


MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI		
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**REMARKS BY HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR NOZIPHO
DLAMINI-GAMEDZE DURING THE CITY OF MANZINI'S 2023
CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND NIGHT MARKET**


Date: 16th December 2023: Venue: Louw Street Time: 6:00pm

- **PROGRAMME DIRECTOR**
- **CITIZENS OF OUR VIBRANT CITY**
- **DEPUTY MAYOR AND HONOURABLE COUNCILLORS PRESENT**
- **MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI CEO, MANAGEMENT & STAFF**
- **OUR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS: STANDARD BANK, BHUNU MALL, ESWATINI BANK AND IYF**
- **FLEA MARKET TRADERS**
- **REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS**
- **MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA**
- **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.

- IT IS WITH GREAT JOY THAT I WELCOME EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU TO OUR 2023 CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND NIGHT MARKET.
- TONIGHT WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AND THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- THE DAY STARTED WITH A FLEA MARKET; AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE TRADERS AND BUYERS WHO HAVE MADE THE


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FLEA MARKET POSSIBLE. WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION, THE FLEA MARKET WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. I TRUST THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE MONEY SO THAT YOU MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS A MEMORABLE MOMENT FOR YOUR FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES.


- MAY I STATE THAT EXTENDING TODAY'S FLEA MARKET TO THE EVENING IS NOT A MERE COINCIDENCE. AS A MUNICIPALITY WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF INTRODUCING NIGHT MARKETS IN OUR VIBRANT CITY.
- AS WE RECOVER FROM THE DRASTIC EFFECTS OF COVID-19; WE CONSTANTLY NEED TO INNOVATE AND OPEN AS MANY AVENUES AS POSSIBLE TO ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIALLY EMPOWER OUR CITIZENS.
- THE FUTURE MANZINI CITY THAT WE ENVISION IS A 24-HOUR VIBRANT CITY. WE, THEREFORE, COMMEND AND APPRECIATE ALL THE SHOPS THAT ARE STILL OPEN. WE ENCOURAGE MORE AND MORE SHOPS TO OPERATE 24 HOURS FROM THE YEAR 2024 ONWARDS.
- PROGRAMME DIRECTOR; THIS WILL BE MY SHORTEST SPEECH EVER SINCE I ASSUMED THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

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- ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, MAY I EXTEND MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO OUR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS WHO MADE THIS EXCITING EVENT POSSIBLE. YOUR GENEROSITY AND COMMITMENT TO OUR CITY ARE TRULY COMMENDABLE; AND WE ARE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL.
- TO THE CITIZENS OF OUR CITY, I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT YOU ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR CITY. YOU ARE THE REASON, AS A MUNICIPALITY, WE STRIVE TO CREATE A VIBRANT AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY. CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF COMING TOGETHER AND CHERISHING OUR SHARED VALUES AND EMBRACING THE DIVERSITY THAT MAKES OUR CITY SO SPECIAL. FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEART, WE SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US AS WE SPREAD LOVE AND JOY THROUGHOUT OUR CITY THIS EVENING.
- MAY I ALSO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO THE CEO AND HER HARDWORKING TEAM FOR PUTTING TOGETHER SUCH A BEAUTIFUL EVENT. IT IS BECAUSE OF YOUR DEDICATION AND HARDWORK THAT THIS EVENING WILL BE A MAGICAL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF US.
- AS I CONCLUDE MY REMARKS, I WOULD LIKE TO URGE CITIZENS OF OUR CITY NOT TO FORGET THE TRUE ESSENCE OF CHRISTMAS.

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CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF REFLECTION, GRATITUDE AND GIVING. IT IS A TIME TO SHOW KINDNESS TO ONE ANOTHER AND EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO THOSE IN NEED. LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARING AND CARING. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHO TO GIVE TO, COME TO OUR MUNICIPALITY. WE HAVE (8) SOCIAL CENTRES FROM WHICH OVER 1,500 UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN BENEFIT ONE MEAL PER DAY. IT WOULD REALLY BE NICE TO MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS A JOYOUS AND MEMORABLE MOMENT FOR THEM AS WELL.

- MAY THE SWEET MELODIES OF THE CAROLS THAT WE WILL EXPERIENCE THIS EVENING FILL OUR HEARTS WITH JOY. MAY THE TWINKLING LIGHTS ILLUMINATE OUR SPIRITS; AND MAY THE WARMTH AND LOVE WE FEEL THIS EVENING RESONATE WITHIN US EVEN BEYOND THE FESTIVE SEASON.
- ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, I WISH ALL CITIZENS OF MANZINI A REFRESHING AND JOYFUL FESTIVE SEASON, A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE CROSSOVER TO THE NEW YEAR.

I THANK YOU

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