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Lephalale Local Municipality hosted the annual opening of the Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders on Friday, 22 April 2016 by the Premier of Limpopo Mr. Chupu Stanley Mathabatha at the Marapong sport ground. The event provided a platform for provincial and local government as well as traditional leaders in the province to assess the progress made in carrying out their constitutional mandate as well as identify the challenges faced in working together to serve communities.

The Premier reminded the gathering that Chapter 12 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa recognizes and support the institution of traditional leadership. "The participation of traditional leaders in local governance is very critical, I strongly believe united in action we can do more," he said. Premier Mathabatha announced that provincial government has put aside a substantial budget in this financial year to assist traditional leaders. Several traditional offices were upgraded and handed over to councils in the province. Training are also provided in the form of a programme called Visionary Leaders in which all 183 Senior Traditional Leaders in the Province will be trained by the Development Bank of Southern Africa as appointed by Anglo Platinum.

The Premier also applauded the Proclamation No. 326 of 17 March 2016 in which the President approved that salaries of all categories of Traditional leaders be increased with effect from 1 April 2016. The Premier thanked Kgoshi Dikgale, the Chairperson of the House, the Deputy Chairperson, Hosi Chauke and the entire Executive Committee for the good work done. "You have worked well with this government throughout your term of office. Your advice and guidance on issues relating to tradition and culture is well appreciated.

The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr M J Maeko said at the event that Lephalale Municipality is honoured to host this important organ of state. "This institution is charged with the responsibility of advising government, especially on matters of culture and tradition. Lephalale is predominantly rural and therefore need the assistance and guidance of our traditional leaders. They are the voices of the people. We are committed to restoring the dignity of the institution of traditional leadership," he added.

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