

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS & CULTURE

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For attention Editors and Journalists

LIMPOPO OPENS PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE BUIDLING IN POLOKWANE

The Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture Department as the custodian of Provincial Archives and records service will officially open the Provincial Archives Building which will house Provincial archival heritage, such as collection of records of the former 'homelands' - Venda, Lebowa, Gazankulu and Transvaal. Most of archival records come from government institutions.

The Schedule 5 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act; indicate that Archives other than National Archives is a functional area exclusive of provincial legislative competence. It is for that reason that Limpopo Archives Act No.5 of 2001 came into being leading to establishment of Provincial Archives Building. Currently, historical records relating to the area of Limpopo that was, until 1994, part of the former Transvaal Province, are still held in the National Archives in Pretoria. The opening of the Archives building will see repatriation of the historical records from National Archives to Limpopo Provincial Archives.

The Provincial Archivist is responsible and accountable for the functionality of the provincial archives and also ensures proper archiving and records management in all governmental bodies. The opening of the building will assist in ensuring that the transfer of all archival records in governmental institutions to the Repository and also cut cost as most office space in government departments is occupied by unclassified records.

The event is scheduled to take place as follows:

Date : 23 March 2015

Time : 12h00

Venue : 1337 Potgieter Avenue, Polokwane

(Next to Traffic Department)

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