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“THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS,” MEC ROSHO TELLS YOUTH

Mahikeng: The MEC for Finance, Motlalepula Rosho, has thrown down the gauntlet to the youth of the province to be active participants in socio- economic activities in order to build a future South Africa they can all be proud of. She said the youth of 1976 had laid a solid foundation and it is now up to the current generation to take the baton and confront challenges facing them with the zeal and courage demonstrated by 1976 youth to operate in the new normal.

MEC Rosho said this in her virtual youth engagement with the department of provincial treasury youth employees and the all the youth in general via the live streaming of a video on facebook. The address was in commemoration of the youth month, which is celebrated under the theme: “**Youth Power; growing South Africa Together in the Period of COVID-19**”.

MEC Rosho urged the youth to claim their space and lead in the fight against challenges facing the country such as unemployment, the spread of the Coronavirus (C0vid-19) and the scourge of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and femicide.

“While the youth of 1976 fought for freedom and the creation of a democratic state, young people are called on to help the country in the fight against the spread of COVID- 19. We



need to adhere to what the National Command Council is encouraging us to do in order to reduce the spread of the respiratory virus which is now on the rise and will be with us for sometime until a vaccine is found. The scourge of GBV and femicide is another pandemic that is confronting us” said Rosho.

Rosho further appealed to the youth to participate effectively and explore career opportunities in local government sphere, especially financial management skills to ensure sound financial management and good governance. She further called upon the youth to be at the forefront of public discussion concerning resolution of the many challenges facing the society by taking a lead in honouring the principles and the intent of the Constitution

Personal, Career and Business development Coach Dr. G Lechuti appealed to the youth to have a positive mindset in order to achieve their set goals. “Your mind is your weapon and work on its improvement continually even beyond COVID 19. You must have an effective mindset that will determine the courage level and capacity to endure pressure and face fearful position and still be able to be productive,” he stated.

The member of Presidential Commission on 4IR and CEO of Mahikeng Innovation Hub, Mr Joe Ndaba said “COVID 19 and 4IR are redefining jobs and unfortunately the traditional jobs that we have currently will be obsolete in the new future. We need new skills to adapt to new technologies because of what COVID 19 has done in our workplace,” he said.

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