

**KEY NOTE ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT  
PLANNING,  
HONOURABLE TLOHELANG AUMANE  
AT THE SYMPOSIUM ON CHINA-AID HUMAN RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM ON THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 05, 2019.**

**His Majesty the King,**

**The Right Honourable the Prime Minister,**

**Honourable Ministers,**

**Your Excellency Lei Kezhong Ambassador of the Peoples Republic  
China to the Kingdom of Lesotho,**

**Principal Secretaries,**

**Invited guests,**

**Government Officials,**

**Members of the media,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The issue of human development is at the crux of the implementation of any plan. As we are implementing NSDP II, currently, we acknowledge that it is through knowledgeable personnel that the Key Priority Areas will be attained. Strengthening Human Capital is of the key priority areas and we are cognisant of its importance in achieving the NSDP II goals. It is through skilled and capacitated labour force that the articulated NSDP priorities will be realised. Thus, through

good cooperation with our partners in this particular case the government of the Peoples Republic of China has joined hands with the Government of Kingdom of Lesotho in ensuring that human development is attained.

The alignment of the courses administered in subsequent years is dependent on the Government of Lesotho indication of the courses that would be carried out in the coming year and this is done in synchronization with the NSDP II priorities so that the needed skills for the implementation of the plan are sharpened. This also reinforces the commitment that our partner has, in ensuring that their efforts are aligned or moving in tandem with what the government outlines as goals for a specific period.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are grateful that the Peoples Republic of China takes the national processes very seriously when they develop their strategies; this has been evident in the way subsequent trainings are prepared and undertaken. The NSDP emphasises the importance of private sector led economic growth and in this year we had about 200 private sector participants in these trainings particularly in SME, Carpentry and leadership courses. Ladies and gentlemen, it is a common knowledge that the small and medium enterprises are the greatest job creators, thus capacitating this sector is of utmost importance to our country. Furthermore, the private sector and the public sector complement each other. Therefore, as the private sector participants were being trained, more than 50 public servants participated in multilateral and bilateral courses particularly courses in areas such as Health, Information Technology and Secretarial courses.

Besides our appreciation for short-term courses, the Government of Lesotho is also thankful for the long-term training courses that the Government of the Peoples Republic of China has afforded to her. The 2019-2020 Long Term Scholarships support, administered by NMDS, has sponsored a total of 28 Basotho students. All the students were for Masters studies in the six (6) different fields as follows: Masters of Public Health, Masters of Environment, Masters in Rural Development, Masters of Tourism, Masters in International Business, and Masters of Public Administration.

Ladies and gentlemen let me reiterate that implementation of national plans and international agendas is dependent upon the knowledgeable and skilled human resources. These people will have the experience and the exposure that will assist to inspire them with new ideas as well as abilities to identify and take advantage of new opportunities in order to enhance the country's realisation of set targets and aspirations.

With numerous interventions between the two governments, ongoing and completed ones, the Government of Lesotho cannot thank the Chinese government enough. It is worth sharing with you that the pipeline of projects that is being worked on is very lavishing, The Maseru Hospital, The Maseru Fire Station, and the Post-harvest Infrastructure projects to mention a few. As a country we are overjoyed and indebted to the Chinese Government for your continued support in assisting our Kingdom to be a better place.

We are happy to participate in this symposium. It marks a continuation of a series of future symposiums, which will create a good platform for those who have

attended the trainings to share their experiences, build more networks among the trainees as well as prospective participants. The platform will facilitate learning from our cooperation and help us identify areas for improvement.

In conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, let me express our sincere gratitude to Chinese Government for its continuous support and the trainees who welcomed the opportunity to be trained and come back home with new knowledge and skills. I wish to appeal to each and everyone of us to take good advantage of this assistance and make sure its impact will be felt by future generations. We hope that the good bilateral cooperation between our two countries, will continue into the future.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

**I Thank You for Your Attention**

**Khotso Pula Nala.**