A New Appointment

Dr Peggy Msimango was recently appointed to the post of Manager: Educator Human Resource Development, taking up the post at Head Office in Pietermaritzburg. She was congratulated and welcomed to the Senior Management cadre of the Department by the MEC for Education, Mr ES Mchunu and the Superintendent-General of Education, R Cassius Lubisi, PhD together with members of Top Management and colleagues.

Before her appointment, she served as a chief Education Specialist in the Directorate: EHRD, managing the Ikhwezi In-Service Training Institute, based at DOKKIES in Durban.

She completed her Grade 12 Examinations at the Inanda Seminary School in 1969. She continued her academic career through various Higher Education Institutions and holds the following qualifications: Secondary Teachers Diploma; B.A.; B.ED.; B.A. (HONS- ISIZULU); M.ED and D.ED

As a lecturer and Head of Department at Esikhawini College of Education between the periods 1983 to 1992 she was responsible for nurturing teachers who qualified in the Secondary Teacher Education Diploma.

Although lecturing in the period of Apartheid South Africa, Dr Msimango endeavored to impart knowledge as a form of mental liberation through Peoples Education Concepts that were infused through her syllabus.

Between 1993 and 1997 she was employed by the University of Durban Westville (UDW) as Curriculum Studies lecturer. It was at this time when UDW operated as one of the progressive universities in the country.

Dr Msimango got an opportunity of influencing the culture of multiculturalism through her lectures, challenging the separatist mentality of management and teachers in the Ex-Model C schools, where she had to supervise students during their Practice Teaching Period.

On the basis of the work conducted at UDW and Association of Professional Educators in KwaZulu-Natal (APEK) as union member, she was recruited to initiate and run a Teacher In-Service Training Pilot Project-Ikhwezi undertaken in partnership between the Danish Government and South Africa-KZN.

After the 18 month Pilot Project, Ikhwezi was absorbed as a fully funded Departmental Structure. This institution has grown from a two-member run project to a fully fledged ETDP-SETA Accredited institution with a complement of 16 academic staff, 5 administration staff with 4 general cleaners.

In meeting the seven roles of educators as required by the Norms and Standards Policy of 2002, Dr Msimango managed the facilitation and participated in the training of 61 educators who qualified for the SAQA accredited facilitation programme with 18 credits on NQF level 5.

Training was offered by Competency International as a Service Provider. Developed material with a team for the Women in Management facilitated by the Commonwealth of Learning –Canada- (2000) In 2007 Dr Msimango was nominated as Woman of the Year for her contributions in developing women educators. In July 2008, Dr Msimango was appointed Provincial Chairperson for the KZN-CPTD Task Team; Coordinating and launching KZN CPTD Pilot Project.

Dr Msimango was invited to deliver a lecture on a Peer-Driven Model of Teacher In-Service Training recently. This was as a result of her Doctoral Thesis based on the method used in training Ikhwezi school-based facilitators. Her hobbies include: Church; Reading; singing; jogging; fast walking; and gardening.

She contributed to the formulation of the KZN Continuing Professional Development and Support Policy (CPDS) that fore grounded the existing National Policy Framework for Teacher Development (NPFTED 2007) as well as the establishment of the Teacher Exchange Programmes with Denmark, Sheffield, USA and New Zealand.

The MEC for Education, Mr ES Mchunu, Superintendent-General of Education, R Cassius Lubisi, PhD together with Top Management wish Dr Peggy Msimango everything of the best in her new position as Manager: Educator Human Resource Development at Head Office, Pietermaritzburg.

May God Bless you!