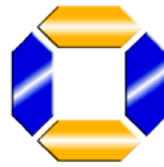


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## Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) Limited Supports Protection, Preservation and Maintenance Of Cultural Assets.

The chairman of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee for Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) Limited Mr Simon Meti has called upon the private sector and public in general to assist with resources towards protection, preservation and maintenance of cultural assets. Mr Meti made the call during a handing over ceremony through which BDC donated P50 000.00 towards protection and preservation of cultural sites under the auspices of Phuthadikobo museum in Mochudi yesterday (March 17, 2009). The cheque was received by the museum's Curator Mr Vincent Rapoo and Phuthadikobo museum Board member, Kgosi Segale Pilane.

Mr Meti said historical sites make the past present and shape the cultural landscape, noting that they are part of our identity, an important element for the image of our country, and also a significant factor for business and tourism. He further said BDC is aware of the fact that preservation of historical sites by the government can only be successful if it is supported by a broad consensus. He said Cultural heritage belongs to all of us, and in the end, every one of us shares responsibility for it. He called upon the private sector in particular to assist local museums such as Phuthadikobo to stimulate and promote local history.

Mr Meti further noted that it is only through cooperation between government, an engaged public, and the local museums that these values can be secured for the future. He said museums such as Phuthadikobo are institution that do not only preserve culture, but also passes on the necessary historical and native bound technological knowledge to the young generation.

He thanked the board and management of Phuthadikobo Museum for striving to preserve the culture of Bakgatla ba ga Kgafela through the museum and imparting historical knowledge to visitors, local schools and the young generation in general. Phuthadikobo Museum is a nonprofit making organization established in 1975 with a mission of providing historical and cultural services to people of Mochudi, Batswana in general and tourists.

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