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For attention Editors and Journalists

KZN: THE INDIGENOUS GAMES CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS OF 2016

The Kwa Zulu Natal Indigenous Games Team had one thing in mind when they landed at Seshego Stadium in Polokwane, Limpopo on the 24th of September 2016 and that was to defend their title as the reigning Indigenous Games Champions.

Whilst the first day's results reflected fierce competition from other provinces who no doubt were serious contenders to Team KZN, in the end Team KZN's intent was fully achieved as they were crowned, for the 6th time running, the Indigenous Games Championship of 2016.

Taking second place was Team Limpopo followed in 3rd position by Team North West who 6 years ago were known to be the Indigenous Games Champions - a position which they held for the first 5 years since the start of this Championship.

Thanking the teams, the coaches and LOC of the IG 2016 at the Closing Ceremony of the games, Deputy Minister of Sport & Recreation, Mr. Gert Oosthuizen, highlighted the strategic value behind the hosting of these games as "bringing a universal language of sport and celebrating the richness of our South African heritage".

Indeed, the bouquet offered on site at Seshego Stadium over the past week reflected a universal language of Indigenous Games which celebrated our rich South African heritage. From the cultural performances of our South African musicians, to the African cuisines prepared during the African Cook-Off competition and to the celebration of local designers' couture showcased during the African Fashion Ramp Competition; this festival offered the community of Polokwane and beyond an experience of all that makes us truly a diversified culture as South Africans. The learners also had the opportunity to reflect on the history and cultural etiquette of our heritage - such rich learnings shared through simulated lekgotlha and sketch sessions held in the IG Kraal daily.

As a department, Indigenous Games Festival will continue to be the platform which showcases our commitment in driving the Social Cohesion's Outcome 14 government mandate. By providing and promoting sport platforms which encourage more opportunities for acceptance of our diverse culture, we as a department of Sport & Recreation are implementing and planting seeds of success towards the realisation of NDP's 2030 vision.

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