

Adress by the Hon SW Lubisi: Speaker of Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature during members welcoming dinner

17 February 2011

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North Region and her entourage
Esteemed Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Evening,

I feel honoured to address you during this members welcoming dinner for the year 2011. We look forward to a great year. It will not be an easy year; however we are hopeful that will work hard to ensure our people lives are improved by fostering service deliver through intensified oversight. Tomorrow we shall all assembly at the legislature to listen to the State of the Province Address by the Honourable Premier Mr.DD Mabuza.

Honourable Members and Guests

We want to take this opportunity and welcome you back to the Mpumalanga and wish you a successful year. As we welcome you, we call upon all of you to roll up their sleeves and work tirelessly to deepen parliamentary democracy.

We should ensure that the Legislature remains the repository of our people desire for a better life and anchor of our democracy. The events that are prevails in the Northern Part of our content must inspire us to work harder to earn the trust of our people.

Ladies and Gentlemen

I wish to convey our appreciation to the event sponsors from the First Rand Group i.e. First National Bank and Wes Bank and the South African Breweries. It is my firm belief that today marks the beginning of a new dispensation between us and our business partners. We are indeed committed to a longer lasting mutually beneficial relationship. We also hope that many of your counterparts in the business world shall follow suit and invest in our programmes.

We wish to welcome our guests and hope that they will enjoy their stay in the Mpumalanga Province. The State of the Province Address presents a rare opportunity to access a cocktail of activities in the Mpumalanga Province in one weekend. It has grown to be a major calendar event of the province and since we will be the last province to host this event, it also makes us the national point of interest for country. We therefore hope that you will enjoy your stay in the Province.

Let us enjoy this dinner and all the festivities that will follow after the address by the Honourable Premier. It therefore gives me pleasure to welcome you all to the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature.

Thank You