



**SPEECH (NOTES) BY KWAZULU-NATAL MEC FOR TRANSPORT,
COMMUNITY SAFETY & LIAISON, MR BHEKI CELE AT THE KZN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT ANNUAL SPORTS DAY HELD AT
RICHARDS BAY ON THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2008.**

All Protocol Observed.

- We are gathered here today simply because, as public servants employed by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport we have realised the importance of us coming together under one roof and engaging in team building exercises such as our annual Departmental Sport's Day.
- There is no doubt in my mind that sport is one of the best ways to build unity and improve team spirit amongst all of us. We must use sport as a tool to unite and build our country.
- Besides the numerous health benefits, sport has and continues to contribute to social integration, as well as cultural exchange.
- Furthermore, sporting activities also assist in building a culture of peace and tolerance by bringing people together on common ground, crossing national and other boundaries to promote understanding and mutual respect.
- I hope that by the end of today, we would have built upon the concept of teamwork, especially the kind of teamwork that promotes cooperation and cohesiveness over competition.

- We need unity and dedication in order to provide a quality service to the citizens of our province. It is only through team work and dedication that we will succeed in creating and sustaining a Department of Transport that clearly demonstrates service excellence at all levels.
- We are confident that these team-building exercises will strengthen relationships and communication amongst the staff of our department.
- In conclusion, as we begin our Summer Holidays which is a period synonymous with increased activity and festivities as locals, visitors and tourists traverse the length and breadth of our province, there is usually an unacceptably high level of deviant driver behaviour which contributes to the high levels of road carnage.
- We will therefore continue to reinforce our “100 % compliance” policy which includes programmes that inform and educate the community at large about correct road safety behaviour. I appeal to all road users to obey the rules of the road and JUST DO RIGHT.
- Lastly, together “Let’s build a KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport that truly belongs to all”.

THANK YOU