

MEC GO MOLAPISI ADDRESSING LEARNERS AT THE ICAD (AIR SHOW) 03 DECEMBER 2015 MAFIKENG AIRPORT

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EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS

MEDIA PRESENT

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Allow me to send my warm greetings and welcome to you all

It is a pleasure for me to have you as my special guests and thank you for responding so well to this important event. This day is a special day as it has been organised specially for you our future leaders, engineers and pilots. I'm also humbled by the decision to bring the show to our province Bokone Bophirima.

The event coincide with our programme of Setsokotsane now in Mahikeng which seeks to speed up service delivery and focusing on Villages, Townships and Small Doorpies(VTSD). This year we are the host and it is befitting that it happens in Bokone Bophirima.

International Civil Aviation Organizations (ICAO) was established on December 7, 1944, to secure international cooperation and uniformity in civil aviation matters. The International Services Transit Agreement and the International Air Transport Agreement were also signed. In 1994 ICAO established International Civil Aviation Day by to mark the organization's 50th anniversary.

This observance aims to generate and reinforce global awareness of the importance of international civil aviation in the social and economic development. The day also commemorates the ICAO's role in promoting the safety, efficiency and regularity of international air transport.

In 1996 the UN General Assembly proclaimed December 7 as International Civil Aviation Day, in accordance with an ICAO initiative and with the Canadian

Government's assistance. The assembly urged governments and organizations to observe the day. This day is now an official UN day.

ICAO is a UN body that works closely with other United Nations members including the World Meteorological Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the Universal Postal Union, the World Health Organization and the International Maritime Organization

We are therefore equally excited that just few months ago after we have just activated our Airport which has not been working for many years, we have been given the opportunity to host this international event. I must also hasten to mention that we have an African Union Academy that is training people to be pilots both on commercial and private right here in our airport. We also have Air Traffic and Navigation Services Bursaries offered here, there is again training by South Africa Weather Services for you to be weather man. Again we have partnered with South Africa Express to train pilots and we already have three young people who are flying to qualify to be licensed pilots. SA Express is again training Air Hostess for the Airline who comes from this province. Great opportunities indeed that we have created here and looking forward to establish a multipurpose training centre that will do everything here.

But I believe that the more time you spend listening, learning and asking questions you will realize that we talking about things that you can also do because they are also done by human beings like yourself. Remember what our grandfather Tata Madiba said, and I quote, "it always seems impossible until it is done. What you are going to see and learn about are things that are real and not magic. You are most fortunate that you have been chosen to come to this show and we are also happy that you came to attend as this event is organized specially for you.

The exhibition is going to assist you to know more and better and I trust that it is going to be exciting for you. I believe that we all know who said these words; education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world," said Madiba. The educators are here with you to make sure that they give you the best, and support that you may need and know that it is not easy for because some of you make it difficult for them.

Motswana o rile, "Moremogolo go betlwa wa taola wa motho wa ipetla". The future is in your hands, make use of the opportunities you come across and grab it.

Let me thank everybody who is here today, our educators and exhibitors. Let us have an exciting show through until the end and hope that we are all going to enjoy and benefit.

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