

Department of Public Works shares best practices with Indonesian delegation

The Department of Public Works has opened its doors to the Indonesian delegation currently in South Africa on a benchmarking mission. The delegation, received by the Head of Property Management Trading Entity (PMTE) Mr Paul Serote on 2 March 2017 was led by Prof. DR Farouk Muhammad from Indonesia.



In his welcoming address Mr Paul Serote illustrated how the Property Management Trading Entity in South Africa operates and how the Department came to operationalise the entity.

Among the presentations delivered during the welcoming session is one by Mr Joe Lekala, Deputy Director Expropriation and Property Rights - on the Government Immovable Asset Management Act (GIAMA) and the Expropriation Bill. Asset Management's Mr Ronnie Mosalo's presentation focused on the National Infrastructure Maintenance Strategy. It was quite easy for the Indonesian delegation to follow the presentation as their government system operates a bit similar to South Africa's.

Corporate Services Deputy Director-General Mr Clive Mtshisa, who took over after Mr Serote rushed to other commitments, outlined the government system, spheres and acts that govern the Department to the delegation. He also explained the mandate of the Department and how it interacts with provinces and the local government. He said the Department of Public Works was guided by the framework on how to accommodate each User Department in occupying particular accommodation.

He then exhibited similarities of how the two states function. In brief, Mr Mtshisa said that the Immovable assets comes in a form of land parcels and government properties. Movable assets are managed and controlled within the user Department and they include tools like computers, cars and other machinery, he explained.

In conclusion, he showcased the following facts between the two states.

	South Africa	Indonesia
		
Type of Government	Republic	Republic
Number of provinces	9	34
Population	55 million	258 million
Languages	11	More than 700
Most spoken languages	IsiZulu, IsiXhosa	Bahasa Indonesia
Capital city	Pretoria	Jakarta
Currency	Rand	Rupiah
National Anthem	SA National Anthem	Indonesia Raya