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PRESS STATEMENT

MAYOR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

As a build up to his birthday, Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko, embarked on a cemetery cleaning campaign on the 16th of May 2017 at various villages in Lephalale.

Together with council members, he visited graves of fallen heroes who contributed immensely towards the achievement of freedom and democracy of this country.

Amongst the fallen heroes visited are: Thete Chilliboy Majadibodu, Motala Solomon Madube, Jimmy Nkebe Thulare better known as Captain Thulare, Sedikoe Johannes Thulare, and Eva Hlongwane.

On his birthday (17 May 2017) the Mayor started his day with a Sod-turning ceremony to mark the commencement of the construction of towers to address broadband (network) challenges in Lephalale at Bangalong Village. Through the intervention of the Mayor three towers will be built at Bangalong, Kitty and Botsalanong. The construction ceremony was welcomed by the community members who tried in vain for the past several years to get intervention. The Mayor said this is a major boost towards the development of Lephalale and aligns with the Municipality's vision of building a city.

He then proceeded to Sethula Secondary school in Bangalong where he championed freedom charter which guides government that "the doors of learning and culture shall be opened". The mayor distributed scientific calculators to Grade 12 learners who are studying Maths and Science, and their educators. He delivered a brief speech and encouraged the learners to focus on their studies and to always remember that education is the only key to a brighter future. He also pleaded with them not to engage in sexual activities and alcohol/ drug abuse. "Education is a priority to this municipality. Focus on your studies, through dedication and hard work your lives could change for the better".

The entourage comprising of Councillors and the Mayor extended their visit, to Bakonekwena Day Care Centre at Ditlounge Village, where they distributed winter clothing as a gesture of supporting Early Childhood Development enhancement programme.



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During the last session of the birthday festivities at Seleka Community Hall, the Mayor distributed shoes to the elderly and sanitary towels to women.

Guest Speaker, Soviet Lekganyane said that it was a privilege for him to be part of Mayor Maeko's birthday celebration. "I am honoured to be part of this celebration of one of the few leaders whose work speaks for itself. It is not by mistake that the Municipality is amongst the top performing municipalities as attested by the auditor general's unqualified finding for the past 3 financial years in succession. It is through the progressive leadership of this Municipality".

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