

## Speech delivered by the MEC at the meeting with Imperial Toyota Nelspruit on 31 January 2014

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The Management and staff of Imperial Toyota Nelspruit

Head of Department and Staff from Head Office

Representatives from the media

Sanibonani, Goiemore, Good Morning.

It gives me great pleasure to be afforded the time to meet with you here today in this gracious manner. I appreciate that each and every one of you have opened up ,welcomed and received us well.

*Ons is baie dankbaar on deel van julle te wees.*

*Sijabule kakhulu ukubanani namuhla.*

I am extremely grateful of this gesture, taking note that in the business world time is considered to be money. I therefore truly honour your time.

The Department of Education is constantly on the field seeking for partnerships with business in order to continuously elevate the standards and provisioning of education.

It is through these fruitful engagements that we are able to stand proud as our learners flourish to become better citizens that will serve the nation in the most remarkable and patriotic manner.

The contributions made by business add impetus on government efforts to improve the lives of its citizens and to enhance service delivery.

It for this reason that we cherish any form of involvement and partnership of purpose.

I wish to upfront to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Imperial Toyota Nelspruit for the remarkable gesture that you have rendered for the past two years.

This contribution by Imperial Toyota Nelspruit has indeed become one of the highlights and befitting character of the occasion of the announcement of the Grade 12 results.

It is propelling our children to understand and appreciate that hard work pays and pays immensely. It is making every parent to get involved in matters of education because they know that there are good Samaritarians out there in the likes of imperial Toyota who will do everything possible to acknowledge and reward outstanding performance.

I still visualize tears that failed to stop dropping from the face of Mrs. Mawere whose son was the first recipient of your benevolence when it was announced that the efforts of her son made your institution to donate the car. The whole country did not believe it but you made it real.

Sally do you still remember how the learners of Bushbuckridge Secondary School reacted on the day of the delivery of the car last year.

I hope you see from the pictures of this programme how this year beneficiary Bhavika Mistry reacted when told that your institution has bestowed her with a brand new car, Toyota, Eitos worth **R 140 000.00**.

We always become very emotional each time we see this picture and thinking of how you have helped to leverage the name of the Mpumalanga Department of Education.

I am here to indicate that your investment in education and in improving learner outcomes does not go unnoticed and that it is highly appreciated.

You really touch lives in more ways than one. We will forever remain indebted to you and will continue to pray that whatever you touch must turn to gold.

Let me take this opportunity and thank **Mr. Kenneth Braye**; Regional New Vehicle Sales Manager and **Ms. Sally- ANA Bruwer**; Public Relations Marketing and Environmental Manager for their efforts on this endeavor. We saw you going an extra mile making sure that this collaboration does not fail.

It was supposed to be easy to refuse the second time we ask that you continue to sponsor us with this much talk about token but you chose to do everything in your power to extend a helping hand. **Ons is baie dank baar**. We are really grateful.

Please Kenneth and Brain convey our appreciation to your CEO who could not be with us **Mr. Andrew Miller**. Tell him that we value this support and we do not take it for granted.

Tell him that for as long as imperial Toyota Nelspruit supports us, we will in turn reciprocate by improving the results.

When you started to partner with us the results were at **70%** that is in 2012 and in 2013 they went to **77.6%**.

Should we get a word from your CEO about this years sponsorship, we promise that **87.6%** of our grade 12 learners will make the grade.

How will our children not succeed when there is such abundance of support and motivation?

We also acknowledge that the entire support staff plays a significant role in this regard. We therefore extend our greatest appreciation for all their hard work. We wish the entire team of Imperial Toyota Nelspruit a prosperous 2014 filled with great prospects.

I plead that we continue to work side by side and make our partnership one that will serve in the best interest of our children.

I look forward to working with your company on more educational and empowerment ventures in the future.

I have with me a certificate of appreciation that is coming from the bottom of our hearts which I think will make one of your proud displays.

We also brought copies of the Statistical Report on the 2013 Grade 12 Results one of which must be handed to your CEO, Mr Miller.

I also wish that every staff member should get a copy, take it home, read it and thereafter decide on how you will make the school next to where you reside produce acceptable results.

The late Nelson Mandela said "[It is all in our hands](#)"

**Thank you, Dankie, Ngiyabonga.**