



**REMARKS BY MANZINI MAYOR, HIS LORDSHIP COUNCILLOR MXOLISI MABUZA DURING THE LAUNCH OF MISS TEEN MANZINI 2018 – THE GEORGE HOTEL - FRIDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

- CEO OF THE SWAZILAND NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARTS AND CULTURE
  - MR MACFORD SIBANDZE
  - ORGANISERS OF THE EVENT
  - CONTESTANTS
  - ARTISTS PRESENT
  - MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA
  - LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
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- IT IS AN HONOUR FOR ME TO BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS DURING THIS IMPORTANT EVENT WHEREIN WE ARE LAUNCHING MISS TEEN MANZINI 2018.
  - I AM PARTICULARLY EXCITED BECAUSE THIS EVENT IS ALL ABOUT EMPOWERING THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF MANZINI TO EXPLORE AND PURSUE THEIR TALENT. I BELIEVE THAT THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI HAS GOT GREAT TALENT IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AND ALL THAT IS REQUIRED IS TO NURTURE IT AND MAKE IT BLOSSOM.
  - MOREOVER, SINCE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, THE CONTEST WILL HELP KEEP THE YOUTH OF OUR CITY BUSY AND PREVENT THEM FROM FALLING INTO THE TEMPTATION OF ENGAGING IN UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR. AS THEY SAY; AN IDLE MIND IS THE DEVIL’S WORKSHOP. I REALLY APPLAUD THE ORGANISERS FOR ORGANISING THE MISS TEEN MANZINI CONTEST. THIS IS SUCH A GREAT INITIATIVE.
  - AS THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI WE GREATLY SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE AIMED AT KEEPING THE YOUTH OF OUR CITY ENGAGED – BE IT IN THE FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT, ART OR WHATEVER ACCEPTABLE FORM.
  - WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT IS THROUGH PLATFORMS LIKE THESE THAT THE YOUTH GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES; AND IN THE PROCESS GET TO BE EMPOWERED WITH LIFE SKILLS.
  - AS SUCH, I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU OF COUNCIL’S SUPPORT FOR THE MISS TEEN MANZINI 2018 CONTEST.
  - I WOULD LIKE IMPLORE OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND COMPANIES TO SUPPORT THIS GOOD INITIATIVE. THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTHS OF MANZINI IN THE FORM OF SANITARY PADS SHOULD BE REASON ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE CONTEST.

- I ALSO URGE THE YOUTHS OF MANZINI TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONTEST AND SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT.
  
- COUNCIL WISHES THAT THE MISS TEEN MANZINI 2018 CONTEST BECOMES THE RESOUNDING SUCCESS THAT IS DESIRED.

**I THANK YOU**