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Launching of the Foreign Policy document and opening of the New extension of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs building today Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

The Foreign Policy document is important to a country because it outlines the international objectives and the strategies intended to achieve these objectives. It addresses how a country protects its national interests includes Foreign security and trades.

Foreign policy provides details in how a country can engage in international trade, investment, economic agreement and what will impact its economic growth and stability. It also states how we can manage international crisis and humanitarian issues.

The launching and opening today was witnessed by the members of the diplomatic core, former Prime Ministers, Former Ministers and former Head of State, DG PMO, invited guests and staffs.



A two days workshop run by the Right to Information Unit under the Prime Minister's Office on: Processing RTI requests, Exemptions, Records management, Disclosure of information.

Participants of this workshop includes RTI officers, Information officers, PROs and communication officers.

The workshop basically introduces participants to the context of the Vanuatu RTI Law 2016; principles behind RTI and its importance and value; the operation of the RTI legislation (including the RTI general and processing of RTI requests).

This workshop has already been taking place around our islands and communities.



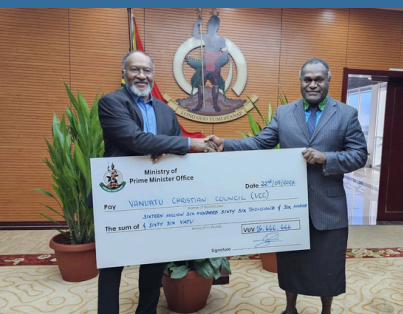
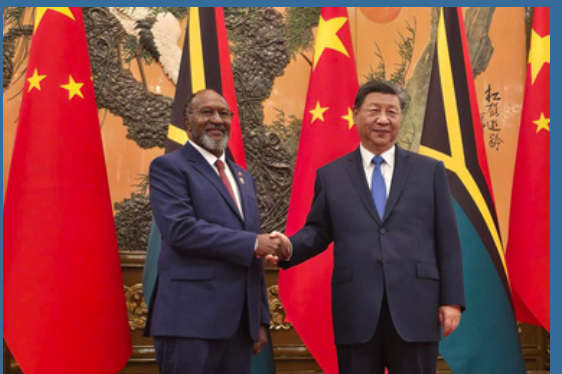
The Executive Director, International for the Australian Public Service Commission, Christine Shannon met with Director General PMO Cherol Ala and other Directors under the Prime Minister's Office yesterday 09 July 2024.

The Directors includes, Director DSPPAC, Director Language Services Department, SG of citizenship, National Security Advisor, Australian high commission and members of the Vanuatu public Service commission.

The purpose of the meeting was mainly to exchange ideas, challenges and opportunities for improvement within the public sector. The meeting aimed to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing between the two nations, with a focus on capacity building and best practices in public administration. The discussions covered topics such as leadership development, policy implementation, and citizen engagement.

DG PMO shared few of the challenges faced within the Ministry of the Prime Minister and the ways forward.

## PM's Visit to China & Japan



Vanuatu Christian Council received 1 third from the total government grant yesterday 22nd July, the handover by the Prime Minister Hon. Charlot Salwai Tabimasmass to the Secretary General of VCC.

The grant is a symbol of the Government's commitment to supporting the vital work of the church in the country. The funds will be used to support various churches and communities programs that align with the national priorities.

VCC Secretary General humbled and greatly acknowledged the Vanuatu government for the continuous support to the Vanuatu Christian Council. The support is a testament to the strong partnership between the government and the church, which has been a cornerstone of this nation's development. The SG assured the Hon. Prime Minister that these funds will be used wisely and effectively to benefit the society and pray the God will bless this nation as we work together to build a brighter future for all Vanuatu citizens



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## Children's Day July 24 2024



Australia's Deputy High Commissioner Emily Fisher joined the parade led by Vanuatu Prime Minister Hon Charlot Salwai Tabimasmas, Minister of Justice and Community Services John Amos, Minister of Education and Training Anatole Hymak, Minister of Climate Change Ralph Regenvanu, President of the Malvatumauri Paul Robert Ravu, Commissioner of Police Robson Iavro and other members of the diplomatic corps. Despite the wet weather, spirits remained high

Prime Minister Salwai emphasised the importance of creating a world where every child can grow up in an environment of love, understanding and security. He highlighted the need to protect children from harm, ensure their voices are heard, and provide them with opportunities to reach their full potential.

Highlights included the reading of a student poem, a song by Vanuatu's own Vanessa Quai and the launch of a new inclusive education resource by Deputy High Commissioner Fisher with Education Minister Hymak.

Source: Aus High Com

## Victory Parade 2024





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## PM Launches National Planning Framework 2024 & Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) & Process for DCO/COM Paper Development and Review.



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The National Planning Framework 2024 and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) & Process for DCO/COM Paper Development and Review by Department of Strategic Policy, Planning & Aid Coordination (DSPPAC) was officially launched on 29th July 2024 at the PMO Compound by the Hon. Prime Minister.

The NFP was originally designed in 2018, since then Vanuatu has had two general elections, two category five cyclones and experienced the effects of COVID 19 on the nation. This has resulted in a revision of many elements of the former planning environment in Vanuatu to better reflect the new reality of development that Vanuatu faces today.

The revised planning and reporting framework is further designed to improve the implementation the NSDP and to coordinate ministry planning and budgeting at all levels of Government with a focus on improved at performance and service delivery. As such this document replaces both the 2018 National Planning Framework, and the 2018 M&E Framework with a combined planning and reporting guide for all government agencies.

## Independence Ball 2024



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