

COGHSTA MEC BASIKOPO MAKAMU KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON
THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THOVHELE VHO
MULATEDZI NETSHIMBUPFE UNDER COLLINS CHABANE LOCAL
MUNICIPALITY

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HA-TSHIMBUPFE VILLAGE

NDO LIVHUWA MUTSHIMBIDZI MUSHUMO, VHO SHANDUKANI
MULAUDZI

MU IMELI WA EXECUTIVE MAYOR WA VHEMBE DISTRICT
MUNICIPALITY, CLLR SINYOSI

MAYOR WA COLLINS CHABANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, CLLR MOSES
MALULEKE

JUDGE OF THE LIMPOPO HIGH COURT SITTING IN THOHOYANDOU,
JUDGE THOGOMELANI TSHIDADA

VHO THOVHELA NA KHOSI DZIRE VHANO

KHOSI VHO MULATEDZI NETSHIMBUPFE, WHO TAKES CENTRE STAGE
AS THE REASON WE HAVE GATHERED HERE TODAY, WE ARE GRATEFUL
TO YOU FOR HAVING US

THE NETSHIMBUPFE ROYAL FAMILY AND ROYAL COUNCIL

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL HOUSES

PASTORS REPRESENTING DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS OF CHURCHES

ESTEEMED GUESTS

NDAA!!!

NDI KHOU HUMBELA VHATHU VHANTHUSE U LUVHA....

Lushaka,

Ndi dakalo fulu u vha kha vhutambo uvhu ndo imela Mulangavundu wa lino lashu la Limpopo Vho-Chupu Stanley Mathabatha. Kha vha pfe nne Thovhela, Mulangavundu vho vha vho zwi tama u vha na rine hafha kha vhutambo hovhu nga tshavhukoma. Vho neya vhutambo hovhu thikhedzo na phathutshedzo.

Programme Director,

This is not the day for long speeches. This is the day to sing, dance and celebrate the inauguration of Vho Thovhela Mulatedzi Netshimbupfe. We celebrate you as Vha-Venda, South Africa and African culture.

Thovhela, I personally want to learn Tshikona, I want to be able to join the celebrations and dance with the people. It is my wish because we must celebrate our diversity as Africans.

We recognize the beauty of the VhaVenda people. As you say, "MuVenda mubikwa na ibve, ibve lavhibva, MuVenda a sala."

We are here to recognise Thovhela Vho Netshimbupfe as he has been appointed as the Senior Traditional Leader by the Royal Family. We as government, led by Premier Mathabatha, can only recognize what the family has decided.

We have no powers to appoint a Senior Traditional Leader. This is why we do not encourage that Royal Families go to courts to resolve divisions. There is a trend now where when members of royal families don't agree with each other, they decide to approach the courts. This is not the African way.

As government, we want to preserve and protect our special culture. Help us by working together as royal families, discuss matters and remain united.

I also want to warn members of the community from wanting to participate in issues of the royal family. This is unacceptable and must not be promoted. There's a saying in my language - Xitsonga, and it says "a hi xigholonyani xi kokaku donki, i donki yi kokaku xigholonyani". It translates to – "it is not the cart that pulls the donkey, it is the donkey that pulls the cart".

Matters in the royal family must be left strictly to the Royal Family. I call upon community members to respect these and other traditional customs.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Netshimbupfe Royal family has a good history of following culture and working together in installing Senior Traditional Leaders. From Vho Thovhela Matodzi Netshimbupfe, Vho Thovhele Tshivhase Netshimbupfe to the now inaugurated Senior Traditional Leader - Vho Thovhela Mulatedzi Netshimbupfe. It is a beautiful history and we encourage you to continue it towards the future.

Musanda, Musi ndou mbili dzi tshilwa, tshono huvhala ndi hatsi, fhedzi, hasavha na hatsi, ndou dzi kundwa tsha ula. Ndi khou hambela uri huvhe na mulalo na shumisano vhukati ha mirhado ya muta wa Musanda.

Ngavhe muta wa Musanda na lushaka lwothe ngau angaredza, vhatshinga farana vhavhe tshitu tshitihi kha u tika Mavu Netshimbupfe sa muranga phanda adivhiwaho nga Mu-Premier.

Thovhela,

There is still much to be done to help create an environment that will be conducive for economic growth and employment opportunities for your people.

We know your intentions are for the wellbeing of your communities, and we encourage that your heart does not get tired in creatively opening prospects for advancement for your people – remember that saying that reads “Mukapu wa tshisima a si munwi watsho”.

Meaning that it is not every time that those who toil for good returns get to enjoy them. Sometimes we work so that the generations that come after us benefit.

Much will be expected of you, but we believe that you were born for this responsibility, and therefore, you are more than ready for the work ahead.

In line with our country’s constitution, you are called upon to promote democratic governance, gender equality, human dignity, enhance culture and tradition, and promote the fair administration of justice among other expectations in your community.

Our government, as led by our glorious movement, the African National Congress, has seen to it that the institute of Traditional Leaders is recognized constitutionally. And as such, it has privileges and responsibilities set aside for you to fulfill.

Among these, Khosi, is the responsibility to create an atmosphere for your people to thrive economically.

Thovhele,

You may know that on Monday, here in Venda, our government will be reconstituting the 6th Provincial House of Traditional Leaders. The house is important to our government commitment to preserving the culture and traditions of our people. We want to encourage you Thovhele, to be involved in the broader responsibilities that you will inherit automatically as a Senior Traditional Leader.

We recognize that you are advantaged as you are at a younger privileged age as compared to many other Senior Traditional Leaders. We will rely on your energy and creativity of ideas to improve the impact of Senior Traditional Leaders in our province.

Kha vha dzulapo vha Ha-Tshimbupfe, Muranga phanda wavho, vho rhwelwaho tarhi, kevha.

Musanda, lushaka lwavho kholu, lwo sedza kha vhone. Ngavhe vhatshilu ranga phanda tshidele.

Ndaa!!