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## FAREWELL TO DEDICATED COLLEAGUES



L-R- Ms Nomthandazo Mtoba, Mr Phindile Qambatha and Ms Nontembiso Sineli

It was a bitter sweet day as the Cogta employees bade farewell to three of their dedicated colleagues retired after having served for more than 40 years. The event was held in King Williams Town recently. Colleagues described them as “diligent, efficient, committed and dedicated public servants.”

Mr Mzwamandla Zitha, the acting Chief Financial Officer (CFO), speaking on behalf of the Head of Department (HoD) applauded the retirees for their good work and contribution ever since you joined the public service.



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“We thank you on behalf of the HoD for your service which ensured that we deliver on our mandate. Your willingness to avail your services and share your intellectual property is appreciated. We also thank your families for support and borrowing us your time to serve the nation. We will forever be indebted to you for what you have done for the department and the people of our Province. You have kept the flag of the department high, be proud of yourselves. We wish you well in your retirement years,” said Mr Zitha.

Mr Andile Ngewu, the Director for Financial Accounting Services described Mr Qambatha as the “father figure, a true leader, diligent, efficient and dedicated to his work.”

“These colleagues leave us with a clean audit and have shown us that work comes first and that through perseverance and doing what is right, one can go far in life. May they enjoy their new key performance indicator called relaxation, investments and many happy returns,” he said.

“Ms Sineli welcomed me in 2006 and since then we have worked well together productively and respectfully,” said Mr Simphiwe Mathumbu.

Ms Tabisa Petela said Ms Mtoba was like a parent to them as she was always available during the time of need. “We learnt a lot from her with regards Persal and BAS systems. She taught us to pray and to fear God,” she said.

In reply Mr Qambatha said they were “foot soldiers and ambassadors” whose only focus was work. “We worked long hours, sacrificed a lot whilst moulding this department,” he said.

Ms Sineli thanked God for keeping her in the midst of work challenges. “I enjoy happiness and peace in the workplace. I thank God for having provided a clean service to the department,” said Ms Sineli

Ms Mtoba thanked her colleagues for working well with her. “I am proud of myself because I have taught my younger colleagues work and in turn they respected me. It was nice working with all of you at Cogta,” she said. **By Siphokazi Nonyukela**