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### Public Service Day - Tanna



Opening parade of the [Vanuatu Public Service Day Event](#) and also the opening of [National Arts & Culture Festival 2025](#) which was led by Hon. Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and few other Ministers together with the Leader of Opposition, Hon. Ishmael Kalsakau.

During the opening remarks, the Hon. Prime Minister emphasized the importance of strengthening government decentralized services through innovative approaches, highlighting that such strategies are vital for enhancing transparency, efficiency, and citizen engagement.

The Prime Minister called for continued collaboration among all public servants and invites the people of Tanna to make use of this opportunity to engage with the different government services that are on display at Lamenu Stadium, Tanna



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### MPM takes 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Organizational Performance



The MPM team achieved first place in Organizational Performance, earning recognition from the Public Service Commission during Public Service Day on Tanna Island.

This accolade highlights their excellence in service delivery, efficiency, and commitment to public service standards, reflecting their exceptional contribution to the community and setting a benchmark for other organizations to follow.

This is the second year in a row that MPM has received this award from the Public Service Commission, and this shows the level of commitment each department has and has delivered according to their respective capacities.



MPM takes the opportunity also to thank PSC for such events like Public Service Day which allows each departments to showcase their different roles and what the department is doing and the outcomes it has achieved during the past years and the future plans each department has in terms of service delivery to the people of Vanuatu



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### Chinese Cultural and Artistic Group in Vanuatu



The Deputy Mayor of Foshan City Mr. Qiao Yu is leading a delegation of officials and the Foshan Cultural and Artistic Group of Guangdong Province who were in Port Vila to be part of the 5th National Arts and Cultural Festival. Unable to travel to Tanna the Foshan Cultural Group is performed at the Saralana Park on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2025.

The Deputy Mayor and Foshan City officials met with the Director General and First Political Advisor in the Prime Minister's Office to reaffirm their commitment to building stronger the sister-city relationship between Foshan City and Port Vila as the capital rebuilds from the earthquake. The Vanuatu Government conveyed its appreciation to Foshan City for the support it has provided to the capital in the past, including the Sports Facility at Agathis area.

The Vanuatu Government also reiterated its enduring commitment to the China-Vanuatu relations, and to seizing the economic opportunities being made available through Guangdong Province, which will see in the near future permanent flights by China Southern Airlines to Vanuatu.



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### VCH Celebrates 50 years Golden Jubilee



Vanuatu's National Hospital, formerly known as Vila Central Hospital, commemorates its 50th anniversary, marking five decades of dedicated healthcare service to the people of Vanuatu.

Since its opening on August 23, 1975, by Mrs. Roger Houssemayne Du Boulay, the hospital has undergone significant transformations, growing from a colonial facility with a handful of doctors and nurses to a thriving institution with a robust team of local medical professionals. The hospital's foundation stone was laid by His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent on September 8, 1969, and the new facility was dedicated by Reverend William Tamara, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides.

Prime Minister Jotham Napat emphasized the need to continue developing human resources in medical sciences to meet the growing demands of the healthcare sector. "We are committed to strengthening our healthcare system and ensuring that our people have access to quality medical care," he said.



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### 11th Heads of Mission Meeting



Prime Minister Jotham Napat has told the different Heads of Missions attending the 11th meeting from 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> August in Port Vila that Vanuatu's foreign service remains united in vision, committed to its core principles, and driven by service to the nation.

He delivered the remarks yesterday at the conclusion of the three-day Heads of Mission meeting.

The Prime Minister emphasized that the country's foreign policy is built on the principle that Vanuatu is a friend to every nation-state, a philosophy deeply embedded in its culture and tradition.

"Vanuatu is not a foe, but a friend to everyone, to every single nation-state. This is the DNA of Vanuatu's long-standing foreign policy, heavily embedded in our culture and *fasen*," said Prime Minister Jotham Napat.

The consultations focused on implementing the Government's 2025 priorities, including post-disaster recovery, economic growth, governance reform, education, health, and climate change advocacy.

