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Nauru's 84th anniversary of Angam

Nauru celebrated the 84th anniversary of Angam at the Chuuk Memorial in Aiwo on the morning of 26 October.

The dawn service commemorating Angam commenced with an opening prayer by Reverend Roger Mwareow and speeches by President Baron Waqa and young at heart representative Abawo Diringa.

Survivors of the Second World War are affectionately known as young at hearts. They received gifts on the morning of the service on behalf of President Waqa.

President Waqa acknowledged the elders present and those that have passed on.

His Excellency cited bible scriptures as a reminder of God's grace for the Nauruan people.



Young at heart Gaeouwa Daaoe receives gift from President Waqa

Angam holds a very significant meaning in the lives of the Nauruan people. It marks the hardship and struggle of the Nauruan people following the First World War and an outbreak of influenza in the 1920s that nearly wiped out the Nauruan population.

Angam means jubilation, celebration, triumph and home coming.

Administrators and Nauruan leaders at the time declared that the population reaches 1500 in order to sustain the race and save it from extinction.

On 26 October 1932 Eidagaruwo was born completing the count. The island was jubilant for Angam was reached.

The population dropped once again following World War II and the target of 1500 was again set. Another baby girl Bethel Enproe was born on 31 March 1949.

While the significance of the second angam birth is not diminished in meaning, the birthdate of the first Angam baby – 26 October, is celebrated to this day. A national holiday is observed each year to commemorate Angam•

Nauru's port in Aiwo under new development

Preliminary fieldwork is well underway to determine the feasibility of the concept design for the Nauru port development project, with a number of consultancy phases reaching completion.

Following the signing of the work commencement document and contract in June of this year, the final interim report on unexploded ordnances (UXOs) assessment was completed and submitted last month (21 September).

Work is progressing for the final interim report on geotechnical investigations, topography and bathymetric survey will be submitted by the end of October.

It is expected that the decision to proceed with the port project will be jointly given by the Nauru government and Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 31 October. The decision will be based on the overall cost of the project and feasibility of the project.

In the concept design, an 80 metre long wharf is to be constructed along the reef edge adjacent to the boat harbour as well as a rock filled causeway that will connect the wharf to the shore wharf.

Also included in the design is the planned construction of new office buildings, a workshop and a paved container storage yard.

Moreover, the project also plans to provide consultancy work towards capacity building and institutional strengthening to improve the efficiency of port operations, security, asset management, occupational health and safety, and tariff structure. The final report on consultancy work is expected to be submitted in September 2017.

To ensure smooth progress of the port project a Steering Committee and the Project Management Unit (PMU) was established by cabinet on 19 August, comprising of the various heads of departments from finance, transport, the Australian High commission, Ronphos, Nauru Port Authority, Eigigu Holdings Corporation, justice and the team leader of the Mooring Task Force.

The committee's main duties are to oversee and monitor the implementation and progress of the port development project.

The PMU's main duties include reviewing reports and coordinating project implementation schedule as well as payment applications for contractors and suppliers•

A new British diplomat present his credentials

The new British High Commissioner-designate, presented his credentials to His Excellency President Baron Waqa at the Office of the President this week (24 October).

British High Commissioner-designate David Ward was received by Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs & Trade Sasi Kumar at the Government Office before the inspection of the Police Force Guard of Honour.

The High Commissioner was later escorted to the Office of the President to present his credentials.

President Waqa offered a few words of welcome and congratulated Mr Ward on his appointment as the new High Commissioner designate for Britain to Nauru.



British High Commissioner-designate David Ward with President Baron Waqa after the presentation of his diplomatic credentials

In the evening a dinner reception was hosted by President Waqa and cabinet ministers at the Bagobagan Lounge in honour of Mr Ward.

During his three day visit High Commissioner Ward made courtesy calls on all cabinet ministers and the Speaker of Parliament Honourable Cyril Buraman.

Commissioner Ward rounded off his visit with a courtesy call on the Australian High Commissioner to Nauru John Donnelly, as well as a tour of three Regional Processing Centres.

Mr Ward succeeds his predecessor John Meiklejohn, who completed his term as high commissioner in December 2015.

UN Chief Ban Ki-moon's message is shared on UN Day

United Nations Day celebrated in Nauru this week (24 Oct) with a message from UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon emphasizing that, "humanity has entered the era of sustainability."

In her opening speech, the United Nations Joint Presence (UNJP), Country Development Manager Erana Aliklik conveyed the message from the Secretary General to those in attendance, of the UN Day celebrations in Nauru.

Ms Aliklik also highlighted the UN chief message of the, "global commitment to fulfil the great promise of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development".

The 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) officially known as "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", follows after the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of 2000-2015.

The 2030 SDGs has 17 goals, which the United Nations member states have to address before the year 2030.

Nauru being a member state has already put in practice the actions needed to meet those SDGs.

The Nauru government with the assistance of interested stakeholders like the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Taiwan Embassy, the Australian High Commission and many more has



A banner to commemorate United Nations day in Nauru

launched community awareness programs like the Nauru Ridge to Reef (R2R) community awareness initiative to assist in understanding those issues.

Ban Ki-moon also conveyed in his message how, "member states have embraced the Paris agreement on climate change...a landmark measure...across the historic threshold lies our best chance for greener, cleaner and low carbon growth."

This addresses the

13 of the 17 SDGs, which is "climate action," and the Paris agreement is in place to address the issues of climate change.

The other UN SDGs can be viewed on their website <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>.

Ban Ki-moon also expressed the need to, "empower women, engage youth and uphold human rights for all."

Ban Ki-moon also spoke of how "unresolved conflict caused immense suffering" and encouraged, "all UN around the world and member states to rise to the occasion and respond to the plight of the vulnerable."

Nauru celebrated the event at the Centennial hall with stalls promoting education, food sustainability, the R2R project, gender equality, and removal of hazardous waste, agriculture, child protection and many more.

Taiwan hosts media representatives

The Republic of China (Taiwan) engage with media representatives from countries it holds diplomatic relations with on a regular basis as part of its ongoing relations building, mutual cooperation and information sharing, and this year hosted seven media personnel to Taipei.

The weeklong public relations opportunity took place from 3-8 October was a new experience for some of the participants being their first visit to Taiwan.

The visits to the I-Shou University and medical school provided an opportunity for interaction with some students and an appreciation of the advanced facilities and the support provided by the Government of Taiwan towards its allies in terms of financial support, continued education, health and in-country assistance.

Nauru has 36 students studying at various Taiwan institutions fully funded by the Government of Taiwan.

Joanna Olsson from the Government Information Office was invited to the program along with two other Pacific islanders and four from the Caribbean and Africa.

The first two days of the program including meetings with government officials were interrupted by Typhoon Megi as it hit Taiwan devastating most of the agricultural land. However, the response and clean-up effort following the typhoon was remarkable. The effects of Megi were almost unnoticeable the following day.



The media group was hosted by Deputy Secretary-General of Tainan city government Mr Liu Shih-chung (centre wearing black) who spoke highly of the Taiwan government and its good relations with countries it holds diplomatic relations

The program included visits to several museums and cultural sites including the National Taiwan Museum, Songshan Cultural and Creative Park and temples that tell of the rich history, tradition and religious beliefs of Taiwan, as well as a visit to Liudui Hakka Cultural Park in the south of Taiwan.

The dining is exceptional. Shilin night market has everything the avid shopper needs. The high speed train travelling at 295 kilometres an hour is a must ride.

Taiwan's orchid plantation is the biggest flower industry in Taiwan according to Secretary General of Taiwan Orchid Growers Association Mr Ahby Tseng. The

orchid association has been around for 15 years with over 1000 members and exports to international destinations.

The group also visited Tainan, dubbed the ancient city is the oldest city in Taiwan. It has played a key role in the historical and cultural development of Taiwan.

Taiwan has 22 diplomatic allies around the world and Deputy Secretary-General of Tainan city government Mr Liu Shih-chung, says the national government led by first woman president Tsai Ing-wen, endeavours a people to people contact, and appreciates the continued support, commitment and friendship it enjoys with its family of allies.

The Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs organises many similar visits each year to promote Taiwan and foster relations•

Year 8 scholarship winners announced

The education department has released the winners of the 2016, year eight Government of Nauru scholarship.

Milani Batsiua

Violet Georgia Dowabobo

Berezina Jacob

Regit Deidenang

Chanique Deiye

Chrisma Dabuae

Bayben Harris

Shakira Dowiyogo

Mary Chris Demaunga

Enosha Bernicke

Derango Deireragea

Leilani Ratabwi

Celina Wiram

Tanne Deidenang

Rubina Kam

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