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## H.E President Waqa attends official meetings, next meet scheduled for COP-20

His Excellency President Baron Waqa has been on official travel to several countries last month and this month (December) will attend the annual climate meeting – COP20 in Peru, then will travel on to Taiwan for the President's annual trip to the capital Taipei.

His Excellency's meetings in November to Fiji, Korea and Singapore largely centred on climate change, ocean management and partnerships for sustainable development.

President Waqa met with the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 19 November in Fiji where His Excellency had the opportunity to have dialogue and share experiences and issues of common interest such as improving the livelihood of their people.

President Waqa used the opportunity to highlight the effects of climate change especially on pacific island countries and the need for the world to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The president also underscored Nauru's challenges of sustainable development in matters such as food security, health, education and infrastructure and said to the prime minister that these are areas that India could assist in terms of resources and expertise that could benefit Nauru as well as pacific peoples.



*H.E President Baron Waqa in Fiji for the India-Pacific Leaders meeting*

The following week, in his capacity as Nauru's minister for foreign affairs President Waqa attended the second Korea-Pacific Islands foreign minister's

meeting in Korea's capital, Seoul from 23 to 26 November.

In his opening remarks the president reminded his counterparts of the cooperative approaches of the pacific countries to achieve shared regional priorities as set out and endorsed by leaders in the Framework for Pacific Regionalism in Palau, and touched on the outcomes of similar documents such as the Samoa Pathway, the work of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement or PNA, and the Palau declaration to address sustainable fisheries.

Using that as the stepping stone, the president called on Korea to support deepening regionalism as a means to enhancing sustainable and inclusive development in the pacific.

On 25th November, President Waqa delivered remarks on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States - at the meeting with the Madam President of Korea Park Geun-hye.

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## Police rates alcohol free day a success

The Nauru Police Force and the Naeoro Public Health Centre jointly hosted the successful Alcohol Free day last week (29 Nov) to address the use and abuse of alcohol consumption.

The NPF considered it a successful alcohol free day considering it was also football grand final day.

There were no reported cases of drunk driving and only one reported case of public nuisance that was alcohol related on the day.

Director of Police Corey Caleb said "building and maintaining community trust is the cornerstone of successful policing and law enforcement" and that "trust takes a great deal of continuous effort."

"We still spend far too much time, money and resources responding to emergencies and not enough time preventing problems from reaching the boiling point," Mr Caleb said.

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This meeting addressed the need to balance the needs of the two countries as well as the needs of the world, highlighting the power with high level bodies such as the UN, bigger countries, the G20 and G8, the Security Council and powerful groups no longer represent a balance of interest around the world.

President Waqa called on Korea to help bring balance back to international governance, address issues of climate change and security.

The president's last meeting in November was with Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

During their meeting, the two leaders discussed developments in Nauru especially in the banking sector as well as the Nauru port.

Prime Minister Lee also encouraged increased participation by Nauru in the Singapore Cooperation Programme.

After the meeting President Waqa visited the Singapore Aviation Academy and experienced the Simulator of Flight control and witnessed the advanced technologies used by the Singapore Civil Aviation to manage the 1000 commercial flights arriving and departing Singapore every day.

The president and his delegation will travel to Peru this weekend ahead of the COP20 climate conference before His Excellency's annual trip to Taiwan•

## Police director says cooperation is key to community safety

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The initiative by the two departments was implemented as a preventative measure to reduce alcohol related offences.

The NPF aims to increase emphasis and community awareness on alcohol abuse and consumption in its public campaigns as well as in schools and community educational programs.

“Our efforts to counter this issue can only be successful when the police are working hand in hand with the government instrumentalities, private sectors and community groups and also working to build up community resilience.

“Once this is accomplished, the potential for community trust-building increases exponentially,” Director of Police Corey Caleb said.

The event is held close to the festive period to serve as a reminder to the community of the success of the day and the importance of working together as a community for a safer Christmas.

The NPF and Health Centre organised a fun walk, aerobics competition, novelty events and tug-o-war competition.

The police chief extends his thanks to the departments and entities that offered support for the initiative: Protective Security Service, Capelle and Partner, Jules, Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation, Nauru Fisheries, Eigigu Supermarket, the Australian High Commission, Taiwan Embassy, Education department, 8 Star Laundromat, Transfield Services, Wilson Security, Sports department, Digicel, RONphos, Quix Mini Mart, Central Meridian and Nauru Utilities Corporation.

This is the first year this initiative has been tried and the NPF is considering making it an annual event•



*NRC winners of the men's tug-o-war competition on alcohol free day*

Photo: NPF

## Correctional service officers return from NZ short term training

The Nauru Correctional Services has welcomed the return of five of its officers who were in an 11 week capacity building training in New Zealand.

Last week (24 November) Mr Mutima Dake, Delton Aboubo, Max Kamtaura, Dona Quadina, and Miss Jerusha Mau returned from the first ongoing New Zealand funded Short Term Training Awards (STTA).

Their training began in September where they gained valuable knowledge and skills relating to inmate assessment and management, security classification, and record keeping.

They were also given the opportunity to observe the functions at the Mount Eden Corrections Facility located in Auckland and learnt of a system called Integrated Offender Management (IOM).

IOM is a system that allows local and partner agencies to come together to ensure that the offenders whose crimes cause most damage and harm locally are managed in a coordinated way.

They are hoping for the IOM system to be implemented within the Justice Department as it would greatly assist them in their daily handling of criminal cases which at present are being handled manually.

STTA assists people in the work force to gain knowledge and skills that will help the development of their home country. They play an important and growing role in addressing the human resource and development needs of developing countries•

## Family of late Dr Quin visit Nauru

Family members of the late Dr Bernard Quin who was one of five Australians executed during the Japanese occupation of Nauru have returned to pay their respects at the resting place of their father and grandfather.

The Australian High Commission hosted the delegation consisting of Father Peter Quin, Patty, David Quin, Cathy Dunn and Mardi, Michael and Patrick Doyle.

The family arrived on Wednesday 26 November at the Nauru airport where they were greeted with garlands and welcomed by school children and members of the community.

The following morning was the official program beginning with the wreath laying ceremony at the Truk Memorial in Aiwo, followed by tours of war sites.

A second ceremony was held that evening at the cenotaph in front of the government office in honour of the five Australians that were executed with Dr Bernard Quin. A four-police honour guard stood to guard around the cenotaph and one minute silence observed.



*The Quin children - Father Peter holding the wreath walking alongside eldest of the siblings Patty Quin followed by David and Mardi*

Both events were attended by Acting President Aaron Cook, cabinet ministers and government officials.

Members of the public were invited to take part in the program and a group of senior Nauruans that might have known Dr Quin and some of the Quin children who also lived on Nauru during that time were invited to a luncheon to share stories•

## World disability day celebrated

This week the Government of Nauru acknowledged International Day of Persons with Disability by declaring it a public holiday to be observed by officers and employees of the public service on Tuesday 3rd December.

An interdenominational church service was conducted at the Catholic Arubo Church in Ewa followed by a brief program at the Kayser College hall organised by the Nauru Disabled Peoples' Association (NDPA).

Students of the Able/Disable Centre provided entertainment while Secretary for Education Dr Maria Gaiyabu presented several student awards.

The international observance promoted by the United Nations (UN) since 1992 is to encourage the understanding of disability issues and mobilise support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

This year's theme was Sustainable development: The promise of technology•

## Government hands over 17th house

Acting President and Justice Minister David Adeang officially handed over the keys to the 17th house completed under the Government's New Housing Scheme this week (5 December).

Minister Adeang handed over the keys to Douglas Apadinuwe and partner Charlene of Anetan district.

The scheme offers an interest-free housing loan provided by the Nauru Government to Nauruan families which is repayable over 15 years. Each house is valued at \$44,000.

The house was constructed by Our Construction and there are currently nine houses left under the housing scheme•



*Acting President David Adeang hands over the house keys to new home owners Charelene and Douglas*

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