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Kgoshi Matshengoane Sekororo is the newly installed Senior Traditional Leader of ga Sekororo.

## A CHARISMATIC SENIOR TRADITIONAL LEADER TO LEAD THE SEKORORO DYNASTY.

ain could not dampen the spirits of hundreds of people who came in the numbers to witness the inauguration of Kgoshi Sekororo Matshengona Shane (32) as their Senior Traditional Leader on Friday, 31 March 2023, ga Sekororo, Maruleng Local Municipality. The inauguration was conducted during heavy rain, *Pula!* a character of peace and tranquility to the Sekororo dynasty.

Kgoshi Matshengona Shane Sekororo was born and bred at Moshira Village (Leruleng Section) within Tubatse Municipality. He is the firstborn son of Ms. Thobetjane Matladi Mavies and the late Kgoshi Sekororo Sekgalabjabana Seshego Solly. He is succeeding his late father, who died in 2020 after a short illness. In the year 2022, the Royal Family (Bakgoma ba Sekororo and the inner circle) of Moshate wa Ga-Sekororo agreed to install Kgoshi Sekororo Matshengona Shane as their Senior Traditional Leader.

His late father, Kgoshi Sekororo, affectionately known as "Triple S", in 1983, was the Chairperson of the Naphuno Council Authority, which was the Regional Traditional Authority at the time. In the same period, he was a Member of the former Lebowa Legislative Assembly, and Minister of Water Affairs under the Lebowa Government. He generously extended his contributions to the country's ANC-Led democratic era, as he was a member of the Limpopo Legislature between 1994 and 1999. It was during this period that he also

served as the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Affairs and Environment. In 2002, the late Kgoshi was elected Chairperson of the Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders, he then Chaired Contralesa in 2009 and continued to serve, in one form or another, in these bodies throughout his leadership career.

Speaking during the Ceremony the MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements &
Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Basikopo
Makamu said: "Our ANC-led government is never
lost to the importance of our Senior Traditional
leaders and the role they play in our communities.
Your participation in the social cohesion and
economic development of our communities is
crucial. It is for this reason that we are consistent in
showing our open commitment to provincial
traditional leadership matters by always reserving
time to meet with you and your communities,
especially in occasions where we celebrate ancient
practices such as this".

MEC Makamu urged the newly installed Kgoshi to learn from his late father, Kgoshi Sekororo. He described him as an extraordinary man, "You and your people today take this step into a future that is unfamiliar. But beyond change, we acknowledge that you take over this seat of authority from an extraordinary man, and the shoes you're filling are massive.

The late Kgoshi Seshego Sekororo led this community for 38 years, with absolute distinction.

## TOOLS OF TRADE FOR SENIOR TRADITIONAL LEADERS.

A brand-new set of wheels for Traditional Leaders.

The Limpopo Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) will this financial year kick start the process of procuring vehicles for Senior Traditional Leaders. Speaking during the Inauguration of Kgosi Sekororo and during his Budget Speech, MEC Makamu said that as the Premier pronounced when delivering his State of the Province Address, government will indeed procure vehicles for Senior Traditional Leaders on a budget of R55 million for 2023/24 financial year. Another 100 will be procured in 2024/25 with a budget of R55 million.

"Our commitment to support the institution of traditional leadership would be without substance if Traditional Leaders are not assisted with tools of trade. Of cardinal importance, our covenant with Limpopo Traditional Leadership solidifies. The Department acknowledges and supports the critical role of traditional leadership institutions across the province and its contribution to the developmental agenda. The support to institutions of traditional leadership involves a wide range of activities as well as many other tools of trade which enable them to provide services to their communities".

He was revered for his love for his people, a champion of development who engaged in important matters with high intellect and compassion".

The Chairperson of the Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders, Hosi Pheni Ngove congratulated Kgoshi and urged him to be humble and listen to the advice from family and other key stakeholders.

Kgoshi Matshengoane Sekororo has vowed to work hand in hand with key stakeholders to bring development to his village.