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ATT: All journalists, producers, senior producers, sub-editors and editors.

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RE: SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2012.

Cultural attire, dance, food, drinks and music were the dominate factors during Saturday's Heritage Day festivities held at Atok area by the Sekhukhune District Municipality.

This was mainly due to the fact that the planned cultural extravaganza attracted traditional groups from as far as Dennilton, Zaaiplaas, Tafelkop, Macklerekeng and Marble Hall who descended in their large numbers to come and celebrate their diverse rich heritage as Ndebeles, Swatis, Pedis, etc.

The gathering which also attracted more than one thousand people from across the district municipality was also used to honour for outstanding groups who have been exceptional in upholding the rich history of this land.

The groups are Mafolosa Nkwe Thabeng (Ga-Nkoana), Dikwena Tse Botse tsa Ga-Matsepe (Tafelkop), Buhle Beswe (Monstrolus) and Sagila Semnikathi (Tubatse Municipality). During the honouring of the groups, the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Mogobo David Magabe said "We do this in appreciation of your contribution towards our culture as a people of Sekhukhuneland. We urge you to keep it up and make sure that you teach young people the values, customs and traditions of the people"

The cultural extravaganza was preceded by site visits to the families and grave sites commemorate the life of Mohumagadi Madinoge (Ga-Mashabela) and Nchabeleng (Apel). "The aim of the visits is to help remind and reconnect the nation with its rich and diverse collective liberation heritage. We also do so in order to promote intergenerational dialogue and encourage society to identify and reconnect with the past in order to shape the direction of the future" said Executive Mayor Cllr Magabe.

Activities of the day also included awareness on Liberation Heritage through oral history narrations, exhibitions, poetry, dance, songs and site visits in order to preserve our collective memory and promote national unity.

And the renowned Kiba music legendary **Dr Sello Galane** provided the crowds with entertainment, while Chomee of 999 stable also mesmerized the young and the old alike.

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