

WELCOME NOTES BY THE HONOURABLE PREMIER OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE MR. CHUPU MATHABATHA ON THE OCCASION OF HOME COMING FESTIVITIES IN HONOUR OF MISS SA 2020 SHUDUFHADZO MUSIDA HELD AT MEROPA CASINO AND ENTERTAINMENT WORLD

12TH November 2020

Chairperson of the Session

Members of the Executive Council present here today;

The Executive Mayor of the City of Polokwane, Cllr. Thembi Nkadimeng;

Executive Mayors of both Capricorn and Vhembe District Municipalities;

Your Worship Mayors of our Local Municipalities present here today;

Our Esteemed Traditional Leaders present here this morning;

Our Beacon of Hope and the most precious Jewel, Miss SA 2020, Shudufhadzo Musida;

Organisers of the Miss South Africa Beauty Extravaganza;

Friends from the Media;

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Programme Director

Please allow me to humble myself and hasten to indicate that I am deeply honoured to be part of this historic occasion taking place here in Limpopo Province today.

Honestly speaking, I never thought that one day I will be called upon to a podium to address people in the presence of Miss South Africa.

Quite frankly, even sitting on the same table with Miss South Africa, the most beautiful of all the maidens in South Africa, never crossed my mind.

On this important note, please allow me to pass greetings from the executive of the provincial government. We are indeed very proud to be part of this home coming festivities.

Today is not a day dedicated for long speeches, rather a day meant to celebrate our STAR that shines brighter than all the stars in the skies. Therefore, I am going to be very brief in my remarks.

Director of the Session

Please hear me when I quote:

“If there were no night, we would not appreciate the day, nor could we see the stars and the vastness of the heavens. We must partake of the bitter with the

sweet. There is a divine purpose in the adversities we encounter every day. They prepare, they purge, they purify and thus they bless” close quote.

The author is James E. Faust.

Director of the Session

Today Ha-Vhangani village is rejoicing, today Vhembe District is celebrating, today Limpopo Province is smiling and South Africa is filled with joy.

We are here to show our support and unleash words of appreciation to Shudufhadzo Musida, for having being crowned Miss South Africa 2020. Indeed, we are grateful and over joyed.

Today Shudu is the undisputed representative of the epitome of beauty in the whole universe. Shudu has emerge free and fair as the most beautiful maiden than all maidens of the year 2020.

We are deeply honoured because the young girl from Ha-Vhangani village, is also a graduate with Bachelor of Social Sciences in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, from the University of Pretoria.

We know fully well that she is currently completing Bachelor of Arts Honours in International Relations with the University of Witwatersrand. We mention the above because, we want to send a motivational message to the girl child.

Our message to all the girls is that it is possible. To Shudu, we say this crown on your head should not alter your thinking and determine your character. You have been born a star and hard working.

Please don't use your position today to change the good girl that you have always been to your family, relatives and friends. This crown should not be an obsession towards your intelligent judgement.

Always remember that you are now the mirror through which the rural girl child look at herself. Please continue being the good ambassador.

Programme Director

As the Limpopo Provincial government, working together with our family of districts and local municipalities, we pledge our commitment to systematically support Shudufhadzo in her future endeavours.

Today, you will spend the better part of the day with your common people here in Polokwane. And tomorrow, you are scheduled to be in Vhembe, from there you will spend your weekend at home.

We say go out there and inspire confidence Miss SA 2020, Shudufhadzo Musida. Go in peace and show your fellow villagers and your elders that you are a respecting child, a successful child, a hard working child.

Please tell your people that Covid-19 is still the greatest threat to life. Please tell your people to keep social distancing, use face masks, wash their hands with water and soap or sanitize.

With those few words, Welcome Home my Child, Welcome Home Miss SA 2020.

GOD BLESS YOU!

And thank you All.