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Unisa to award honorary doctorate to literary doyen, OK Matsepe

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Literature doyen, the late **Oliver Kgadime Matsepe**, who established himself as prominent figure in South African literature, especially advocating for the Sepedi dialect of the Sesotho Sa Lebowa, will be honoured with an honorary doctorate by the University of South Africa (Unisa) at a graduation ceremony to be held at its Muckleneuk Campus in Pretoria on Friday, 19 April 2024.

The degree of **Doctor of Philosophy in Languages, Linguistics and Literature (*Honoris Causa*)**, will be conferred on Mr Matsepe in recognition of his invaluable contribution to the tapestry of South African cultural heritage and literature. The degree will be awarded posthumously.

Matsepe's body of works serves as a powerful reminder of literature's ability to bridge time and place, providing insights, promoting understanding and nurturing a sense of identity and continuity.

His venture into writing produced a remarkable collection of novels and poetry that vividly portray the vibrant life and culture of his community. His novels, notably "*Sebatakgomo*" (1954) and "*Kgorong ya Mošhate*" (1960), explore the depths of human experiences and societal complexities. His poetry collections such as "*Kgotla o Mone*" (1968) and "*Todi Ya Dinose*" (1968), reflect his deep contemplation of the human spirit, cultural identity and the natural environment.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the graduation ceremony. The details are as follows:

Date : Friday, 19 April 2024
Time : 18:00
Venue : ZK Matthews Great Hall, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Unisa
Muckleneuck Campus, Pretoria

You can also follow the proceedings online by clicking the attached link: [Click Here](#)

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