

**SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY,
ME MATHABO MOKAPO ON THE OCCASION OF THE FAREWELL OF THE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER OF LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY,
WELKOM, 28 FEBRUARY 2007**

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Executive Mayor of Lejweleputswa District Municipality: Mr. Sebenzile Ngangelizwe
Mayors and Speakers of Local Municipalities
Honourable Councillors
Managers
Members of Staff
The Besani Family
Ladies and Gentlemen

We gather tonight, to bid farewell to the son of the soil, the former Municipal Manager of Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Mr. Sibongile Besani.

As we do so, it is befitting that we express our appreciation and gratitude for the period of service that he spent in Lejweleputswa.

Since joining the District in January 2006, to date you were able to make a positive contribution in both improving and enhancing the image of the Administration of the District.

We shall certainly miss your commitment to execution of work ethically and steadfastly, placing the precepts of Batho Pele forward.

This occasion should not serve to create disharmony between ourselves and you because we have learnt that where you are going you will still be contributing positively to the project to transform our country at another sphere.

I therefore wish to encourage you to preserve the attributes and values that you brought to this institution during your tenure.

To members of your family, I wish to convey a message of gratitude for the fact that they were able to stand by your side in tumultuous times and difficult moments during your span at Lejweleputswa.

I would also advise them that they should remain by your side as a support system as you venture into new terrain.

On this note, I wish to say good luck in your future endeavors and where ever you go always remember that a comradely spirit will always prevail amongst us.

Thank you.
EXECUTIVE MAYOR MATHABO MOKAPO