MAYOR WELCOMES NETBALL WORLD CUP TROPHY

MOKOPANE: The first Netball World Cup trophy in Africa was exhibited at Potgietersrus Comprehensive Full Service School in Mogalakwena Local Municipality on the 13^{th of} June 2023. The excitement in the air was palpable as the Netball World Cup trophy arrived in Mokopane.

A sport that has long been popular in many parts of the world, has seen a surge in popularity in recent years. And with the netball World Cup just around the corner, fans are gearing up for what promises to be an unforgettable event. The arrival of the trophy in town was a significant moment for netball fans who have been eagerly anticipating the competition.

As the trophy made its way through the Mogalakwena, pupils from various school in the Mokopane Circuit, fans lined the street to catch a glimpse of the coveted prize. The excitement and energy were contagious and it was clear that the Netball World Cup was going to be one of the most talked about events of the year.

The Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Ngoako Taueatsoala, President of Netball South Africa Cecilia Molokwane, EXCO Members, Councillors and officials were in hands to welcome the trophy.

The Netball South Africa President, Molokwane presented the trophy to the audience, urged all the netball players to take competitive sports seriously and the government to support rural sports.

"With the VNWC2023 being the first Netball World Cup to take place on the continent of Africa, it was fitting that the trophy arrived at South Africa on Africa Day, 25th May, a day which is celebrated across the whole continent. This will be history and will put our country on the map and of course is beneficial for tourism industry and the economy," said Mayor Taueatsoala.

On behalf of Mogalakwena Council, I appeal to everyone to rally behind our netball team and support this tournament like we did during the 2010 World Cup. Let it be an African spectacle, showcasing our culture and our uniqueness as South Africa because we are a rainbow nation Africa can do it and women can do it is the most important thing. Things are getting so real as we can literally touch the trophy. It is finally here" said Mayor Taueatsoala.

The Netball World Cup is set to take place in a few weeks. The first ever Netball World Cup on Africa will be held in Cape Town, Western Cape province, South Africa from July 28 to August 06 July, fans are already counting down days.