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EDF11 Wrap-Up Panel Discussion



The Vanuatu Value Chain Program (VAVAC), under the EDF11 initiative, culminated in a wrap-up panel discussion yesterday at the Vanuatu National University, featuring key figures such as the Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Biosecurity (MALFFB), the Director General of Trade and Commerce, and the team leader of the Vanuatu Value Chain Program.



This session highlighted the program's achievements in enhancing agricultural productivity, improving market access, and strengthening value chains for local products. Panelists shared insights on lessons learned, challenges faced, and the sustainability of the program's impact, emphasizing the importance of continued collaboration among stakeholders to foster growth in Vanuatu's Productive Sector.

Director General of Prime Minister's Office Cherol Ala was also present and in her closing remarks she stated that, "Over the course of the project, VaVaC has played a pivotal role in enhancing Vanuatu's resilience, particularly in the face of challenges posed by natural disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic. Through strategic interventions, we've seen substantial progress in key agricultural sectors, from increased coconut production to higher calving rates in livestock farming".

Qantas Arrival



10th of September marked a significant milestone as Qantas Airlines officially launches its inaugural route from Australia to Port Vila, enhancing connectivity between the two nations.



The event is graced by the Vanuatu Tourism Office with the presence of Prime Minister Hon. Charlot Salwai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Trades, Minister of Finance and Minister of Agriculture, alongside the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, Lady Lord Mayor, Australian High Commissioner, CEO Airports Vanuatu and staffs plus the Captain of Qantas Boeing that arrived this afternoon.



This new air service is expected to boost tourism and trade, fostering stronger economic ties and community connections between Australia and Vanuatu.

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Australian High Commissioner Visit to Hon. PM



Hae Komisina blong Ostrelia, His Excellency Max Willis hemi mitim tedei Praem Minista blong Ripablik blong Vanuatu, Honourable Charlot Salwai Tabimasma.

Miting ia hemi fes courtesi kol we Hae Komisina Willis hemi mekem igo long Praem Minista afta long presentesen blong Credential leta blong hem igo long Presiden blong Ripablik blong Vanuatu.

Oli tokbaot long-standing patnasip blong mo mo ol gudfala wok we yumi mekem tugeta blong sapotem ol praeoriti blong Gavman blong Vanuatu, long sekta blong helt, eduken, infrastrakja mo semtaem rispon blong ol sekuriti mo ol humanitarian nid blong Vanuatu.

The High Commissioner gifted the Prime Minister an Atlas of Indigenous Australia, that explores the lives and culture of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from over 60,000 years ago to the present.

Hae Komisina Willis hemi luk fowod blong wok tugeta wetem Praem Minista Salwai mo Gavman blong Vanuatu blong advancem patnasip bitwin tufala kaontri.

By Australia High Commission

Website Launch Nguna-Pele-Area-Council



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The Nguna Pele area council recently launched its website in a ceremony led by the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, Director General of Internal Affairs along with CEO of [Vanuatu Tourism Office](#) and representatives and Vanuatu Brewing Limited, in collaboration with Department of Strategic Planning Policy & Aid Cordination (DSPPAC).

This new online platform aims to facilitate seamless bookings for various tourism events, including the popular Volcano Run on Nguna Island which will be happening in 23 days time. Interested participants can book tickets through this website, plus day passes will also be issued through the website allowing those interested to witness the event and also take part in other activities on the Island. There is also a Gold package and Platinum package to choose from.



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Long toktok blong DG PMO emi talem seh kavman emi tekem inisietif blong mekem sua seh patnasip ia emi feature long lowest level blong governance long saed blong difelopmen long komuniti. Kavman emi kat responsibiliti tu blong adresem, mo hao emi adresem emi tru long patnasip weh long event ia umi lukim VBL emi kam on bod mo breakers resort tu bai emi join long patnasip ia.



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Opening of VMF Cooks Barrack



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The opening of the Cooks Barrack on 19th September 2024, officially Opened by the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia who is also Minister of Defense Hon. Richard Marles and our Prime Minister Hon. Charlot Salwai Tabimasmas, marks a significant milestone for Vanuatu Mobile force and Vanuatu Police force. This initiative reflects the strong bilateral relations between Australia and Vanuatu, underscoring Australia's commitment to supporting regional security and stability in the Pacific. The new facility is expected to boost the training and operational readiness of Vanuatu's Mobile Force, enabling improved response to domestic and regional challenges.

The ceremony included traditional customs ceremony in honoring the land custodians, reflecting the deep cultural heritage of Vanuatu while also emphasizing the collaborative relationship between Australia and Vanuatu in matters of security and community welfare.

Both leaders emphasized collaboration, shared values, and the importance of a secure environment for the prosperity of the Pacific Islands. The Opening ceremony was also attended by Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Matai Seremaiah, Minister of Internal Affairs Hon. Andrew Napwat, Minister of Finance Hon. Johnny Koanapo, Minister of Lands Hon. Rick Mahe, Minister of Youth & Sports Hon. Tomker Netvunei, Minister of Agriculture Hon. Xavier Harry Iauko, DG of Prime Minister's Office, DG Internal Affairs, Australian High Commissioner and members of the diplomatic core and families of force members.



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Consultation Workshop - Cloud Transformation

The Cloud Transformation Consultation Workshop held at Iririki Island, organized by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, aimed to foster collaboration among stakeholders from various government departments and the private sector.

With the Prime Minister's Office Director General delivering the opening remarks, the workshop focused on exploring innovative cloud solutions that will provide Vanuatu government with a safer storage space and operational efficiency.

Participants engaged in insightful discussions, sharing best practices and addressing challenges related to cloud adoption, ultimately paving the way for a more connected and technologically advanced future for the



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