



**Remarks by the Rt Hon the Prime Minister, Dr Moeketsi Majoro, MP During
The Sod-Turning Ceremony For The Construction of The Youth Resource
Center At Lepereng, Maseru**

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Maseru

[Salutations]

Let me thank the International Youth Fellowship (IYF) through its founder REV. DR OCK SOO PARK for collaborating with the Lesotho Government through the Ministry of Gender and Youth, Sports and Recreation in the effective integration of youth in issues related to socio-economic development in our country. I am also aware that the IYF is doing the same work in Kenya, Zambia, Eswatini and Malawi to mention but a few.

Back home in 2017, the National Youth Policy was passed by the national assembly and in 2018 its implementation strategy also adopted. These two documents have aligned themselves with the international Youth Conventions and protocols on youth development.

These two important documents also call for all stakeholders to make concerted efforts to plan, implement, monitor, evaluate and strengthen youth activities: WITH THE YOUTH. Hence the slogan NOTHING FOR THE YOUTH WITHOUT THE YOUTH.

The Collaboration of the Government of Lesotho and the International Youth Fellowship is one unity that reaffirms youth development and an empowerment agenda. Furthermore, this initiative of constructing a world class Youth Resource Centre here in Maseru is without doubt responding to various needs and challenges that face our youth.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have been informed that one of the core aspects of this collaboration is to capacitate young people with Mindset education, an education intended to cultivate within the youth, intelligence, humble personalities and global awareness. If this mission is properly implemented, our youth will be nurtured, protected, educated, and equipped with necessary skills economically, politically, and socially.

This in itself will assist in addressing challenges that face young people in Lesotho that includes high unemployment. It would be remiss of me not to pass my vote of thanks to REV. OCK SOO Park for his dedication in changing the mind set of young people and giving them hope for a better world.

Mind change is a process that cannot be majored within a short period of time. But we are hopeful that in the coming years, our lifestyle will indicate how profitable our mindset programme has been.

As I conclude my remarks, let me inform you that the Lesotho Government has facilitated for the acquisition of this land where a world class youth resource center will be constructed and I plead to residents housed around this area to cherish and protect for the benefit of today's youth and generations to come.

I thank you.