

POLOKWANE MUNICIPALITY WIN BIG AT THE 2019 IMSSA GAMES

MOKOPANE: The Polokwane Municipality has proved that they are from the city of stars as they shined at the Inter-Municipal Sport of South Africa (IMSSA) Games 2017 that were held at Mokopane in Mogalakwena Local Municipality on the 07 and 08th June 2019 as they scooped the overall winner's award while Modimolle-Mookgophong from Waterberg District obtained position 1 in soccer.

The annual two day tournament games which took place in Mahwelereng Stadium, Piet Potgieter Stadium, Ven Van Rensburg Hall, Aboo Tayob Hall and Mogalakwena Municipal Premises were filled with passion, commitment and dedication. The games were part of the employee wellness programme for 20 municipalities comprised of municipal employees within the Limpopo Province.

In her address during the official opening of IMSSA games in Mahwelereng Stadium Mogalakwena Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Andrina Matsemela said, "The IMSSA games aims to improve morale and health of municipal employees within the province by promoting physical activities which includes different sporting codes and games."

Matsemela was thankful to South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and Inter Municipal Sports of South Africa (IMSSA) for this initiative which affords municipal workers an opportunity of participating in various sporting codes.

"By gathering here as municipalities from this beautiful Province shows that we are having common objectives of rendering affordable services to our community. Our community should not see us as workers but should see us as part to the community," added Matsemela.

"I believe this sporting event can built healthy relationship amongst municipal employees and will intensify harmonious relationship within the working environment. As a municipality we have passed a Council resolution on time off for the municipal sports officials each and every Wednesday to practice, therefore we implore on all the municipalities to do the same. We know that Sports is a remedy to alleviate stress and other workplace challenges," said Matsemela.

Matsemela said, "We don't have Parliament building like Cape Town, the sea like Durban, nor gold like Johannesburg to attract visitors and investors, but we our proud to have the World Heritage Site in the name of Makapan's Valley, Entabeni Game Reserve, Doorindraai Dam Campsite, Masebe Game Lodge and many more."

Matsemela wished all the participating municipalities all the best and to participate in a spirit of FIFA which says "Fair play ",wished the best team win and declared the 13th 2019 IMSSA-SALGA Games open.