

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, ME. MATHABO MOKAPO ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH COMMEMORATION BALL OF THE HELLENIC COMMUNITY.

Programme Director

Distinguished Guests

Members of the Hellenic Community

Ladies and Gentlemen

I wish to express my deepest gratitude, to members of the Hellenic Community, who saw it befitting, that today, I should be part of your 50th Commemoration Ball.

To me, this invitation demonstrates the manifestation of partnerships, that as the Matjhabeng Municipality, we would love to harness and nurture.

The Hellenic Community, through its involvement in various business ventures, and its contribution to the local economy, in terms of professional services that it offers, continues to make Matjhabeng a viable business destination for all of us. Also, our appreciation goes to the skills and resources that you bring to Matjhabeng, and we hope that over time you will lend a hand in changing the lives of our community, the majority of whom are poor and unemployed.

The contribution you have made, over the years, to the local economy, will always live an indelible imprint on our minds. It is this true spirit of internationalism that you have demonstrated over the years that calls upon us to maintain fraternal relations at our level, and to ensure that we constantly interact on matters of mutual interest. My hope is that this will not be our last engagement, as there are issues pertinent to both of us, which we could have deliberated upon if there was enough time.

You are highly welcome to Matjhabeng, and please make it your permanent home with our blessings.

Thank you.

**COUNCILLOR MATHABO MOKAPO
EXECUTIVE MAYOR**