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U/13 SOCCER TOURNAMENT – IKAGENG STADIUM
BUILT-IT SAFA TOURNAMENT
IKAGENG STADIUM
SUNDAY 07 MAY 2006
11H45

Mr Sam Masitenyane –Chairperson of SAFA North West;

Mr Ted Dimutru;

Mr Scara Ngobese;

Mr Steve Khompela;

Mr Zola Dunywa

Distinguished guests;

Teams and Coaches;

Not only is it an honour for me to be given this opportunity of addressing these young boys but it is also a challenge. A challenge in the sense that ka Setswana, re a itse rotlhe gore, “le ojwa le sa le metsi”.

What are we as adults and parents doing for the development and personal growth of these young children? Are we grooming them into citizens that we one day can be proud of? Sport is a language that is understood by all, both nationally and internationally. An American football player will for instance be able to relate to a South African player. This is true with all sports and not only soccer.

Today we are gathered here to celebrate our boys and the goals they have achieved and will still achieve in their sporting careers. I am sure that these boys have always dreamt of one day being part of a soccer team or playing in a tournament. Basimane, itseng gore se ke tshimologo. Le lesego thata gore le karolo ya toropo e e tshwanang le e. Potchefstroom together with the University of North West, Potch Campus have been fortunate enough to have access to various sporting facilities. Our pride lies in the Kenneth McAthur Stadium, Olen Stadium, Ikageng Stadium, the Sarafina Sports Complex and many more sports centers around our city.

We are living in a democracy where race, gender or even age, are no longer barriers. You need not be from a certain background to be recognized or empowered, you just have to be “human”.

Jaaka basimane, go botlhokwa gore le itse gore bokamoso ba lona bo mo matsogong a lona. It is through tournaments such as these that you will learn responsibility, respect and character. You should also realize that crime, gangsterism, and rape do not pay. Only through education, discipline, hard work and commitment will you succeed in life.

The doctors, teachers, fire-men, engineers and many other professionals you see today are not just lucky but are successful through sheer hard work. We should always, ladies and gentlemen, utilize all the facilities and opportunities that we have with the experts – to make sure that we let these kids leave a legacy behind.

The Potchefstroom City Council is always committed to improving the lives of all Potchefstroomers irrespective of their background and class. In sports, ladies and gentlemen – only talent and commitment matter. Let us use sports and recreation to break the barriers the legacy of apartheid. You are all heartily welcome in Potchefstroom and please enjoy the day with us.

Thank you.