons and ligaments to enhance a person's health and well-being.

"People seek massage therapy for a variety of reasons – to reduce stress and anxiety, relax muscles, rehabilitate injuries, reduce pain, and promote overall health and wellness" said Mokgonyana.

The Chris Hani Brigade Political School is sponsored by the Department of Higher Education and RIFUMO NEWS Crew attended.

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BATHOPELE CELEBRATION DAY AT LEKGWARENG

MEC for Safety, Security and Liaison Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana

By Masilo Ratopola



The Office of the Premier with all sector departments in the province hosted a very successful Batho Pele Celebration Day at Lekgwareng village in Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

Batho Pele (Sotho: "People First") is a South African political initiative. The initiative was first introduced by the Mandela Administration on October 1, 1997 to stand for the better delivery of goods and services to the public. It is also now used to imply the dissolution of government organizations deemed corrupt or obsolete.

The Batho Pele initiative aims to enhance the quality and accessibility of government services by improving efficiency and accountability to the recipients of public goods and services.

The Acting Premier of Limpopo Province Mr Ndou thanked the people of Lekgwareng village for attending the event in big numbers. He informed them that Batho Pele Principles have been modelled around the following constitutional principles guiding our public service:

- The promotion and maintenance of high standard of professional ethics;
- Ensuring that services are provided impartially, fairly, equitably and without bias;
- Ensuring that resources are utilised efficiently, economically and effectively;
- Ensuring that the public is encouraged to participate in policy-making; and that
- Public Service is accountable, transparent and development-oriented.

The Acting Premier further said that the central idea behind the Batho Pele concept is to ensure the transformation of Public Service that will be effective in delivering services which meet the basic needs of the people. In other words, the improvement of service delivery is the ultimate goal of the transformation of public service.

He emphasised that, Batho Pele is ensuring that recipients of public services get quality value for their money; most importantly, Batho Pele principles demands that where we make mistakes as public representatives and officials, we must rectify such mistakes and offer necessary redress. Over the years the government has introduced a number of initiatives aimed at bringing services to the people. Part of these initiatives includes the Community Development Worker Programme and Ward Committees.

We have worked very hard to ensure that every ward has a designated CDW and a Ward Committee representative. Community Development Workers are mandated to work in communities, seeking to address the problems and challenges facing these communities. CDWs are an important link between the people and the programmes of government designed to ensure access to essential services.

Part of the work of the CDWs is:

- to assist in the removal of development and service delivery bottlenecks;
- to strengthen the democratic social contract between government and the communities and
- to link communities with government services and relay community concerns and problems back to government;

He urged Communities to continue working with CDWs and Ward Committees to enhance delivery of services to communities.

He also wished the people of Lekgwareng a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. He used the opportunity to urge all motorists not to drink and drive.

Christmas is a time when you get home sick, even when you're home.
Carol Nelson



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MESSAGE BY MEC FOR FINANCE MR. K.A PHALA

The year 2014 has come and gone. It has been a really eventful year. The peaceful historic fifth democratic National and Provincial elections. The tragic death of 85 South African citizens on a pilgrimage to Lagos, Nigeria. The success of Bafana Bafana qualification for the 2016 Africa Nations Cup. The first anniversary of the passing on of that outstanding son of the soil, the giant of the freedom struggle, and hero of South Africa, the greatest South African that ever lived-President Nelson Mandela. The 20th anniversary of freedom and democracy in South Africa.

This festive season we call on all citizens to keep closer to their families in the spirit of peace, joy, togetherness, love, unity and happiness. This is also the right time to rest, look back, count our achievements, review challenges and make future plans.

Let's use this season to also put forth in our memory, prayers and actions all those who are sick, injured, mourning, or otherwise vulnerable. Let's wish them health, recovery, recuperation and a good life in the New Year.' We also wish to commend all those men and women who spend sleepless nights and work long hours to make us safe, secure healthy and happy, in the police services, social workers and health professionals. In the same breath we must discourage all our people from abusing drugs and alcohol that cause other secondary problems like crime, debts, fights, accidents, mental instability and deaths.

We for our part strive for a better service delivery and continue to achieve a better life for all our people. We will continue to roll-out social and economic infrastructure to make a better life a reality for all our people and deepen, defend and advance the National democratic revolution by building a non-racial, non-sexist, united, and democratic and prosperous South Africa.

We also wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. May all your wishes, prayers, hopes and aspirations be fulfilled in the New Year. May the sweet magic of Christmas gladden your hearts and fill them with joy and merriment.

Please do not drink and drive, arrive alive. Practice safe sex. May God and gods be with you.
Till we meet again, in the New Year, 2015.
Moshate!

Enjoy your Festive Season



Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. - Norman Vincent Peale



FESTIVE MESSAGE FROM HOD MR. GAVIN PRATT.

Welcome to the December edition of our electronic newsletter. The Festive Season is a time of sharing and resting at home with our loved ones. As we prepare for this busy and joyous holiday season, it is a time to reflect positively on what we have accomplished.

As is usually the case at this time of the year, we all reflect on how quickly the year has passed and it is incredible to think that we will be celebrating Christmas in a few days, and in just a week after that, 2015 will have arrived.

I think it is fair to say 2014 has been a challenging year. It has also been a year that has seen plenty of hard work undertaken which of course makes us all look forward to enjoying the holiday season. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all LPT staff for giving us the opportunity to provide leadership throughout the year.

On behalf LPT Executive Management, I extend to you and your families, the warmest Season's Greetings. May you have a very happy holiday season, and a New Year filled with peace, joy, productivity and prosperity. We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Merry Christmas!!!



Christmas is the gentlest, loveliest festival of the revolving year - and yet, for all that, when it speaks, its voice has strong authority - Burton Hillis

Chris Hani brigade Graduation Ceremony in Pictures





DON'T DRINK & DRIVE



DEPARTMENT OF
Transport

Festive Road Safety Message

If it does not feel right, it is not right.
Save BEER and drink WATER!

The Limpopo Department of Transport would like to urge road users to drive and walk with care this festive season to arrive at their destination safely. Road Traffic operations including random breath testing, ANPR cameras and increased high visibility patrols will take place across all roads throughout the province. It would be quite an achievement for the Department to be able to celebrate a significantly reduced number of fatalities on our roads.

It is important to take stock and consider how we behave on the roads as individuals and as a collective. Road crashes are a contributing factor of deaths and serious injuries on our roads. The social impact is devastating and annual cost to the economy amount to billions distributed through Road Accident Fund. If we all play our part, we can bring the road toll down.

Let us avoid road rages and do to others what you would like them to do to you.

Remember:
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50% of drivers involved in fatal crashes have been drinking.
A blood alcohol concentration of 0.05 and higher is over the legal limit.
Maximum penalties for drunk driving are 6 years imprisonment and/or R120 000 in fines

