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Recently, the Free State Provincial Government sent thirty three students from across towns of Free State province to Mevlana University in Turkey, where they will start their respective studies in the fields of Engineering, International Trade and Medicine. The Free State Provincial government continues to strive to ensure that every child gets proper education. The send –off of these students was held at OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg on Friday. The event was graced by the various MEC's, HOD's, celebrities and even the business people who came to support this good initiative done by the Free State government.

These learners applied for the scholarships normally, and then out of the applications, the Free State Provincial Government selected the cream of the crop, meaning those students who excelled in their various fields of study. With that consolidated list, the Provincial Government met with delegates of the Mevlana University, and deliberated on the final list.

Amongst them is Kamohelo Makhele(24)from the dusty streets of Zastron, Southern Free State. He will be spending four years in Turkey studying International Trade. **International trade** is the exchange of capital, goods, and services across international borders or territories. In most countries, such trade represents a significant share of gross domestic product (GDP). While international trade has been present throughout much of history, its economic, social, and political importance has been on the rise in recent centuries as individual countries focus on socio-economic development of their peoples.

It took Kamohelo Makhele only three weeks to know his fate after applying for a scholarship to study abroad. He said it took him by surprise when he got a call from the Office of the Premier telling him his application was successful. He was shocked and could not believe it.

“After receiving that call I pinched myself to see if I’m not dreaming. It was always being my dream to study hard so that I can be somebody one day, and also to assist my mother who is unemployed. I dreamed but I never knew that my dream would become reality so soon. I want to thank all those who made this possible for the rest of us, especially us who comes from the disadvantaged families”

Different speakers who gathered at the Southern Sun Conference Centre sang from the same hymn book when delivering their message of support saying that the students must study hard, and just

remember that they will be experiencing some major changes with regard to food, culture, and environment. However they must just remember why they are there for, being mainly to study and equip themselves with International experience.

When addressing the students, MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Mosebenzi Zwane encouraged them to study hard and not disappoint the Free State province as well as South Africa. “You must remember you are not only representing yourselves but the country and the African continent. We are very proud of you because you (students) shown that dedication and hard work pays. Go there and make us, the President of the Country and the Premier of the Free State proud.

The students were accompanied by the MEC Mamiki Qabathe as Head of Delegation, HOD for Education, Stanley Malope, Provincial Government Communication Services and the International Relations in the office of the Premier. They will be ensuring that the students settles in well.

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