

Friday, 10 December 2010

## Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng's Christmas Message

Dear People of Sedibeng, it is that time of the year again when I take time to communicate with you as we prepare for our deserved rest during these holidays. This is the period when some of us are naturally at our weakest point with our minds telling us that it's already festive period.

I would like to once again take this opportunity to say we had a very interesting, wonderful and productive year indeed. We, together as usual commemorated and remembered our fallen heroes, heroines and celebrated with the survivors of various massacres which took place in the Region. As I have always been saying, we continue to learn from one event to another and this is the commitment I will always keep in mind.

We witnessed interesting events and activities which took place in our District which are critical in the development of our communities and the Sedibeng District Municipality, with its local municipalities. These included but not limited to the **100 Days Service Delivery Projects** I launched and announced during the commemoration of the Human Rights Day on 21 March 2010. This was in pursuit of our Growth & Development Strategy, our commitment to renewing our communities, through various developmental projects throughout the District Municipality.

We once again made history! The sports ambassadors from Sedibeng have confirmed our long standing notion that we are history makers. This has been seen with Aaron "Mbazo" Mokoena, our Bafana Bafana captain being bestowed with the Freedom of the City of London on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and the Jet Nteo Secondary School, in Boipatong, where Aaron Mokoena grew up, being named the champions and winners of the Sanlam Kay Motsepe Schools Cup in September 2010.

We travelled together a road full of good things and some challenges. Whilst there is still room for improvement, we commit ourselves to continue working together with you, our communities to ensure the success of our many commitments we made to you.

We won awards, various accolades and our work in Sedibeng is today recognised by the outside world. Our peers look up to us for directions and guidance. We are regarded as experts in what we do. For this, we deserve a pad on our backs. We hosted various national and provincial events successfully including the Aaron Mokoena Foundation, the Four Nations Tournament and managed to establish various Sedibeng consultative forums.

We convey our message of appreciation to Sabe Productions, the young women & men who participated in the Walk of Hope to Bloemfontein in October 2010 in their quest to ensure that the history of Sebokeng was recorded.



We must thank God that we are still together today, and say rest in peace to all those of us whom we have lost through death during the course of this year.

We conclude our year with pride and joy and declare that Sedibeng continues to witness development in its real form. This is despite some of our townships and towns experiencing poor roads conditions due to various factors including heavy rains.

I thank you all for your support during the year and trust that as we come back in the new year, we will do so with improved commitment to ensuring that we fulfill our mandate to service delivery.

As we welcome visitors and guests into our beloved District, we would like to wish all those who will be taking journeys outside and through our Region, a safe trip. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. Please do not drink & drive!

Till we meet again!

Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng - Executive Mayor

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