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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

4TH ANNUAL BATHO PELE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

All the limelight was on the KZN's Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in this year's 4th Annual Batho Pele Excellence Awards held at Birchwood Hotel, Johannesburg, recently.

The team from KwaZulu-Natal scooped awards in three main categories beating other provinces that were nominated in similar categories.

Mrs Thulisiwe Mathenjwa, from the Jozini Local office was the main winner having walked away with the best award of the night. She won the overall (outstanding) Public Servant of the Year Award. She also won under the Best Batho Pele Leader of the Year category.

She was awarded for demonstrating good leadership skills and innovation in her day to day duties. She has seen her unit scoop a number of awards in the province which culminated to her nomination in the national awards.

The team from eZinqoleni Local office won top award in the category of the Best Batho Pele Team of the Year.

MEC Themba Mthembu, who attended the ceremony, said the Department is very proud to have such outstanding officials in its midst and the victory will serve as an encouragement to other employees of the Department.

He said the Department prides itself with making sure that its staff is taken care of and that workers are allowed to operate in a conducive environment to help them unleash their full potential.

"This is the victory for all of us at the Department and we are very proud of the winners. They have shown that hard work and commitment pays off. Now, we need to encourage all our staff to work as hard as this team to ensure that our communities are serviced in the best possible way," he said.















