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## Vanuatu Prime Minister Charlot Salwai Strengthens Ties During New Zealand Visit

Wellington, New Zealand – Prime Minister of Vanuatu, Charlot Salwai, recently concluded a fruitful visit to New Zealand aimed at enhancing bilateral relations and fostering collaboration across various sectors. His itinerary included important meetings with New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and Opposition Leader Christ Hipkins, where both leaders discussed strategies for increasing trade and addressing climate

PM Salwai visited the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries to explore sustainable agricultural practices and partnerships. The Prime Minister also toured Puro New Zealand’s Cannabis Cultivation Facility in Marlborough, New Zealand and Cloudy Bay Vineyards, gaining insights into innovative agricultural techniques. Engaging with Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) workers in Blenheim, he acknowledged their vital contributions to New Zealand and Vanuatu economy.

The visit culminated in discussions with Ngāti Whātua Ōrakei representatives in Auckland, emphasizing cultural exchange and mutual support. This tour marks a significant step in strengthening the enduring friendship between Vanuatu and New Zealand.

## School visits to Vanuatu Government Ministries 12th August to 14th August 2024

Students from Lycée, Onesua Presbyterian College, Malapoa College and Epauto engaged in an insightful visit to the Ministry of the Prime Minister as part of the Public Service Careers Day program organized by the Public Service Commission, where students explored various departments and learned about the government's functions.

This educational excursion by the Public service commission aimed to enhance their understanding of governance, public service roles, and policy-making processes.

During the visit, students interacted with officials, participated in discussions about national development, and gained firsthand experience of the mechanisms that drive Vanuatu's administrative framework.

Such initiatives are vital for inspiring the next generation of leaders and fostering civic awareness among youths in Vanuatu



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## Vanuatu government obtaining 100% shares from Interchange Limited



On August 15th 2024, the Vanuatu government has taken steps to acquire all shares from Interchange Limited pertaining to the submarine cable project, aiming to enhance the country's internet infrastructure and connectivity. This initiative is expected to improve digital accessibility across Vanuatu, fostering economic growth and communication capabilities.

The acquisition reflects the government's commitment to enhancing technological resources and ensuring reliable internet services for its citizens and businesses. Further details on implementation and timeline are anticipated in government communications.

Present during the signing was the Prime Minister, Hon. Charlot Salwai, Minister of Finance Hon. Johny Koanapo, Minister of Lands Hon. Rick Mahe, DG PMO Cheroal Ala, CIO Gerard Metsan

## PSC Chairman meets with Media Officers



In a meeting between government ministries media officers and the Public service chairman, Mr Martin Mahe towards preparation of the 2024 PS Day event. Mr. Mahe stressed the important role each civil servant has on a daily basis in the different department and Ministry that they represent.

Mr. Mahe also stressed the importance of this year's theme: "Strengthening Government Decentralized Services through Innovative Approach" that it is important that each department showcase their services and the innovative approach that is carried out through each government services.

## Public Service Day 2024

