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Nauru public service day celebrated for the seventh year

This week (2-3 July) the Nauru Public Service celebrated Public Service Day for the seventh year.

Acting President Hon David Adeang delivered remarks on day two of the celebrations highlighting the importance of the public service and the date 23 June that is set aside to commemorate public service day.

"It encourages civil servants to organise special events on that day to highlight the contribution of public service in the development process. This day was created to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community.

"It recognises the work of public servants and encourages young people to pursue careers in the public sector.

"Nauru is a small nation with a small public civil service, the decisions that the civil servants take must be fair and objective in nature, based on sound advice, evidence and best interests of our country," the Acting President said.

In announcing the winners of the various events and competitions, the Acting President also announced that the 2015 employee of the year will be awarded a scholarship to study at the University of

the South Pacific.

The employee of the year 2015 was awarded to Aqua Harris from the Education Department and the department of the year went to the Department of Justice and Border Control.



Home Affairs display stall takes the department of the year award

Additionally, Mr Adeang said the "government has allocated \$2-million for staff salary increases as a commitment to recognising and valuing our employees whom we have invested in hence retain in the public service."

The two day program to celebrate Public Service Day began on Thursday 2nd July.

The various departments displayed their work and information at the front of the government office court yard.

A barbeque was provided by Transfield Services while a quiz competition and novelty events took place on day one.

Day two (Fri 3 July) began with an early morning Walk for Pride around the airstrip before the official part of the event that was the speech by Acting President Adeang and the awarding of prizes.

The winners are as follows:

Best department display - Home affairs

Synchronized Event – Education
Walk for Pride (female) – Tirisa Nade Senilagakali

Walk for Pride (male) Gariel Kautoga

Quiz – Parliament

On 20th December 2002, the United Nations General Assembly designated June 23 of each year as the United Nations public service day. This is the seventh year that it is celebrated in Nauru•

CORRECTION

The government's support of funeral allowance or death claims has not ceased as previously reported in the Nauru Bulletin Issue 7-2015.

The Nauru Government continues to support families to provide for funeral arrangements.

Nauru government undertakes second round of UPR reporting

The second Universal Periodic Review (UPR) for the national report got underway at the Menen hotel this week (29 June).

The various heads of departments attended the three-day consultation which aims to facilitate the process of completing the Nauru Government's UPR country report. The completed report is a response to the first recommendations made by the Human Rights Council (HRC) in 2011.

Nauru's Senior Government Lawyer for human rights and gender, Mr Filipino Masaurua was the chief facilitator of the second round of reporting.



Nauru senior lawyer for human rights and gender Mr Filipino Masaurua facilitated the government's second round of consultations for the Universal Periodic Review

According to Mr Masaurua, the report is nearing completion and that it has "reached the last stage."

Mr Masaurua also said that the Nauru government has made significant progress in fulfilling some of its obligations in regards to the recommendations by the HRC in 2011.

The obligations include the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the establishment of a Human Rights institute which the Justice department is set to begin discussions on.

Additionally, Mr Masaurua also stated that some challenges needed to be overcome by government stakeholders. This included matters on capacity and climate change policy, Mr. Masaurua explained that departments needed to become more analytical with their data.

Department report writing was expected on the final day of consultations – Wednesday 1 July.

The national report will be submitted to the UPR Secretariat in Geneva by 3 August 2015•

President Waqa receives Cuban ambassador

His Excellency President Baron Waqa received the Ambassador of Cuba to Nauru this week (Monday 29 June) for the presentation of credentials.

Upon arriving at the government office Mr Jose Montano presented copies of his letter of Credence to Secretary for Foreign Affairs & Trade Mr Michael Aroi before being received by the Director of Police Corey Caleb for the playing of the national anthems and inspection of the police Guard of Honour.

Mr Montano was later escorted to the President's Office for the presentation of credentials.

In his introductory message Ambassador Montano said Nauru and Cuba have many things in common including their great cultures and strong morals and looks forward to a fruitful and cooperative partnership.

President Waqa accepted the letter of Credence and congratulated Ambassador Montano on his appointment.

His Excellency highlighted in his response statement that Nauru and Cuba have continued to strengthen their association through positive and meaningful cooperation since establishing diplomatic ties.

"The deployment of Cuban doctors to Nauru is one example of this concrete bond of friendship."

Nauru currently has students enrolled in the medical training institutions in Cuba.

"My Government is equally hopeful of broadening our cooperation that will enable our Nauruan students to undertake studies in the field of education, health, medicine, technology, sports, prevention of disasters, trade and others as mentioned.

"I can assure you that my Government attaches great importance to Cuba and would like to see this friendship continue to strengthen and flourish in years to come," President Waqa said.

Mr Montano will continue courtesy calls on government ministers, the speaker of parliament and senior government officials over the next two days as well as site visits around the island.

Mr Montano departed Nauru on Wednesday 1 July•



President Baron Waqa receives the Letter of Credence from Ambassador of Cuba to Nauru Mr Jose Montano

Education minister congratulates APTC graduates

The sixth graduation and awards ceremony for the Australian Pacific Technical College (APTC) was hosted this week (Tue 30 June) to recognise and award the eight graduating students of the program.

In attendance were Minister for Education Hon Charmaine Scotty, Acting Australian High Commissioner Helena Studdert, Deputy Head of Mission Australia High Commission Dan Heldon.

The graduates are Doming Mason Mwareow who attained a Certificate 3 in Carpentry, Calvert Ephraim and John Demaunga received Certificate 3 in Engineering-Mechanical Trade, Brent Buraman - Certificate 3 in Engineering-Fabrication Trade, Missy Irona Bam received a Certificate 3 in Painting and Decorating, and Loni Dongobir, Milda Menke and Phyneia Olsson all received a Diploma of Children's Services (Early Childhood Education & Care).

Minister for Education Hon Charmaine Scotty delivered her speech and spoke about the APTC Team in Nauru as well as congratulated the eight graduates and their families for their support.

"APTC has been instrumental in improving the lives of our people," Minister Scotty said.

The minister awarded the certificates at the end of her speech.

Two of the graduates also gave a brief speech about their experience in taking up their courses and expressed the sacrifice and stress of achieving their educational goal•



Education Minister Hon Charmaine Scotty (3rd sitting) with senior officials of the Australian high commission and APTC graduates

World refugee day celebrated

World Refugee day (20 June) was celebrated this year on Nauru with various activities and stalls put up by resettled refugees on Nauru as well as a public holiday declared the following week.

World Refugee day fell on a Saturday this year hence transferring the public holiday to the following Monday (22 June).

On Saturday 20 June the various nationalities of the refugee community on the island set up stalls at the local market displaying items of their countries crafts and culture including art works, clothing, henna hand painting, and food.

This is the second year World Refugee Day is celebrated on Nauru•

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