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As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Most of the shadows of this life are caused by us standing in our own sunshine." Lets' take his advice and lets' not stand in front of our own sunshine or complain about the darkness caused by our own shadow, but rise up and stand out above the rest.

This is the theme of our latest edition of *Temnotfo*. The many dedicated individuals from the department have not let life's challenges stand on their way in their quest to assist government to bettering the lives of our people.

Leading up to the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup, our MEC handed over new hawkers stalls to the value of over R100 000 at one of Mpumalanga's biggest tourist attractions, Pilgrims' Rest. Other than getting the stadium ready for the games that were played in Nelspruit, we have made other great strides in preparation for the World Cup.

The School Environmental Education Development (SEED) programme has also delivered on their promises, providing schools from Nkomazi, Mbombela and Bushbuckridge with the tools for a better future. Earlier this quarter the programme also gave recognition to schools that created environmental awareness.

Despite all the controversy around South Africa hosting the World Cup, we have made great strides in preparing not only for the games but preparing our youth for a brighter future.

The world is our stage, may I implore you to partner with us in our quest to fulfill *Temnotfo*.

Enjoy your read!

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A plea to assist efforts towards better life for all

Freedom is not freedom without responsibility. We are *free* to realise that working together, we can do more to improve the lives of our people. We can not be totally free when there are still many members within our communities suffering and going to bed on empty stomachs.

This was the theme for MEC J.L Mahlangu's speech during the Southgold Exploration stakeholder Gala Dinner held at Balfour on Thursday, 29 April 2010, when the 16th anniversary of Freedom Day was commemorated.

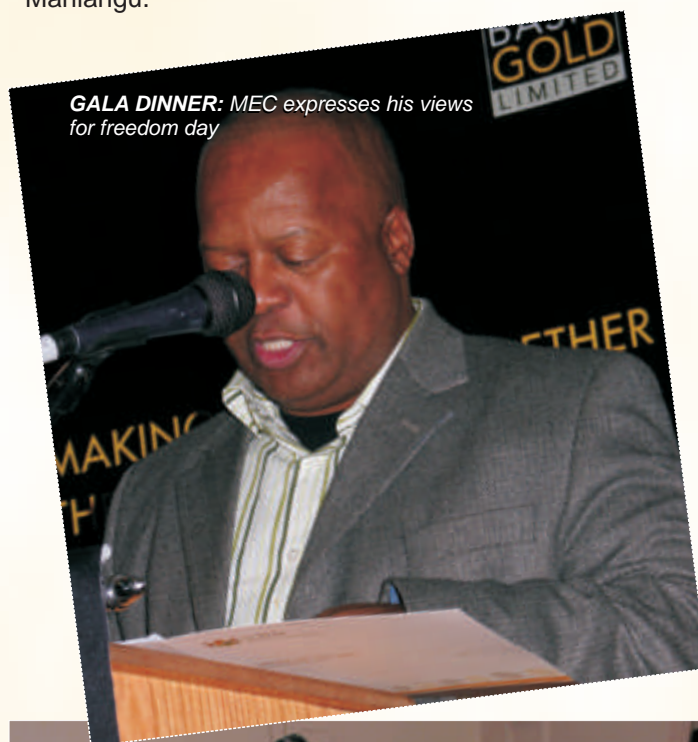
Emphasis was placed on the concerns government has regarding areas where mining companies benefit from the mineral products they collect from local communities, without giving back to those communities. Those communities continue to experience shortage of water and a lack of roofs over their heads.

Referring to companies such as Southold Exploration, MEC Jabu Mahlangu said, "You have a responsibility as a mining house, to support our efforts as government, to improve the socio-economic well being of our people, especially your benefactors."

Government is on a quest to make visible efforts towards a more fruitful future as the prospects for the economy look very good. These efforts are underway and they aim to create more employment opportunities and bring more people into the economic mainstream. Government aims to achieve this by strengthening the development of infrastructure and human capital, expanding the forestry, tourism, petro-chemicals and steel industries, amongst others, MEC Mahlangu said.

MEC Mahlangu added that Government is looking into new areas of opportunity, such as in the sectors of ICT, Cultural Industries as well as Environmental Rehabilitation and alternative energies.

He stressed that government is committed to improve the lives of the people and this remains its top priority. "The commitment of companies like Southgold Exploration is evident and together we will succeed to make a difference in the lives of those who cannot fend for themselves, and fulfill our quest to provide a better life for all, concluded MEC Mahlangu.



GALA DINNER: MEC expresses his views for freedom day



From left to right:
MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism: Jabu L Mahlangu; Dipaleseng Municipality ANC PR Councillor Joe Amod; Mrs. Mokotong; Dipaleseng Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr. MP Tsotetsi; GBG/Burnstone mine Corporate Social Responsibility Manager: Mashilo Mokotong.



Premier of Mpumalanga, Mr. DD Mabuza, MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism and officials from the Department

Human Rights at the heart of the



Premier DD Mabuza with MEC JL Mahlangu during a site visit in Wesselton, Ermelo

“ We have come here today to celebrate the fruits and sweat of the struggle. Today we can confidently say that South Africa is a democratic country that values human rights, the rule of law, democracy and liberties for all individuals and different groups”, said Premier DD Mabuza during the celebration of National Human Rights Day in Ermelo.

The Premier stated that the province will be establishing a University and a Tertiary hospital. He said that they have

MEC Mahlangu and MEC for Culture, Sports and Recreation Mr. Vusi Shongwe greet local project manufacturers



“Undoubtedly, we have to ensure that the people of this country enjoy civil and political rights, economic, social and cultural rights without fear and prejudice. We have placed education, health issues, rural development, job creation, crime and corruption high on the agenda”, assured Premier Mabuza.

province

started rural pilot projects in Mkhondo Municipality and also embarked on huge campaigns around issues of HIV and AIDS.

The Premier was joined by MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism Mr. Jabu Mahlangu. They visited different projects in the area. One such project was a cooperative that manufactures interlocking, block, and paving bricks. The aim of the visit was to establish the challenges that the project owners are facing in terms of office space, machinery and financing of their projects.

Premier Mabuza urged everyone to unite and to continue to ensure that our hard-earned human rights remain protected.

Human Rights Day is, but one step to ensure that the people of South Africa are aware of their human rights and to ensure that abuses of the past never occur again.

“We, as South Africans, have to continue to work hard to restore peace, reconciliation and social unity among our people. We need to attend to the needs of the poor and continue to create a peaceful society,” he said.



MEC: Gives his support at the site visit



GIFTS: Lending a helping hand in the form of working material



GAME DRIVE: Kids are excited and ready for departure



STORED HISTORY: Kids learning about the history of the KNP.



ATTENTION TO DETAIL: Children capturing every part of their experience

Kruger National Park experience

"Your visit and access to Kruger National Park is because of the people who fought for freedom. We need to take care of the Park, for you and for future generations," emphasized Ms Patience Mkhonto and Mr Miyelani Mhlari, environmental officers from Pilgrim's Rest Environmental Centre.

On 26 April 2010, vulnerable kids and orphans from Masibambane Children's home in Sabie were treated to an environmental education excursion. The excursion, organised by the Pilgrim's Rest Environmental Centre, was aimed at exposing the youth to the Kruger National Park and to familiarise them with the importance of the environment.

"The Sabie River flows through the Park and any contamination done from your area affects animals in the Kruger National Park because they drink the water and animals like crocodiles and hippos inhabit Sabie River," said Mr Miyelani Mhlari from Pilgrim's Rest Environmental Centre.

The Centre's plan was to educate the children on the benefits of the environment to humans, plants and animals and the link between their environment and that of the Kruger Park. They also proceeded in celebrating Freedom Day with the children who had never had the opportunity to visit the Park before.

The first day's activities focused on familiarising the children with the Park's history. They were taken to the Stevenson Hamilton library where they could view the wild-life information on offer to the public.

On the second day, the children were given a short talk about Freedom Day.

They also visited the Skukuza Indigenous nursery and were given important information on the wetlands by Mr. Mhlari. They further took a trip to the historical Museum hut where additional information about the Kruger National Park is displayed.

The children were also treated to a morning game drive and received information on different types of nocturnal animals and birds to the children.

In response, the children said the excursion was a once in a life time opportunity and very important to them. They were not just able to learn about the importance of the environment and its benefits, socially and economically, but had loads of fun doing so.



The birth of the new MEGA

Following the enactment of the MEGA Act of 2010, the province has united resources of three entities into one super entity.

The merger saw the birth of a new MEGA on the 1st of April 2010, following the the old Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA), the Mpumalanga Agricultural Development Corporation (MADC) and the Mpumalanga Housing Finance Company (MHFCo).

"We have appointed an interim board and an Acting CEO for the new entity, who have hit the ground running to ensure speedy economic recovery," said MEC Jabu Mahlangu during the Southgold Exploration stakeholder Gala Dinner held at Balfour on 29 April 2010.

The new MEGA will initiate the process of developing 200 new housing units in Dipaleseng, with assistance from the banking sector in the current financial year. They will be able to address issues that relate to SMME's, residential, commercial and industrial properties, trade and investment and create a flourishing agricultural sector.

This will be achieved by offering training, mentoring and loan financing, particularly to the previously disadvantaged people.

"This will present opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs in the construction industry, as well as suppliers and manufacturers of building material within this municipality. This will further offer employment opportunities as well as development of technical skills," added MEC Mahlangu.

The new MEGA has recently connected the Mpumalanga business people with business people from Australia, Chile, China and Mexico during the 2010 World Cup. This was done by hosting business forums that enabled them exchange contacts and form relations with the international market.

The official launch of new MEGA will comprise of road-shows that will take place throughout the Province once the completion of the transitional arrangements have been finalised.



CHINA: MEC JL Mahlangu together with Mr. Shengxue Bie, President of the Industry and Commerce of the Jilin Province, China



AUSTRALIA: From the left: Ms. Pinky Nqeto (MEGA); Mr J.L. (Jabu) Mahlangu (MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism); Mrs Ann Harrop (Australian High Commissioner to SA); Mr Sydney Kunene (President of Mpumalanga NAFCOO); Mr Gijima Dladla (Acting CEO of MEGA) and Dr Joyce Pakade (Dedet)



MEC reac to the comm



MEC Jabu Mahlangu made a difference in the lives of the people of Mahoqo village in Iswepe on the 22 May 2010.

The MEC handed over battery powered light bulbs to 5 overjoyed households in the area. The handover took place during the Executive Council Outreach to the Municipality.

The 5 households each received 2 bulbs and a pack of spare batteries. The incentive behind the occasion was to eradicate the use of candles and to prevent hazardous household fires.

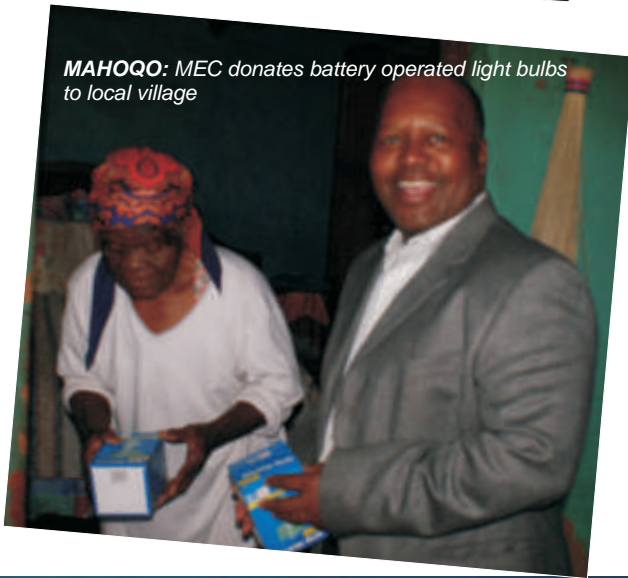
The MEC took time to demonstrate how to insert the batteries and usage of the bulbs. He also assured the rest of the villagers that more bulbs would be distributed to the rest of the households.



DEMONSTRATION: MEC shows local woman how the light bulb operates

shes out community

MAHOQO: MEC donates battery operated light bulbs to local village



MEC: Bringing light to people - Mahoqo village



HANDOVER: MEC shares a few kind words with one of the local women



BMW gets green fingers

"In view of the material support from BMW South Africa, it is the schools' responsibility to deliver the services ensuring that the objectives of the Partners are achieved. These 16 schools have the challenge to reflect on the SEED objectives and sustain the programme and its rewards," Mr Jacob Mabuza.



HANDOVER: Departmental officials joined by community members

A total number of 42 officials from *the dedet*, BMW SA, Bushbuckridge Municipality and Department of Education have joined hands to alleviate poverty.

Tools and gardening material were handed over to the schools from Nkomazi, Mbombela and Bushbuckridge Municipalities. The aim of the handover was to improve the lives of the learners within the school by addressing the issue of poverty.

The programme will try to ensure that every learner gets fed through the vegetables produced from the school gardens. This will also improve the image of the school premises and provide a litter free environment.

"Litter poses a challenge to most of the schools, thus the School Environmental Education Development (SEED) programme strongly looks into this challenge within the premises. Green and litter free premises complement the SEED objectives," said Mr. Jacob Mabuza from Graskop Environmental Centre.

For the past ten years the partnership between BMW South Africa and *the dedet* has been aiming to address poverty alleviation and to transfer skills to learners on conservation and greening. This partnership has grown substantially over the years, and many schools and communities have benefited from poverty alleviation in their respective areas.



SEED: Women from community join in to fight poverty



BMW: Community members together with Environmental officials at the handover

Although this programme has the potential to improve lives within the schools communities, it still remains the school's responsibility to do their share, in order for this shared vision to become a reality.

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Hawkers are warned not to overcharge clients

Entrepreneurs are warned by the MEC for Economic Development Environment and Tourism Mr. Jabu Mahlangu not to be tempted to over price their products in an attempt to make quick money, during the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup.

MEC Mahlangu was speaking during the official hand over of new hawkers' stalls at Pilgrim Rest. "You can run the risk chasing your potential customers if you overprice your goods. You must maintain your honesty, by proving that you believe in fair trade."

"Government appreciates the commitment of stakeholders of Thaba Chewu Municipality, the community of Pilgrims Rest and Transvaal Gold Mining Estates who have paved the way for the construction of these newly built stalls," said MEC Mahlangu.

The construction of the newly built hawker stalls was a result of an intervention by government and private sector to revamp the area in an effort to attract more tourists and business opportunities.

Mahlangu also reminded people of Thaba Chewu municipality that the handing over of the stalls came at the right time for the country and Mpumalanga, as we would be welcoming visitors from all over the world, during the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup.

The construction of the stalls for Hawkers started last year and it is valued at R100 000. The stalls can accommodate more than eleven hawkers.

A warm Mpumalanga welcome



During the run-up to the 2010 FIFA W.C, MEC JL Mahlangu urged entrepreneurs as well as business people, to make tourists visiting the province during the World Cup, feel at home.

The MEC was speaking at the Ehlanzeni Tourism Kruger Day held during April 2010 at the Kruger National Park. "The decision to earn eternal interest from the proceeds of the World Cup is solely in your hands. Give our tourists a warm Mpumalanga welcome – show them that we are people who love and cherish visitors."

"The day was aimed at promoting tourism in the district to ensure that product owners and local communities benefit from the windfall being afforded by the biggest sporting event in the universe," said Mahlangu.

Tour guides and front-line staff were also trained in customer relations and in some foreign languages, for example French and Portuguese.

A deal with Comair was secured, which has made flying to the province extremely affordable. "We believe the deal came at a right time, just as we are anticipating a huge number of foreign visitors to descend on our doorstep," said the MEC.



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"Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that", said Bill Shankly, English soccer manager. This was especially true for South Africa during the 2010 World Cup, particularly when it related to the socio and economic upliftment of our country.

This is the theme of our latest edition of *Temnofo*. Pulling together with our fellow South African's not only to celebrate the hosting of a successful World Cup, but drawing together and putting all our differences aside for a common goal.

This reads true at the launch of the Comair route to Mpumalanga. The route provided an essential service for tourists especially business tourists who visited our province during the World Cup. It is also a very important industry for the ongoing economic and social development for any destination.

During the World Cup, environmental issues were not forgotten. The Greening Strategy for the 2010 World Cup was launched to create worldwide awareness of the environment, to encourage political attention and action and to advocate partnership between stakeholders.

This financial year and beyond the World Cup, Government has put priority on promoting and attracting foreign trade. During the Australian pre-match, business round-table discussion investment opportunities for both Australia and Mpumalanga were discussed.

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Paving the way for Provincial Economic Recovery

The MEC's Policy and Budget speech for 2010/2011 financial year focused primarily on paving the way for Provincial Economic Recovery. The priorities for the 2010/2011 financial year were tabled, which are set to ensure a successful provincial economic recovery. The amount appropriated by the Legislature to fund the requirements of vote:6, the Department contribute

The total budget allocated for the 2010/2011 financial year is R 643 million and consist of a total of R 393 million, 446 thousands which will be transferred to public entities such as the New MEGA, MTPA, Zithabiseni Resort and the MGB.

PLANS FOR 2010/2011

Integrated Economic Development

- ? Continue with the *Business Launch pad* competition in order to increase the number of entrepreneurs in the mainstream economy;

Trade and Industry Development

- ? Finalise the *Export Strategy*; develop the *Provincial Investment Strategy*; support potential *SMME exporters* towards becoming export-ready; implement *bi-lateral trade agreements*; and continue to guide and give exposure to emerging exporters;

Business Regulation

- ? *Enforce compliance* in terms of the applicable liquor laws by inspecting licensed liquor outlets in partnership with the South African Police Service;

Economic Planning

- ? Review the *Provincial Economic Development Strategy*; launch the *Information Communication and Technology Strategy* for the province; develop a *Mineral Beneficiation Plan*; a *Forestry Plan*; and an *Industrial Development Plan* for the province;

Environmental Development

- ? Complete the Centralised *Integrated Waste Management* facilities by December 2010;
- ? Complete the *Air Quality Management Plan* for the Highveld Air Pollution Priority Area.

Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (New MEGA):

- ? *Facilitate investments* to the value of R200 million;
- ? *Facilitate exports* to the value of R80 million;
- ? *Fund 300 aspiring entrepreneurs* to the tune of R500 000 each;

Mpumalanga Gambling Board (MGB):

- ? Continue to encourage *responsible gambling* by intensifying public awareness campaigns to warn people about the negative impact associated with irresponsible gambling;

Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA):

- ? Continue to build strong partnerships with the *tourism trade* domestically and internationally, to increase travel to the province;
- ? *Conclude post-settlement and co-management agreements* with *land claimants*, on the remaining nature reserves (Blyde River Canyon, Mthethomusha, Songimvelo, Loskop Dam, Andover, Bushbuckridge, SS Skosana, Sterkspruit, Ohrigstad Dam, Nooitgedacht Dam and Blouswaelvlakte);
- ? *Source private funding to conduct feasibility studies* for the development of a world class theme and amusement park; development of the Blyde River Canyon Nature Reserve *cable car* and the development of the *bio-park* in Barberton.





KMIA: Welcomes all nations to Mbombela



COMAIR: Lands at KMIA for the first time

Mpumalanga Reaches for the Sky High

MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Mr. Jabu Mahlangu expressed his excitement about increasing leisure tourism capacity through the provision of cost-competitive and sustainable flights to and from the Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA).

The MEC was speaking at the launch of the Comair route to Mpumalanga at the KMIA on the 04 May 2010. "Aviation is not only critical to the tourism industry, but fundamental for the provision of essential services, and an important industry to the ongoing economic and social development of any destination. For the first time in the history of aviation in our province, customers would be able to fly business class. This affords us an opportunity to increase the number of business tourists to the province, and will go a long way towards increasing the number of people visiting our province by air," said Mahlangu.

The partnership with Comair will provide a solution intended to make flying to Mpumalanga more affordable and convenient. The contract will see the airline flying at least six times per week to the province. It is hoped that the frequency of flights will increase, and that other destinations like Cape Town and Durban, will be included in the near future.

"We applaud the commitment of our public entity, the MTPA, towards creating sufficient tourism supply capacity for the province, and to grow the demand for air travel through the introduction of new, affordable and sustainable players within the provincial aviation economy," applauded MEC Mahlangu.

The implementation of the Tourism Airlift Strategy through the contract which has been signed with Comair, will deliver a huge chunk of tourists to our province, as a result will improve South Africa's global competitiveness.

"Our ultimate goal is to occupy the number one spot from the current position three (3) in terms of international arrivals, to at least number two (2) spot on the domestic front," added Mahlangu.

Investing in Mpumalanga



AUSTRALIA: From the left: MEC Jabu Mahlangu, Mrs Ann Harrap and Mr Sydney Kunene.

The MEC responsible for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism in Mpumalanga took advantage of the 2010 FIFA World Cup to solicit more investment opportunities in the Province.

During the World Cup Mahlangu met several delegates who include Australia and Chilean Province amongst others to discuss possible trade and investment relations between Mpumalanga and their countries.

During his meeting with the delegations, Mahlangu said, his main priority during this current financial year and beyond, through our investment promotions agency, MEGA, is to promote and attract foreign trade and investment into the province. We need to replace or even re-attract, the companies which closed shop due to the economic recession, to ensure that all those who lost their jobs are re-employed, including more others. We require your partnership in the form of investment in our province, Mahlangu said.

When addressing the Australian delegation he indicated that the relations between these two countries can be traced back to the early part of the last century, and continues to grow substantially. Since 1994, these relations have strengthened in every sphere ranging from sport, education, science and economics. Recent statistics indicated that during 2009, South Africa's total trade with Australia was valued at R15.8 billion – with exports accounting for R6.6 billion and imports for R9.2 billion.

Amongst the major exports from South Africa to Australia are:

- ? Vehicles, aircrafts and parts;
- ? Base metals and articles thereof;
- ? Machinery and mechanical appliances;
- ? Products of chemical industry;
- ? and Mineral products.

The imports from Australia to South Africa include amongst others are:

- ? Products of chemical industry;
- ? Mineral products;

- ? Machinery and mechanical appliances;
- ? Base metals and articles thereof; and
- ? Animal products - essentially meat.

Consequently Mpumalanga and Australia have common economic-driving sectors, such as mining, energy, tourism and agro-processing.

MEC Mahlangu has further indicated his plans to undertake Trade and Investment Promotion missions to Latin American countries of **Brazil, Chile, Mexico and India** later this year. "Our mission to your countries, would therefore be exploratory and fact-finding in nature, in order to strengthen the ties that have been established during the stay of your national football team in our province, and to also identify a suitable Province with which we can forge links in trade, investments, tourism and sports" Mahlangu said.

The whole of Mpumalanga is looking forward to the possible historical signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between our province and a province in Chile, as this would be our first MoU with a South American country. The South Africa-Chile bilateral trade is concentrating in the primary and semi-processed metal, chemical and agricultural sectors. MEC Mahlangu indicated that South Africa's exports to Chile are more diversified than those from Chile.

The major focus of this possible investment is also expected to attract investment in the green energy; mining; agriculture; electro-mechanical; ICT; machinery; chemicals and crafts sectors.

The two countries, South Africa and Chile have similarities, in that they are developing countries, who are proponents of the concept of stronger South-South co-operation; who share common experiences and problems, and "can learn from each other and exchange expertise in related and relevant fields", emphasize Mahlangu.

MEC Mahlangu don school uniforms to needy

MEC Jabu Mahlangu gave 67 minutes of his time to make a difference in the lives of 100 identified destitute learners from Tikhuni Secondary School.

This was when he donated full school uniforms and food parcels to learners from the tiny rural school during the first **Nelson Mandela International Day** celebrated on Sunday, 18 July 2010.

"When addressing the **"1 Goal: Education for All"** summit on the last day of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, President Jacob Zuma called on African countries to "focus on the basics, such as ensuring school fees and uniforms did not become a barrier to education," hence the donation, echoed MEC Mahlangu.

The MEC was accompanied by maskandi musician, iHashelimhlophe and his wife, Linah Ngcobo, also known as Ebony; actresses from *Stokvel*, Manaka Ranaka, better known as Lerata; and Lerato Mvelase, better known as Katlego in the television series, *Home Affairs*.

He also donated a soccer kit for 14 players; four (4) soccer balls; six (6) computers and a printer to the school, with the intension of establishing a full computer laboratory.

"And as we celebrate Madiba's birthday today, let us all commit to ensure that those vulnerable members of our society, including all those from poor families, are also counted."

*MEC gets his hands dirty
for a good cause*

ates

and food parcels

learners

Through the partnership with the Nkomazi municipality, a food garden was also established at the school. During the same event, stokvel actress, Manaka Ranaka additionally pledged to pay school fees for five (5) destitute learners at the school for one year.

"Today I have taught them the spirit of ubuntu, it shows that there are still people who care for the needy people," said Ms Ranaka.

Let's take pride and pay homage to Madiba by making an imprint in the lives of the less privileged. Heed the call to **"make and imprint – and touch lives,"** stressed MEC Mahlangu.

Denouncing xenophobia, MEC Mahlangu urged learners and community members not to be swayed towards ill-treating foreign nationals who live within our communities, saying the people of Mpumalanga have always been friendly, welcoming and loving people.

The donations were made possible through partnership with the Mpumalanga Gambling Board; ICT Works; Buscor; Edcon group; Woolworths; Sneakers edition; Jacaranda FM; Bushbuckridge News; Nkomazi municipality; and media partners, *Mpumalanga News* and *Ziwaphi* newspapers who provided publicity for the initiative.



MEC: Donates food parcels to very pleased learners



MANDELA DAY: MEC addresses the learners at Tikhuni Sec. School



ARTICULATING HIS VIEW: HOD Tshukudu expresses the deeper meaning of Mandela Day



Make an imprint!
Touch lives!!!!

FROM LEFT: Mr A Sebastian, Mr MM Labe, Ms NS Banda, Maj. Gen KS Zware, Mr. DJL Mahlangu, Mr. JS Matsanea and MEC J Mahlangu

MEC acknowledges work well done

As William Shakespeare once said “**lend me your ears!**” This was theme of the day, 5th August 2010 during a meeting held with MEC Jabu Mahlangu and the Mpumalanga Liquor Board at 66 Anderson Street, in Mbombela.

This meeting proved to be informative and created a platform where members had access to the MEC on all matters concerned, including, but not limited to the evaluation of liquor affairs.

The MEC formally met the Mpumalanga Liquor Board, acknowledged and personally thanked each member for their hard work and diligence over the years of service.

Achievements:

- ? The DTI has on several occasions given recognition for a job well done by the Board in handling all matters that were submitted to them.
- ? Positive reception has also been given to the board from different Attorneys and Liquor Consultants for their efficiency in handling applications.
- ? The Board has since its inception never experienced any backlog.
- ? Appreciation was also given to the Board by the Portfolio Committee as a result of feedback they gave on concerns raised by the committee.
- ? Since its inception the Liquor Board was never been

taken to the High Court on litigation by aggrieved applicants, Attorneys or members of the public.

Background on the board: The Liquor Amendment Act number 57 of 1995 paved the way for the establishment of the Provincial Liquor Boards throughout the provinces of South Africa. The powers and functions of the National Liquor Board were devolved to Provinces.

The Mpumalanga Liquor Board was established in 1996 in terms of the 1995 Act. The constitution of the Board is governed by Section 7 of Act 27 of 1989.

Functions of the Liquor Board

All matters are related to the liquor industry:

- (a) Approving applications for liquor licenses pertaining to micro breweries and retail trade.
- (b) Transferring, removal, appointment of managers and conversion of liquor licenses.
- (c) Conducting hearings relating to misconduct by license holders.
- (d) Performing other functions as assigned by the MEC.

The MEC invited the members to re-apply when the Mpumalanga Liquor Authority calls for new Board Nominations.



THIRD PRIZE WINNER:
MEC awards Thandeka Masilela
with R150 from FNB

Community advised to spend wisely



FNB: Contributes R2000 to all the winners



MEC: Shares in the learners excitement

In order to instil the culture of saving at an early age, the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (*the dedet*) and the First National Bank (FNB) joined hands to encourage learners in the Nkangala District.

This was done in a form of a competition through which a learner who had managed to save more than others, will be rewarded financially.

"It is important to teach children how to save at an early age, and also promote a culture of saving within our communities," emphasised MEC Mahlangu.

Three different schools from the area were awarded for their first-class saving habits at Makhosonke Community Hall Kwa-Mhlanga on the 10 August 2010. MEC JL Mahlangu awarded certificates and monetary

prizes to 20 grade 4 up to grade 7 learners from Tjhidelane Lower Primary School; Mkwezani Secondary School; and Hlalisani Lower Primary School.

First prize went to Melisa Msiza who received R200, Second prize went to Cebele Nkosi who won R150, and Third prize winner Thandeka Masilela also received R150.

A grand total of R2000 was collectively awarded to all the winners from the three participating schools.

The main aim behind the event was to encourage learners to save for the future and not to waste money unnecessarily - a concept introduced by the consumer protection section within the dedet in July 2009.

Ms Cynthia Poeng, Consumer Educator from FNB proudly mentioned that their aim by partnering with the Department, since 2007, is to educate the community on the importance of saving.

One of the learners Thandeka Masilela from Mkwezani Lower Primary School, humbly said that she has been encouraged to save more through this initiative. "I do not spend any of my pocket money through the week, and on a Friday, I give all the money I have saved to my mother to put away for me."



the dedet excels in the

The Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism hosted an interdepartmental Diski Dance Competition on the 04 June 2010 at the Nelspruit Showground.

The dedet together with the MTPA, the Departments of Culture, Sport and Recreation; Human Settlement; Education; Finance; and Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs took part in the competition.

The aim of the competition was to create a positive and participatory mood around the Hosting of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. The Diski Dance was promoted in order to ensure maximum attention and hype.

A panel of Diski Dancers, Cultural performers and a 2010 Ambassador were used to judge the event. The event also promoted local artists through their performance.

The first prize went to *the dedet* team who walked away with Bafana Bafana replica jerseys. The 2nd and 3rd place winners comprised of *the dcsr* and the Department of Education respectively, and they were awarded Jazz concert tickets.

HOD declares the Diski Dance Competition open

the dedet: Takes the first prize

diski dance



the dedet and other officials show off their moves

DISKI DANCE: Competition in action

OFFICIALS: Learn the Diski Dance



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