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MEC OPENS DOORS FOR LIMPOPO CRAFTERS

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NASREC: The MEC for the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Mme Onnica Moloi officially opened the Limpopo Craft market at Rand Easter Show; Nasrec Exhibition Centre, Johannesburg in Gauteng Province. The purpose is to promote the work of local crafters also to showcase their creativity and talent to the world.

The work showcased, mostly, was made out of indigenous materials and healthcare. Most buyers who visited Limpopo exhibition stalls had interest in the natural products that are hand-made showcased such as the mountain tea, *makgonatsohle* tea which is able to stop drastic coughing and reduces pain during menstruation cycle.

"The showcasing and the selling of the products of crafters creates employment and has positive economic impact on the lives of communities" said MEC Moloi. She urged people to support crafters by buying their products and to even inform other people about the products. After cutting the ribbon the MEC invited people to visit all stores.

Limpopo the Musical Group entertained people with their sweet music songs where the crowd joined the MEC in dancing tradition songs. During the showcasing of the work of crafters MEC Moloi also served the crowd the smoothies and winter soup she made herself. She told the crowd that some of the advantage of using smoothies is losing weight as the body takes more time to absorb fruits. She further urged the crowd to use raw fruits as it has all the necessary nutrients. The MEC advised people to use berries as it reduces the chances of having cancer.

The crafters from Limpopo showcasing their work includes *Baroka Fashion*, *T.T. Ndou*, *Boitshupo Bead and Craft*, *Afya Moringa*, *Moringa Development Association of South Africa*, *Vicie African Designs*, *Raemet*, *Rainbow Mosaic*, *Michaelengelo*, *Mahlo Arts*, *Natural Eyes*, *Tears of an African Child*, *Twananani Textile*, *Giant South Africa Fresh O Fresh* and *Mystique*.

The crafters appreciated the support the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture is giving them. They shared the same sentiments that since their arrival at the Rand Show their sales have increased. The owner of *Giant SA Fresh O Fresh*, said that her visit to the Rand Show was a success because she can do something which is not within her scope of work.

