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It was another positive meeting of the Nauru Intergenerational Trust Fund as close to 80 Nauruan students in Fiji participate in the 38th quarterly meeting held in Suva, Fiji, 28 November.

Similar to the last quarterly meetings with students in Brisbane, Australia and in Nauru with community reps, heads of department and CEOs this year, the session with the students was a precursor to the NTF board meeting where His Excellency President David Adeang shared the historical background and significance of the Trust Fund, and the importance of continued contributions, untouched until 2035.

The NTF was established in 2015 to contribute to the long-term budgetary self-reliance of the Republic of Nauru beyond 2035.

President Adeang explained the hardships of the past, from being a wealthy nation to losing its economic fortunes, and the vision that future generations do not ever have to experience the hardships of the economic collapse in the early 2000s.

Chief Accountant Justin Togoran presented the structure and progress of the Fund followed by a Q&A session with the students. It was encouraging to see the interest shown by the students who posed insightful questions which included the role of the NTF in the event that Nauru graduates to high-income country by the OECD,

and what safety mechanisms are in place to prevent drawing from the fund ahead of 2035.

President Adeang personally addressed the questions reiterating the purpose of the Fund, and also acknowledged the leadership of PIF Secretary General Baron Waqa who was president of Nauru when the NTF was established.

The President further acknowledged the contributions of Nauru's development partners and stakeholders, that with them the Fund has a strong foundation, and all decisions regarding the Fund requires the unanimous agreement of all partners.

President Adeang says the Fund balance is close to \$460 million and anticipated to reach \$1 billion in the year of maturity - 2035.

The cash contributions of partners total \$300,669 million as at September 2025, with Nauru contributing the most with 77.2 per cent.

President Adeang acknowledged the commitment of previous governments for also maintaining annual contributions, underscoring the importance of having all sides of government involved and in agreement with growing the Fund.

The presence of all sides of government at this meeting is rare yet reinforces the common purpose to ensure Nauru has a continuous source of revenue post-2035. *(cont pg 2...)*

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While the Fund is subject to fluctuations in market value and movement, the NTF has thus far performed better than initially planned, which needs to be so to address Nauru's inherent vulnerabilities that can change practically overnight Nauru's economic prospects.

The government's aspirations in 2015 was the fund to have accumulated \$400m by 2035. However, as that target is accomplished 10 years earlier, this year, the new aspiration is now \$1 billion by 2035, although it will be reviewed as the economy grows.

Members of Parliament Timothy Ika, Pyon Deiye, Jason Bingham Agir, and Wanganeen Emiu offered their support for the government and reiterated the importance of the work being done to ensure the financial security of generations of Nauruans.

They stressed the importance of education and hard work and underscored the Government's commitment to the Fund.

Echoing the President's message, they encouraged the students that as the generation that will be responsible for the Fund in 20 years, to continue contributions beyond 2035.

In the afternoon, the full NTF Committee meeting was convened under the chairmanship of His Excellency, with students in attendance taking notes and observing proceedings firsthand.

In attendance and accompanying His Excellency were SG Waqa, Deputy Minister Hon. Tawaki Kam, and MPs Ika, Deiye, Agir and Emiu, as well as high commissioners Camilla Solomon, and Michael Aroi, Director General Christiana Detenamo, and other senior officials from Nauru, and members of the NTF Committee. //

Nauru secures one-year deferral of ODA graduation to high-income country until January 2027

The Government of Nauru welcomes the decision of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Development Assistance Committee to defer Nauru's Official Development Assistance (ODA) graduation from 1 January 2026 to 1 January 2027, recognising the severe structural vulnerabilities highlighted by the UN's new Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI), which ranks Nauru as the fifth most vulnerable nation globally and the most vulnerable in the Pacific.

This outcome affirms that traditional measures like Gross National Income (GNI) and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) fail to reflect the realities faced by Small Island Developing States and reinforces Nauru's need for

continued development assistance to safeguard essential services, infrastructure, and long-term stability.

The Government of Nauru expresses its profound gratitude to the governments of Australia and New Zealand for their strong support and advocacy to pause the graduation, and extends sincere thanks to the national working committee, including Hon. Delvin Thoma, MP, Hon. Rennier Gadabu, MP, High Commissioner Camilla Solomon, Josie-Ann Dongobir, Novena Itsimaera, Damon Adeang, and all members of the Department of Finance, New York and Canberra missions, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, for their tireless efforts in securing this important decision. //

NUC commissions control room, receiving renewable energy from ADB-funded 6MW solar plant

Nauru Utilities Corporation achieved a significant milestone in officially commissioning the 11kv control room, commencing renewable energy export from the ADB-funded US\$22 million 6-megawatt solar plant to the national power grid, 1 December.

Deputy Minister Isabella Dageago says the government has invested in the project for the people of Nauru in collaboration with donor partner, the Asian Development Bank, which will see Nauru inch closer to achieving its Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) goal and target of utilising more than 50 per cent renewable energy.

NUC CEO Anthony Dimapilis says he is extremely optimistic about the project.

"The benefits are substantial, including enhanced energy security, significant long-term cost savings by reducing reliance on imported diesel, and a critical step towards meeting our national climate commitments. It represents a major move toward a more sustainable and resilient future for Nauru."



ADB officials witness commissioning of 11kv control room for solar energy at Nauru Utilities

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He says it was a day to celebrate the partnership and the tangible progress being made on the critical infrastructure project.

The operation is projected to reach full capacity of up to six megawatts, depending on the weather, by January 2026.

ADB Regional Director Ms Jyotsana Varma travelled to Nauru for the commissioning as well as meet with President David Adeang. She was accompanied by Country Operations Head Kamel Bouhmad, Principal Energy Specialist Roka Sanda, and Principal Transport Specialist Dinesh Shiwakoti, and local ADB staff Principal Country Officer John Limen, and Operations Assistant Zulie Adun.

Currently, solar power is contributing approximately 15 per cent to the main grid during peak daylight hours.

"This contribution is expected to steadily increase as we ramp up operations, and achieve 50 per cent renewable penetration," Mr Dimapilis said.

The National Sustainable Development Strategy 2005-2025 (NSDS) outlines Nauru's energy vision: 'Provide a reliable, affordable, secure and sustainable energy supply to meet the socio-economic development needs of Nauru'.

Outcomes will include the use of renewable energy within the grid to increase, and the cost of electricity generation to decrease.

The ADB-funded solar project is in addition to the one megawatt of solar already exported to the grid from the UAE and NZ MFAT sites.

In regards to generating too much solar energy, the CEO says while the system is designed to avoid excess energy, NUC is proactively addressing this through integrated battery storage solutions to ensure all the generated power can be utilised efficiently without compromising the grid's stability.

He adds that Nauru's current peak power demand is approximately 6.5 megawatts and likely to increase by two per cent each year.

"Our strategic goal is to have the solar component meet a significant portion of this demand, which will substantially reduce the required diesel volume, especially during the day."

Integrating solar into the energy sector is not expected to have a negative impact on NUC staff jobs.

"Instead, it will necessitate upskilling and the creation of new roles focused on renewable energy operation and maintenance, ensuring our staff are ready for the future of power generation. We do encourage young talents to join in the journey."

Mr Dimapilis said while completely stopping the use of diesel is a very long-term aspiration for full energy independence, NUC's immediate target is a massive reduction.

"The solar project and future phases are designed to significantly reduce our diesel consumption to a minimal operational and back reserve, maximising the use of 100 per cent clean energy by 2050, aligned with (the revised draft) Nauru's Energy Roadmap."

Any reduction in tariffs will be gradual and will occur after further analysis, CEO Dimapilis said. //

Japan Amb Michii pays final courtesy call, hands over waste and soil processing equipment

Ambassador Rokuichiro Michii concluded official engagements as the representative of Japan to Nauru with a courtesy call on His Excellency President David Adeang, 21 November.

President Adeang expressed appreciation and gratitude for the ambassador's commitment and dedication during his tenure, and for the enduring support of the Government and people of Japan toward Nauru's development aspirations.

Mr Michii presented his credentials to President Adeang on 29 January 2024. He joined Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1986 and served in multiple roles in Japan and its overseas missions.

Japan is committed to a number of development projects in Nauru including construction of the main ring road, the East Micronesia undersea cable project, waste

management, contributions to the Nauru Trust Fund, economic support, digital and cyber security, Expos, PALM summits, and annual scholarships.



**Ambassador Michii calls on President Adeang
on his final visit to Nauru**

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Nauru and Japan share a rich history of mutual respect, collaboration and understanding since establishing diplomatic relations in 1968.

Later the same day, Ambassador Michii handed over the last batch of machinery for the Sustainable Waste Management and Soil Production project to the Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation.

The project is funded under Japan's Economic Social Development Programme, and valued at approximately AU\$2.5m (¥200m).

NRC CEO Dexter Brechtefeld received the equipment and expressed appreciation for Japan's continued support for Nauru's development projects.

The Government of Nauru received the funds to procure the items which will be used by the NRC's Department of Waste Management to collect, sort, and separate waste at the rubbish tip.

An estimated 9,000 tonnes of waste is dumped at the tip, 53 per cent (4,770 metric tonnes) of which is green, cardboard and wood waste which can be processed and composted to produce organic soil for agriculture purposes.

The equipment handover on Friday, included two garbage trucks and two waste can/plastic compressors. The full set of machinery provided under this grant includes: Hydraulic excavator (x1), wheel loader (x1), woodchipper (larger x1), woodchipper (middle x1), chainsaws (x3), garbage truck with detachable container system, two arm type (x1), garbage truck with detachable container system, roll type (x1), and waste can/plastic compressor (x2).

Given the lack of recycling capabilities on island, the equipment provides a solution in repurposing some of the waste. //

Ecological threat report speaks to core of mandate: Amb Daniel

The Permanent Missions of Australia and Nauru, together with the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), hosted a closed-door roundtable discussion to mark the launch of the 2025 Ecological Threat Report (ETR) – a comprehensive, data-driven global assessment of ecological risks produced by the IEP, 24 November.



(3rd right) Ambassador Daniel says ecological pressures differ but security outcomes are equally profound

Ambassador Lara Daniel delivered closing remarks thanking Australia and the IEP for the timely report and contributions which “have grounded us in evidence, urgency, and shared purpose”.

“The Ecological Threat Report speaks directly to the core of our mandate: understanding how environmental and ecological pressures multiply risks to peace, stability, and human security.”

The ambassador said the findings paint a clear picture, highlighting that between 2019 and 2024 ecological

threats intensified globally, notably in Sub-Saharan Africa, where she says water scarcity, food insecurity, and demographic pressures deepen fragility.

“Yet the pattern resonates far beyond one region. In the Pacific, our ecological pressures may differ in form, but the security outcomes are equally profound.

“Our leaders have already declared climate change to be ‘the single greatest threat to the livelihoods, security and well-being of the peoples of the Pacific’. That was not just a political statement; it was a security assessment.”

The discussion reaffirms that the Pacific's lived realities mirror what the global data continues to show – rising ocean temperatures, marine heatwaves, impacts on water, food systems, and the blue economy all reinforce that ecological stress is not theoretical.

“It is already reshaping our governance, our resilience, and our cohesion,” Ambassador Daniel said reflecting on the discussions that resilience is peacebuilding; that finance must follow vulnerability; and cooperation is prevention.

As Co-Chair of the Group of Friends on Climate and Security, Ambassador Daniel said Nauru will continue to ensure that these Pacific realities inform global decision-making by continuing to advocate for climate-security integration, support ongoing discussions on strengthening the UN's approach, including the call for the appointment of a special representative of the secretary-general on climate security, to ensure coherence and sustained focus. //

Nauru attends emerging leaders' summit

Nauru's High Commissioner to Australia, Camilla Solomon was invited by the Governor-General of Australia, the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, to attend the Pacific Australian Emerging Leaders' summit (PAELS), at Government House, Canberra, 24 November.



(From 2nd left) Melba Menke, with High Commissioner Camilla Solomon, and Governor-General of Australia, the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC.

Attending from Nauru as a youth member of the Nauru Congregational Church (NCC), Melba Menke was selected through the Regional Ecumenical Youth Council (REYC), under the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC).

Melba is the assistant treasurer of NCC and secretary for REYC.

The summit's framework for a share future identify three key issues that stand in the way of flourishing Pacific: rising social harm; ecological destruction; and challenges to sovereignty.

The summits' five calls to action include strengthening regional cooperation; centring Indigenous and First Nations knowledge; elevating youth leadership; partnering with churches and faith-based organisations as essential actors; and securing long-term investment.

Guests also heard reflections from the Governor-General on the importance of Australia's relationship with the Pacific, as well as remarks from representatives of the Australian Government, the Ambassador for First Nations People, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Micah Australia and PCC are joint organisations that formed PAELS. //

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A strong Pacific voice at COP31

The Government of Nauru recognises that climate change remains an existential threat to the livelihoods, security and wellbeing of the people of Nauru and the wider Pacific. For this reason, Nauru gave its full support for Australia's bid for a Pacific-driven COP.



Nauru appreciates Australia's efforts in reaching a compromise on hosting arrangements with Türkiye, thereby ensuring that a strong Pacific voice is present at COP31.

The Government of Nauru endorses Australia's proposal to convene a Leaders' pre-meeting in the Pacific, as well as a pledging event for the Pacific Resilience Facility (PRF) ahead of COP31. Importantly, Australia's presidency in the lead-up to COP31 will strengthen the Pacific family's collective message to our global partners on the urgent need for concrete climate action.

The Government of Nauru thanks the Government of Australia for its tireless efforts to bring the climate change challenges confronting our region to the world stage. //



China embassy opens new chancery



President Adeang and Ambassador Lyu unveil the plaque at the opening of the new Chinese chancery in Meneñ District

His Excellency President David Adeang joined Ambassador Lyu Jin in unveiling the plaque officially opening the Embassy of China chancery in Meneñ District, 21 November.

Minister for Foreign Affairs Lionel Aingimea congratulated China and notably Ambassador Lyu for the remarkable change from a containerised office space to the two-storey chancery offering spacious offices, meeting rooms, and a kitchen.

"I'm confident that this chancery with its open-door policy that you (Amb Lyu) have said, will do more to enhance our relationship which will push this relationship to be the beacon of what can be accomplished between China and Nauru."

The minister highlighted building the relationship of the two sovereign states to come together to ensure transformational change for a better future.

Ambassador Lyu reiterated that since the resumption of diplomatic relations last year the Nauru-China relations entered into a 'fast-lane' of development, advancing major cooperative projects, accomplishing many meaningful, practical, and beneficial missions together.

"I hope this place will not only serve as a venue for official functions, but also as a space for cultural exchange, a harbour for people-to-people interaction, and a platform for deepening the friendship between our two nations," Ambassador Lyu said. //

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