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MEC KEKANA REMARKS AT THE MOLETJI NSC AWARDS CEREMONY

Kgoshi Kgabo Moloto Wa bo Raro, our host MEC For Basic Education in Limpopo; Mavhungo Lerule-Ramakhanya Esteemed guests, parents, teachers, and the exceptional matric class of 2023

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is an honour and a privilege to stand before you today as the MEC for Sport, Arts, and Culture in Limpopo and a leader of delegation to the Moletjie Matlala Constituency.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of the high-achieving learners here today. Your dedication, hard work, and perseverance have led you to this moment of triumph. As we celebrate your academic accomplishments, let us also acknowledge the invaluable support of your parents, teachers, and the entire community that has played a crucial role in shaping your success.

Education, my dear matriculants, is not merely a pathway to a certificate or a qualification. It is a powerful tool that equips you with the skills, knowledge, and wisdom needed to navigate the complexities of the world. It opens doors, broadens horizons, and empowers you to contribute meaningfully to society. It is the foundation upon which you will build your dreams and shape your destinies.

As you embark on this new chapter of your lives, heading off to various universities to pursue higher education, remember that learning is a lifelong journey. Embrace the opportunities that come your way, and let your thirst for knowledge drive you to explore new frontiers. The world is yours to conquer, and education is the key that unlocks countless possibilities.

I would like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to His Majesty Kgoshi Kgabo Moloto wa bo Raro for his unwavering commitment to education and his continuous support in honouring and uplifting the youth of this tribal authority. Your Majesty, your dedication to fostering academic excellence is truly commendable, and we are fortunate to have a leader who prioritizes the educational advancement of our youth.

I also extend my appreciation to Mmakgoshi Mmanare and the foundation led by His Majesty for their impactful work in providing educational opportunities to learners in need. Your commitment to making a difference in the lives of these young individuals is inspiring, and we thank you for your continued efforts.

And now, before we conclude, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I stand before you to extend my earnest congratulations to the MEC of Education in Limpopo, Mavhungo Lerule-Ramakhanya.

In the recently released 2023 matriculation results, Limpopo has achieved the remarkable distinction of being the most improved province. This accomplishment is a testament to the unwavering dedication, tireless efforts, and innovative strategies employed by the Department of Education under the leadership of MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

She has demonstrated exceptional commitment to improving the quality of education in our province. Through strategic planning, effective policies, and a focus on learner success, the MEC has led the charge in elevating the standard of education for our learners. The significant improvement in the matriculation results is a clear indication of her leadership prowess and dedication to the betterment of education in Limpopo.

This achievement is not just a win for the education sector; it is a victory for the entire community, as it reflects the collective efforts of educators, learners, parents, and the broader community who have rallied behind the vision of a brighter and more prosperous future through education.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my distinct pleasure to invite to the podium the architect of Limpopo's educational success, MEC Mavhungo Lerule-Ramakhanya. Please join me in welcoming her to share her insights, wisdom, and inspiration with us all.

I thank you.