



**SPEECH BY MEC CONSTANCE BELLA KUPA-MABUZA AT THE KING THULARE III  
CHARITY GOLF DAY GALA DINNER BURGERSFOR THABA MOSHATE  
04 SEPTEMBER 2026**

**Programme Director;**

**Her Majesty Queen Manyaku Thulare Leganabatho;**

**Members of the Bapedi Royal House;**

**Executive Mayors, Councillors and Traditional Leaders present;**

**Representatives of Government Departments;**

**Gladcon Africa Foundation, sponsors and partners;**

**Distinguished guests, golfers, business leaders, educators, learners,**

**Members of the media;**

**Ladies and gentlemen;**

Good evening.

It is a profound honour for me to stand before you today, on this important occasion dedicated to honouring the life and legacy of His Majesty, the late King Thulare Victor Thulare III.

We gather not only for a gala dinner and a sporting occasion, but for a cause that speaks directly to the future of our people: education, literacy, youth development and community upliftment. The King Thulare III Charity Golf Day reminds us that sport is not only about competition; it is a powerful platform to unite communities, mobilise partners and open doors of opportunity.

Programme Director,

His Majesty King Thulare III was more than a traditional leader. He represented dignity, unity, cultural pride and a deep commitment to the advancement of his people. His reign, though cut short, carried a message that continues to guide us: leadership must build, leadership must heal, and leadership must prepare the next generation to inherit a better society than the one before it.

That is why this evening is significant. By linking the name of King Thulare III to education and literacy through golf, we are declaring that legacy is preserved when we invest in children, when learners gain access to books, digital learning and mentorship, and when traditional leadership, government, business and communities work together for the common good.

Distinguished guests

As the Limpopo Provincial Government, we recognise education as the foundation of freedom, equality and development. Literacy is the bridge between potential and opportunity. A child who can read can discover the world, and a young person with access to technology can participate confidently in a changing economy.

We therefore welcome the purpose of this initiative: to raise support for educational development, including computer laboratory facilities for learners in disadvantaged communities. This is an investment in human dignity, future skills and the economy of Sekhukhune, Limpopo and South Africa.

Distinguished guests,

Golf teaches patience, focus, discipline, respect for rules and the importance of each stroke. Development is the same. We transform communities through consistent effort, shared responsibility and purposeful partnership. Every contribution made at this event becomes one more stroke toward a better future.

We also appreciate the role of the Bapedi Royal House in promoting social cohesion, cultural identity and community development. When royal leadership champions education, it sends a powerful message that heritage and modern development are not in conflict; they strengthen one another.

Tonight, we pay tribute to His Majesty King Thulare III by committing ourselves to action. Let businesses support meaningful corporate social investment; let government continue creating an enabling environment for learning, sport, arts, culture and youth development; and let communities protect schools and encourage children to read.

## Programme Director

As MEC responsible for Sport, Arts and Culture, I am encouraged that this initiative uses sport as a vehicle for development. Sport brings people together, teaches teamwork, promotes healthy lifestyles and builds character. When sport is connected to education, it develops both the body and the mind.

To the young people of Sekhukhune and Limpopo, I say: your dreams matter. Do not allow your background to limit your ambition. Read widely, ask questions, respect your teachers and elders, use technology responsibly, and remain rooted in your heritage while preparing to lead with integrity.

To the sponsors, organisers and partners, we extend our sincere appreciation. Your contribution is moral and developmental. You are helping to affirm that rural learners deserve the same quality of opportunity as learners anywhere else.

May this Charity Golf Day grow from strength to strength. May it continue to unite golfers, sponsors, educators, traditional leaders, government and communities around a noble purpose. May the legacy of His Majesty King Thulare III continue to live through every learner who gains access to knowledge, every school that receives support, and every community that chooses hope over despair.

Let us swing not only for sport, but for change. Let us gather not only in remembrance, but in responsibility. Let us honour the past by building the future.

I thank you.