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### Labour Day Celebrations for Government Ministries



Department of Communication & Digital Transformation booth at Saralana

Labour Day, organized by the Labour Department Vanuatu on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025, is a significant event that highlights the contributions of workers across various sectors, bringing together all 13 ministries involved in labor, employment, and social welfare.

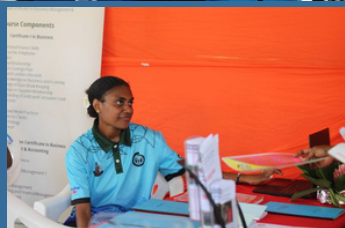
This celebration emphasizes the importance of workers' rights, fair wages, and safe working conditions, showcasing initiatives and achievements across ministries such as Trades, Climate Change, Agriculture and Biosecurity.

All 13 line government ministries set up informative booths to highlight their different roles in supporting economic growth and sustainable development.



DSPAC booth at Labour Day Celebrations

### Digital Week - Luganville Santo .....



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The DG PMO's participation in Digital Week highlights the government's commitment to driving digital transformation and innovation within the public & Private Sector



As part of the event, the DG PMO contributed to panel discussions that focused on emerging digital trends, project management best practices, and strategic initiatives to enhance operational efficiency.



These discussions provided a platform for knowledge sharing, fostering collaboration among industry experts, stakeholders, and digital enthusiasts, and reinforcing the DG PMO's role as a key driver in shaping the organization's digital future.

Digital Week in Santo highlights the vibrant advancements and initiatives in information and communication technology within the government and the private sector. The event featured panel discussions, quiz and prize giving.





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### Vodafone Launches Tower with Government assistance



Another milestone for Vodafone Vanuatu and the people of Bene Lorevulko area, East Santo

With the opening of a new tower, marks a significant milestone in expanding digital connectivity through out the community.

This new infrastructure will provide surrounding areas with improved mobile network coverage, enabling better access to communication, information, and digital services essential for education, health, business, and social interactions.



The initiative reflects a strong commitment to rural development and inclusive growth, ensuring that even remote communities can benefit from modern technology and stay connected with the wider world.

The event was attended by prominent officials, including the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, TRBR and the Department of Communication & Digital Transformation highlighting the government's commitment to improving digital infrastructure and access in rural areas.

### Free WiFi Launch - Pekoa Airport .....



Santo Pekoa Airport launched free Wi-Fi services to enhance traveler convenience and connectivity, offering passengers seamless internet access while waiting for their flights. This initiative aims to improve the overall airport experience by providing reliable and complimentary internet, enabling travelers to stay connected with loved ones, access travel information, and conduct business activities.

Director General of the Prime Minister's Office represented the Hon. Prime Minister this morning to officiate the launch.





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### Digicel Launches Tower with Government assistance



Another milestone for Digicel today as it launches a new tower at Shograon area. Director General of PMs Office was part of this successful launch along with MP for Luganville, the Department of Communication & Digital Transformation and TRBR.



The ceremony highlighted Digicel's commitment to expanding digital infrastructure and improving connectivity in the especially in Sanma Province, with speeches emphasizing the importance of technological advancement for economic growth and social development.

### Corporate Planning Workshop for MPM .....



MPM Staff and Heads engaged in a 1 day workshop for the Corporate Plan 2026 - 2030 planning.

The Workshop aims to collaboratively develop and align strategic objectives, operational initiatives, and performance metrics across the Ministry.

This allows department heads and managers to review current progress, identify challenges, and set prioritized goals for the next 5 years.

The workshop ensures resource allocation aligns with the NSDP, and enhances overall organizational effectiveness by translating long-term vision into actionable plans.





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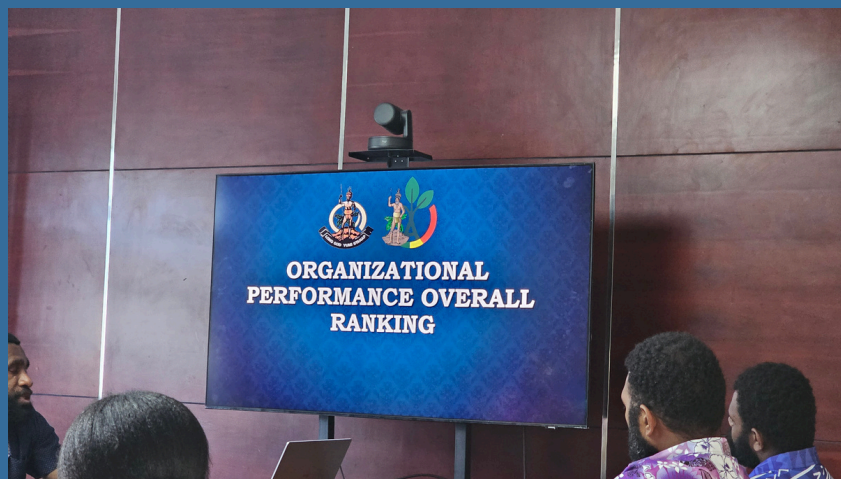
### 2024 Organization Performance Feedback Report presentation



Office of the Public Service Commission organized a presentation on Organization Performance Feedback report to all 13 line Ministries. On 27<sup>th</sup> May, the presentation was done for MPM with few directors and heads present during this informative presentation.

The Purpose of these presentations is to:

- Provide constructive feedback on the quality and compliance of each Ministry's 2024 Annual Report
- Highlight areas of strength and improvement.
- Promote consistency and accountability across the public service; and
- Clarify expectations for future reporting in alignment with the PSC Annual Report Guidelines.



There were meaningful engagement and comments from senior executives after the presentation by the Office of the Public Service Commission.



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### Newly Appointed Police Commissioner



Mr. Karlshem Bongran, a distinguished former member of the Vanuatu Police Force (VPF) former Commander of the Vanuatu Mobile Force (VMF) and Chief of Staff, has recently been appointed by the Head of State H.E Nikenike Vurobaravu as the new Police Commissioner, bringing a wealth of experience and strategic expertise to the role.

Mr Bongran whose recent role under the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), under the Prime Minister's Office, as Lead Analyst, is equipped with deep understanding of national, regional and global security dynamics, crime prevention, and law enforcement operations, promising a focused and systematic approach to enhancing public safety and VPF integrity.

Mr. Bongran's leadership is expected to transform the operations of the VPF to new heights through engagements with our communities with intelligence-led policing to address contemporary security challenges effectively.

The Ministry of the Prime Minister seizes this opportunity to Congratulate Mr Bongran on this prestigious role in serving our Nation's Police Commissioner.

