

# **Remarks by the Mayor of the GTM, Councillor GP Molapisane on the occasion of the Welcome of 57 interns in the GTM on 02 October 2023 at the Old Fire Hall**

Programme Director  
Fellow Councillors  
Municipal Manager  
Directors  
Managers  
Presenters  
Our special Guests, all of you, our interns  
Ladies and gentlemen

We extend our warmest congratulations on your appointment to our distinguished organization. You were selected from an exceptional pool of candidates, and we are thrilled to have you on board. As a public servant, your primary objective is to serve the interests of the community within this jurisdiction. While you may not engage with clients directly, your efforts have a significant impact on how we deliver our services. During your induction, we trust that you took the time to familiarize yourself with the rules and policies governing this municipality.

Our country is currently grappling with various challenges, such as chronic water shortages, electricity supply issues, unemployment, and a stagnant economy. As bright and innovative young leaders, we anticipate that you will bring fresh perspectives, creativity, and problem-solving skills to tackle these issues. We encourage you to apply the knowledge and expertise gained from your studies to develop new technologies that will benefit all members of society, particularly those in rural areas.

You will be paired with seasoned mentors who will guide you throughout your career with us. It is essential to remember that you are here to learn, and your conduct and contributions will determine whether you are an asset or liability to our organization. We urge you to give your best effort every day, not only for your personal growth, but also for the people who depend on us for solutions.

We are grateful for the unwavering support of LGSETA, which has enabled us to bring on board as many interns as possible. Your presence assists us in building capacity for this municipality and guarantees that we have a skilled workforce. By joining our municipality, you join a community of over six hundred and fifty employees, interns, and students who are here to learn and gain experience.

We are delighted to have individuals with specialized knowledge such as electrical engineers, chemical engineers, ICT specialists, civil engineers, water science specialists, librarians, and administrators on our team. These professions are critical in today's society, particularly in the context of local government.

We operate multiple libraries and are currently expanding them to extend their services to the rural communities in our jurisdiction. Some of you may be assigned to these libraries, where you will also manage and maintain water and electrical services and oversee over 3000 kilometers of infrastructure. We have the most extensive electricity network in the entire province of Limpopo and manage sewer treatment plants and networks that supply millions of liters of water to our residents daily.

In conclusion, we encourage you to take the time to understand our municipality so that you can represent us effectively. We are elated to have you as part of our GTM family and eagerly await the opportunity to collaborate with you.

