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**Premier Mathabatha congratulates sporting and music heroes of the weekend**

Limpopo Premier Chupu Mathabatha on behalf of his executive and the people of Limpopo wishes to congratulate Limpopo sporting and music heroes of the past weekend.

First it is our golden girl and the Sports Woman of the Year Award winner Mokgadi Caster Semanya who earlier this year at Rio Olympics shattered the 800m record. She went on to become the first athlete to win the 1500m, 800m, and 400m at the SA national champs in April.

□ Caster is indeed our golden girl and we are honoured as a Province to have such an asset that young people can emulate. We are proud of her, □ says the Premier.

The Premier also congratulated the Benny □'s Sports Academy from Makhado, which won a category in the development of local footballers. □ It means there □'s something good that we are doing in Limpopo. As we speak, several national teams have one or two boys from Limpopo who are doing extremely well. Those that come to mind include Hlompho Kekana and Tirhani Mabunda of Sundowns, Mulomowandau Mathoho of Kaiser Chiefs and many others who hail from towns and villages in our Province, he says.

In the music world, the Premier congratulated Dr Tumisang Makweya, well known as Dr Tumi who swept the stakes with six awards at the Crown Gospel Awards held in Durban last night.

Dr Tumi, a medical practitioner from Seshego, juggles with medicine, but is big and at home with his gospel music. □ We congratulate him and his team, and believe he has become an antidote for our spiritual healing through gospel music. We hope to see him at Mapungubwe Gospel festivals next year □, says the Premier.

□ To all our heroes, this is the best time to close the 2016 year. We are all heroes in different ways. We hope to see you at the 2016 Mapungubwe Arts and culture Festivals starting on 1-17 December, here in Polokwane □.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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