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CIE takes out department of the year award

Infant school teacher Migail Dageago and the department of Commerce, Industry and Environment (CIE) were named the best employee and department of the year for 2012 at the Public Service day awards last week (30 Aug).

His Excellency President Baron Waqa conferred the awards at the conclusion of the two-day event (29-30 Aug) in front of the government office complex.

The Nauru public service celebrated Public Service day last week (29-30 Aug) recognising members of the public service and rewarding the best department and employee of the year for 2012.

The two-day event began on Thursday 29 August with department display stalls, barbeque, quiz competition and novelty sports activities.

The formal part of the program on Friday began with a walk around the airstrip which welcomed public participation. Donations were welcome, proceeds of which went to the Rotary

Club of Nauru and the Nauru Disabled Peoples' Association (NDPA). The total collection of \$718.90 was divided between the two organisations.

Terence Debao received the donation on behalf of the NDPA and Secretary for the Rotary Club of Nauru Rhoda Lee collected on behalf of Rotary Nauru.



Calistus Cain (L) receives the department of the year award for CIE from President Baron Waqa

History

On 20 December, 2002, the United Nations General Assembly designated 23rd June as the United Nations Public Service Day.

This day was created to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community, highlight the contribution of public service in the development process, recognise the work of public servants and encourage young people to pursue careers in the public sector.

It encourages states to organise special events on that day to highlight the contribution of the public service in the development process.

The Nauru Public Service has taken part in this celebration to make it a memorable occasion for all. Therefore, public servants from all levels and disciplines are invited to treat this day as a day for thanks giving and acknowledgement to their colleagues, subordinates and employers for achievements and accomplishments made throughout the year with award, gifts or just acts of appreciation•

More families arrive at Nauru processing centre

Another two asylum seeker groups have arrived in Nauru over the past few days (31 August and 2 September) on board a chartered flight of Nauru's national carrier Our Airline, from Christmas Island.

The fourth family group that arrived on Saturday 31 August, primarily of Iranian and Lebanese nationality consisted of seven adult females, five adult males, and 17 children.

A group of 12 single adult males departed on the outbound flight the same day to the Curtin Detention Centre in Australia.

The group that arrived on 2 September consisted of 43 single adult males of mixed nationalities and were taken to the second site of the Regional Processing Centre (RPC 2).

Like previous arrivals both groups completed brief immigration formalities before boarding mini-buses to take them to the Topside centre.

The transfers from aircraft to Topside were without incident.

The transfers bring the total number of asylum seekers on island to 544•

Israeli regional counsellor calls on President Waqa

His Excellency President Baron Waqa received the Israeli Regional Counsellor to the Pacific Islands Mr Jonathan Zadka last week (19 Aug) at the Presidential Office for mutual talks on cooperation and assistance.



President Baron Waqa (centre) with the Israeli regional counsellor Jonathan Zadka (L) and Nauru-based honorary consul to Israel Sean Oppenheimer at the Presidential Office

Mr Zadka was accompanied by Honorary Consul to Israel Sean Oppenheimer.

During the three day visit, President Waqa and Mr Zadka had discussions about the Pacific islands receiving greater attention in Israel which is demonstrated by the establishment of a new division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Israel.

The new division is dedicated to the Pacific region and Mr Zadka said that Israel considers the Pacific island countries as friends and important partners in development.

During the discussions, Mr Zadka also mentioned that Israel would be providing assistance to Nauru with medical supplies to alleviate the shortage of medicines as a result of the devastating hospital fire two weeks ago (15 Aug).

Over the longer term, Mr Zadka said that Israel would also provide assistance in projects on water and youth affairs development.

Mr Jonathan Zadka is based at the Embassy of Israel in Canberra.

Taiwan sends first medical team for 2013

The first Taiwan Mobile Medical team to visit Nauru this year paid a courtesy visit to His Excellency President Baron Waqa on 26 August.

The group was accompanied by Taiwan Ambassador Timothy Hsiang and during the meeting with the president the group exchanged views on health and nutritional issues of interest to Nauru and discussed the importance of a healthy diet as one of several ways to reduce the impact of diabetes.



Taiwan Ambassador Timothy Hsiang (second from right) introduces first Taiwan medical team visit for 2013 to President Waqa

President Waqa expressed his appreciation to the Taiwan Embassy for the consistent support the Taiwan government has afforded to the Government and people of Nauru in relation to health.

Neurosurgeon Mr Chiang Min Che and Section Chief of Information Mr Huang Chien Chung are both from Taichung Veterans General Hospital (TVGH).

The main purpose of Mr Che's visit is to conduct a medical check-up for baby Schorfield Aremwa who had undergone an operation in Taiwan earlier this year.

Mr Chung looked into the infrastructure of telecommunication and internet capacity for setting up a Health Information system for the Hospital which will be provided by Taiwan.

Diabetes doctor Dr Chang Li Hsin and two members of the International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) were also part of the group.

The group was on island from 26 to 30 August.

44th Pacific Islands Forum leaders meeting, RMI

His Excellency President Baron Waqa is attending the Pacific Islands forum meeting for the first time as Head of State.

He is accompanied by Madam Louisa Waqa, Justice and Finance Minister David Adeang, Nauru's Ambassador to the United Nations Marlene Moses, advisers from the Alliance of Small Island States which Nauru is chair, Presidential Counsel Peter Jacob, Secretary to Foreign Affairs & Trade Michael Aroi, Member of Parliament Russ Kun, Fisheries CEO Charleston Deiye, Nauru Utilities staff Wawani Dowiyogo and Minister Adeang's personal secretary Gronicia Harris.

44th Pacific Islands Forum meeting schedule

Tuesday 3 September

Small Island States leaders meeting

Wednesday 4 September

Pacific Island Forum formal session

Thursday 5 September

Forum Leaders' Retreat

Friday 6 September

25th Post-Forum Dialogue Partners Plenary session

President Baron Waqa hosts thank you reception post-July riot

His Excellency President Baron Waqa and Madam Louisa Waqa hosted a barbeque dinner on Friday 23 August to thank the Nauru Police, Correctional Centre staff and volunteers who took part and assisted the government in containing the July 19 riot at the Regional Processing Centre (RPC).

The barbeque buffet was held at the Meneñ hotel pool side. Guests received a raffle ticket upon arrival for entry into the draw for three prizes of eight dinner buffets and a tablet, sponsored by President Waqa; while entertainment was provided by dancers and a singing group from Boe.

His Excellency made a speech thanking everyone that participated in assisting with police, protection and back up services during the riot that broke out at the RPC by asylum seekers.

The cost of the damage at the time was estimated to be \$60-million. All accommodation blocks, office buildings, medical centre and the camps' kitchen were all destroyed.

Plans to rebuild the centre are now underway, simultaneously with a second and third camp.

The new arrivals of family groups over the past few weeks are residing at RPC 3, bringing the total number of asylum seekers on island to 544•



President Waqa hands over an iPad to first raffle prize winners Sekove Bari and daughter Clarice

Multiple barbeques cook up the buffet dinner for invited guests at the thank you reception hosted by President Waqa and Madam Waqa



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