

TRIBUTE TO MR MAHLOMOLA LEKGOTLA

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Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi,
Ba ha lelapa le lesika la ha Lekgotla,
Phutheho ka kakaretso,

Ke ka maswabi le kutlwelo-bohloko ke emang mona ho tla fetisa mantswe a ka a matshediso a se nang moedi ho bohle ba lelapa le phutheho e bakaneng kwano haele mona ngwanabo rona a re siya dillong kajeno

Ke dumela *Evankgeding* e reng nako e teng ya ho jala le yona nako ya ho kotula, mme nako ena e fihlile ho rona kajeno.

Ke dumela hape hore Modimo o re nehile bophelo, mme ke yena ya fupereng sephiri sa letsatsi la bofelo la e mong le emong wa rona. Ke dumela hore Modimo ke yena ya re nehang le yona thabo le maswabi ka ho tshwana, e le hore re tle re tsebe hobane o a phela.

E, ke a dumela hape hore Modimo o tla ntaela le ho fihlela ditshiung tsa ho qetela tsa bophelo ba ka. Ke a dumela hobane ke Modimo ya tla lebisa maoto a ka botjhabela ho tsota kganya ya letsatsi le ho ntadimisa Bophirima hore ke phomole moalong wa mohau wa hae.

Mme ke lokela ho phetha mosebetsi oo Modimo a ntshepetseng ona ka botshepehi le boitelo ka dinako tsohle ha a sa nnehile matla le bophelo.

Motsamaisi wa Mosebetsi, ke ya o leboha ho nneha motsotswana ona kajeno ho hlahisa maikutlo a makgutshwane mosebetsing ona wa ho lebisa tlhompheho ya ho qetela ho sena senatla, mohale wa bahale, monna wa banna le motswalle wa sebele – Mahlomola Lekgotla.

Ke ema le hona ho etsa thapedi ho Modimo Ntate hore e se eka a ka phumula meokgo yohle e keketlang marameng mme a fodise dipelo tsa rona tse fophang madi tse maqeba-qeba ka baka la tsenene ena ya lefu e hlabileng le hona ho harola ha bohloko kahara lelapa la Lekgotla le kahara lekgotla la Motse la Maluti-a-Phofung.

Leha lefu le sa tlwaelehe ke taba e tlwaelehileng hore ka mehla ha ho hlahile ketsahalo e tjena e be re phutheha mmoho ho lilelana letsetse.

Bomme le Bontate, ho se ho fetile matsatsi a leshongwana enwa ngwanabo rona Comrade Lekgotla a re siile empa ha ho letho le kgonang ho kokobetsa bohloko ba dipelo tsa rona. Bohle re kobile dihloho ke maswabi le pelo-hlomohi.

Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi, ho nna Comrade Lekgotla e ne se mosebeletsi wa lekgotla la motse la Maluti-a-Phofung feela empa e ne e le motswalle le tshiya ya sebele tseleng ena ya bolwanedi ba tokoloho le demokrasi le ho sebeletseng setjhaba sa MaAfrika Borwa.

Ke mo tsebile dilemong tse ngatanyana tsa ho feta nakong eo ke neng ke sa ntse ke etsa mosebetsi wa ka wa bongaka mane phaposing tsa kokelo (*surgery*) tse Bolata.

Bomme le Bontate, batho ba bang o teana le bona hang feela ebe ha o sa ba hopola, athe ba bang o kopana le bona hang feela ebe ba o siya le mohopolo kapa sona setshantshwo sa bona se ke keng sa tloha hohang pelong le moyeng wa hao. Ho bile jwalo ka Lekgotla.

Mohlang ke neng ke qala ho kopana le yena ke ile ka mo rata, ka mo utlwisisa, ka ba ka mo hlomphe kamora hoba ke elellwe hore ke monna ya ikokobeditseng, ya masene, ya nang le botho hape-hape ya nang le thahasello haholo dipolitiking le maanong a mokga o moholo ka ho fetisisa mona Afrika Borwa e leng African National Congress.

Former State President Rolihlahla Nelson Mandela once said: "In history each individual makes his or her unique contribution. But that contribution is reshaped by the input of others to become recognizable on its own, yet some contributions stand out as monuments, precisely because the individuals responsible do not fear to differ, they do not wilt at the slightest sign of divergence."

Programme Director although Comrade Lekgotla is no more, his unique and sterling contributions to the development of our communities will be forever etched on our minds. His soul will live forever amongst us.

At the bottom of his heart every man knows well enough that he is a unique being, only once on this earth; and by no extraordinary chance will such a marvelously picturesque piece of diversity in unity as he is, ever be put together a second time.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is an undoubted fact that we were born to live once and hence this life presents us with a chance and opportunity to make immense contributions in our own unique and extraordinary ways. It is our chance to do the best we can as long as well.

Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi ke rata ho bua ke sa qea-qee hore Comrade Lekgotla ebile setho sa mankgonthe se tshepahetseng sa African National Congress. O ne a itetse bakeng sa mokgatlo le bakeng sa ntwala ya tokoloho le demokrasi. O ne a sa nke lehlakore a sa tshetjhe a sa suthe nneteng. Re le lekgotla la motse la Maluti-a-Phofung le rona re lahlehetswe haholo ke mosebeletsi enwa ya hlwahlwa hakana wa rona.

Lefapheng la motlakase moo e neng e le Supervisor teng, Comrade Lekgotla o ne a sa kgathalle ho tshepjwa. O ne a le hlwahlwa, a le mafolofolo, a itetse a bile a rata le mosebetsi wa hae.

Tabatabelo ya hae kamehla yohle e ne e le ho bona Maluti-a-Phofung e tswetse pele phanong ya motlakase. Ke kahoo a neng a sa tswafe le ho tsoswa le masiu ha ho ena le mathata a motlakase. Ho yena mosebetsi wa hae e ne e le tshebeletso (service) eo a neng a fana ka yona setjhabeng.

Motsamaisi wa Mosebetsi, Comrade Lekgotla o re siya motsotsong wa bohlokwa historing ya mmuso wa selehae wa demokrasi - mathuleng a dikgetho tsa bone tsa mebuso ya selehae. Re ithutile tse ngata ka tshebedisanommoho eo a neng a ena le yona kahare ho lekgotla la motse la Maluti-a-Phofung.

Re tshepa hore re tla sebedisa boitelo le seabo sa hae jwaloka *reference* ho ntshetsa pele mesebetsi e metle setjhabeng. Re hloka ho sebedisa matla ohle ao re nang le ona ho phethisa thomo ya baholoholo ba rona ya ho tlisa tokoloho e phethahetseng setjhabeng sohle sa rona ka ho nka karolo dikgethong tsena tse re yang re di lebile. Kahoo re kgothaletsa bohle ho vouta ka bongata ka di 18 tsa May e le ho netefatsa toro ya ho aha Afrika Borwa e ntjha e hlabollang maphelo a baahi.

Letsatsing lena leo re mo feletsang ka lona; re le Lekgotla la Motse la Maluti a Phofung re itlama ka hore re tla dula re lelekisa kgopolo eo a neng a e phelela; e leng kgopolo ya ho sebeletsa tokoloho le demokerasi e phethahetseng ka hara Maluti a Phofung. Le ha re ne re ratile hoba le yena nako e teletsana re amohela ketso ena ya Modimo ho se letho leo re ka le hanyetsang.

Re leboha seabo sa hae ho sututseng koloi ena ya demokerasi le ho thusa ho butswela tlhase ya tshepo setjhabeng sa rona ka dinako tsohle. Re leboha ba lelapa ka ho nyehela mohale enwa wa setjhaba.

Re leboha ba lelapa ka kutlwisiso le mamello eo ba bileng le yona mosebetsing wa hae wa setjhaba le ho fihla motsotsong wa ho qetela. Lebitsong la Lekgotla lohle la Motse re rata ho fetisa kutlwelo-bohloko ya rona le ho le kgothatsa.

E se eka Modimo a ka tlamella maqeba a dipelong tsa lona mme a le neha mohau jwaloka ka ha a ile a etsa ka nna le ba bang ba ba ngata. E se eka Modimo a ka tjabisa letsatsi dipelong tsa lona mme a nosetsa mema ya lona ka metsi a kgodisang a maphodi.

Programme Director, in conclusion let me quote the words of Writer, Julie Burchill, who said: "Tears are sometimes an inappropriate response to death. When a life has been lived completely honestly, completely successfully, or just completely, the correct response to death's perfect punctuation mark is a smile."

Ke ya leboha.