



SPEECH BY THE MAYOR

OF

MAKHUDUTHAMAGA MUNICIPALITY

CLLR. EMMA QUEEN MOKHABELA

DURING

**Miss Makhuduthamaga High School
Competition**

Rob Ribas Hall

19- SEPTEMBER-2009

- **Ward Councillors and ward committees**
- **Circuit Managers**
- **Principals and teachers**
- **Members of the youth council**
- **Learners**
- **Organisers of the event**
- **Distinguished Guests**
- **Ladies and gentleman**

Thank you programme director for giving me a platform to address the residents of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality tonight.

Surely I feel honoured or rather special to meet with youth structures, educators and other distinguished members of the community on the mission to empower young women as mandated by the national government of the Republic Of South Africa.

Ladies and gentlemen, the municipality has taken a stance to develop sports arts and culture and this is the reason why we are meeting here today. Further than that, we have organised this glittering event to ensure that we are also playing a role in empowering young women in our society.

For your information, this event is happening for the second time in a row. Last year we met here on the 21 Of November to crown the outgoing Queen by the name of Mpho Matlala.

By so doing, we are actually preparing our youth to be able to participate in problem solving situations so that they can play a developmental role in their respective communities. It is our belief that the empowered youth will share the skills and knowledge with other young women for sake of progress in grooming women leaders.

Programme director, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight that the young woman who will be crowned Miss Makhuthamaga High School this evening will not just be an ordinary lady.

Just like last year, we are looking for an elegant young woman who has what it takes to be a leader. Someone who can serve as an ambassador, a brand and the face of the municipality. A stunning lady with vision, attributes and capabilities of representing the youth at various levels of community development.

I am sure the reigning queen will agree with me that it is not an easy thing to be Miss Makhuduthamaga High School. You should always be around during other events such as Youth Parliament and Young women activities.

Let me assure this house that tonight we have assigned experienced adjudicators and experts to do the challenging job of selecting the best suitable woman from your schools, and you are the witnesses.

Before I can leave the stage, I would like to mention that it is imperative as young people to ensure that you play a key role in fighting social problems such as HIV/Aids, crime, increasing number of school dropouts, as well as Drugs and Alcohol abuse. These issues are really causing nightmare to us as leaders and we want you, young people to take a stance and make a difference.

Ladies and gentlemen, September is the national heritage month. Around Makhuduthamaga we are blessed to have lots of heritage sites that are of tourist attraction. Once again I make a humble plea to teachers present here to arrange day trips for our children to tour Makhuduthamaga so that they can know the importance heritage in their lives. I guess most of you will agree with me that we don't know the attractions in our municipality and therefore it is time to contact our Communications and LED offices to arrange local tours that can assist in broadening our knowledge on heritage issues.

Lastly I would like to mention that Tjate heritage festival is just around the corner. On the 24 of October we will be celebrating the heritage of Sekhukhune with the deputy president of the republic of South Africa. Buses will be available from all the villages and we are inviting all of you to join us.

Good Luck!!!