

MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP TO BENEFIT BOTH PARTIES

MOKOPANE: Department of Health led by MEC Phophi Ramathuba and Limpopo Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to celebrate the graduation of Tradesmen/women and Tradesman Aid who have qualified as artisans from Ekurhuleni FET.

The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding in Mahwelereng Multi-Purpose Centre between two institutions symbolizes a partnership which will lead to many new joint initiatives that produce new synergies.

This is part of the implementation of the pronouncements which were made during the 2017/18 Financial Year Budget speech. MEC Phophi Ramathuba, Mogalakwena Municipality Acting Mayor Cllr Malesela Mokwele and other sectors were delighted that they are laying a foundation for future generations as they Sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Ramathuba indicated that the next badge of artisans should be the products of our TVET colleges and graduates should be used effectively to the benefit of the communities.

“We are saying No learner should fail to graduate because of lack of experiential training, we will also engage other departments to join us in this regard. We are very aware of TVET colleges’ reputation of academic excellence and its strong commitment to produce productive workers to the working class,” said MEC Ramathuba.

MEC Ramathuba indicated that they are aware that no single department, no matter how large or well endowed, can address future challenges by itself, hence they have resolved to join forces with the TVET colleges.

“This gathering is one step in the right direction of ensuring that one of the priorities of the African National Congress-led government of reducing unemployment is achieved. It is through initiatives of this magnitude that as government we level the ground for the youth of this province. We have already started with this programme by training young unemployed graduates from our TVET colleges in the food service management area are now permanently appointed as food service managers and food service aids,” said Ramathuba.

“These young people will improve catering services to our patients. Our commitment towards empowerment of the young people of Limpopo must never be questioned. It is through the Memorandum of Understanding of this nature that the process of insourcing catering services and laundry services at our hospitals will run smoothly,” added Ramathuba.

Ramathuba emphasized that, “It remains the responsibilities of the TVET colleges to inform the students about the terms and conditions of their experiential learning that it is not automatic that upon completion one will be permanently employed. This will depend of the shortage of particular skill and the budget availability.”

The Mogalakwena Municipality Acting Mayor, Cllr Malesela Mokwele said, “At this moment of celebration, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone whose dedication and efforts have contributed to the finalization of this MOU.

Mokwele thanked all partners in supporting the government efforts in this important endeavor and assured the attendees that the ANC led government will do whatever it can in order to provide a successful implementation of this MOU.