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RE: PREMIER DR RAMATHUBA CONGRATULATES DR MABELEBELE ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIMPOPO

The Office of the Premier of Limpopo extends heartfelt congratulations to Dr Jeffrey Mabelebele on his appointment as Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Limpopo, effective 01 January 2026. The University Council officially announced this significant milestone on Friday, 11 July 2025, confirming that Dr Mabelebele will succeed Prof Mahlo Mokgalong.

Premier Dr Ramathuba expressed profound gratitude for Dr Mabelebele's leadership, stating: "We are thrilled to congratulate Dr Mabelebele on this well-deserved appointment. His extensive experience and proven commitment to education will undoubtedly guide the University towards a bright future. Under his stewardship, we anticipate remarkable progress as he takes up the mantle of leadership."

The Premier also recognised Dr Mabelebele's previous contributions as Registrar in establishing the province's medical school, which has significantly advanced higher education in Limpopo. "His profound understanding of both academic and administrative roles equips him to lead effectively," added Premier Dr Ramathuba.

Looking ahead, the Premier emphasised the importance of collaboration between the university and provincial government in addressing critical issues such as economic growth and unemployment. "We look forward to Dr Mabelebele's assistance in cultivating a skilled workforce capable of tackling poverty and fostering sustainable development within our province," said the Premier.

Dr Mabelebele currently serves as Registrar and Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, with a strong foundation of over ten years as the Registrar at the University of Limpopo.

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