The Senior General Manager for Corporate Management and Delivery, Dr SZ Mbokazi, made a keynote address at the official launch of the 2013 KZN Grade 11 Speech Contest on Finance. The launch was held at the Education Training Academy (Ex-Dokkies) on the 19TH March 2013. This speech contest was done in partnership with Provincial Treasury, Financial Practitioners Development Trust, and the members of the KwaZulu-Natal Financial Literacy Association.

The KZN Grade 11 Speech Contest on Finance spreads knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors and information on finance to more than 1500 participating High Schools around the Province.

The aims of the Speech Contest are to address financial issues and solutions on finance, to promote financial literacy, assist unemployed youth in securing training careers in the financial service industry, and to integrate theory and practice as an important aspect in the teaching and learning process.

Speaking at the launch, Dr Mbokazi highlighted that the Department of Education in KZN supports the initiatives to promote financial literacy among the youth. “The MEC for Education, Mr Senzo Mchunu and the department encourages all schools that offer these subjects to participate. It will not only help our learners in matters patterning to finance but it will assist the department to realize its vision of integrating theory and practice as an important principle in the National Curriculum,” he said.
He also mentioned that financial literacy should be a part of life orientation where learners will be taught how to manage finance.

Dr Mbokazi extended his appreciation to all the sponsors for participating in the competition by giving bursaries, laptops, TV sets, DVD players, mini-hifi systems, etc.

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