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Angam Day 2018

Celebrating the 86th Angam Day and the 73rd anniversary of the returnees from Chuuk

The 86th anniversary of Angam Day on 26 October and the 73rd anniversary of returnees from Chuuk were celebrated on Nauru over three days from 25 to 27 October.

Thursday 25 October

Celebrations began with a dinner function hosted by President Baron Waqa on the evening of Thursday 25 October at the government building forecourt in Yaren district.

Along with family members and the general public, in attendance were ministers of parliament, representatives of government departments, the diplomatic corps and state-owned enterprises, along with visiting Republic of Korea Ambassador to Nauru Ms Shinhee Cho and, honoured guests; Nauru's elder citizens, known as the 'young-at-hearts' or 'Nauru's national treasures'.

President Waqa expressed his deep sense of humility at standing before Nauru's 'young-at-hearts', including survivors of the deportees from Chuuk.



His Excellency President Baron Waqa lays a wreath at the foot of the cross at the Aiwo memorial to commemorate Angam and the return from Chuuk on the morning of 26 October

"Our parents and grandparents told us stories of extreme hardship that they had to endure.

"While many survived, most did not. Disease, famine and the brutal treatment of the Nauruan people resulted in a great loss of life.

"But we survived; not only that, we flourished and became a nation.

"Tonight, we honour the few who are still with us and we remember those who did not make it back home," the President said.

Friday 26 October Angam Day

Guests gathered on Angam Day at dawn at the Truk memorial monument in Aiwo to commemorate and reflect on the 86th anniversary of Angam and the 73rd anniversary of returnees from Truk in 1945 at the end of World War II.

President Waqa laid a wreath of honour beneath the cross at the war memorial and gave his address, recounting the survival of the Nauruan people through two catastrophic world events.

"The events during the influenza outbreak of 1918 and 1919 and during the second world war from 1939 to 1945 nearly wiped out the Nauruan population from the face of this Earth," the President said.

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Police sign MoA with Fiji

Nauru's Commissioner of Police Corey Caleb led a delegation to Fiji to renew a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Fiji police and witness the pass out training of six Nauru officers, 14-26 October.

The signing this month (18 Oct) by Commissioner Caleb and Fiji's Brigadier General Sitiveni Qiliho renews the original MoA signed between Mr Caleb on behalf of the Nauru Police Force (NPF) and then Fiji Commissioner Ben Groenewald on behalf of Fiji Police Force (FPF) in September 2015.

Nauru and Fiji have long enjoyed deep historical ties geographically and share common friendship and mutual cooperation established by their founding fathers.

"The renewal of the MoA signals the close working relationship between the two Forces. It is not only a reflection of the exchange

of people and ideas, but more so a strengthening of Pacific peoples by Pacific peoples, who not only understand the context, challenges and priorities, but more importantly are aware of the culture and ways of the Pacific," COP Caleb said.

The MoA will be reviewed after the three year term.

The delegation also witnessed the passing out parade and ceremony of six Nauru police recruits that graduated on 19 October after four months training with Fiji police.

The six officers are Rosalie Dediya, Francine Kepae, Artlee Denuga, Darius Caleb, Conway Detabene and Ronroy Eobob.

Commissioner Caleb said the recruits' training is beneficial on many levels and the rewards are far reaching as they take home the knowledge and discipline learned at training.

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One hundred years ago, when the influenza pandemic starting in 1918 wiped out tens of millions of people, Nauru lost 18 per cent of its population, reducing the island's inhabitants to well below the 1,500 deemed necessary for a viable and sustainable populace moving forward.

It was not until 1932 that the 1,500th child was born on Nauru, reaching the 'count'. That child was a baby girl named Eidagaruwo after whom Angam Day is commemorated each year on 26 October.

The President explained the various and nuanced meanings for the Nauruan word angam.

"Jubilation, celebration, triumph and homecoming," he said.

Later during World War II Nauru was occupied by Japan. Japanese forces deported 1,201 Nauruans (equivalent to 67 per cent of the population) to Truk (now Chuuk, in the Federated States of Micronesia).

Only 737 of the deportees returned, again plunging the population to sub-1,500.

Poignantly and ironically, Miss Eidagaruwo, the original Angam symbol of survival, perished on Chuuk from malnutrition and yaws (a bacteria-borne skin and bone disease) and never made it back home.

"The onslaught of World War II and the landing of the Japanese troops brought utter devastation to Nauru and to its people," President Waqa said.

Nauru had to wait a further four years for the second Angam. On 31 March 1949, another baby girl Bethel Enproe Adam became the 1500th child born, attaining the count once more.

"Angam brought great tears of sorrow at the great loss of life and it also brought great joy and happiness at the recovery of the Nauruan population," the President said.

Before the presentation of gifts to the 'young-at-hearts', which included a large hamper and \$50 electricity top-up card, attendees heard a recount from 86 year old Agnes Debaio of Yaren district who recalled her days growing up with her same-aged peer Miss Eidagaruwo.

The choirs of Nauru Congregational, Assemblies of God and Catholic churches each sang during the service, and religious ministers from each denomination offered prayers of remembrance and hope.

The remainder of the Angam Day holiday included displays and sales at the Aiue Boulevard cultural village at Aiwo, the traditional games competition finals and performances by the Korean performing arts group *GongMyoung* travelling with the Korean delegation on the occasion of Ambassador Cho's presentation of credentials to President Waqa on Thursday 25 October•

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As a former recruit of the same training with the Fiji Police Force in 1990, Commissioner Caleb acknowledged that the NPF really needs this type of physical training and discipline, adding that the inspiration and reinforcement of such training needs to come from the executive level and taken through to middle management and to the officers.



Fiji's Brigadier General Sitiveni Qiliho (L) with Nauru's Commissioner Corey Caleb after the signing of the MoA

Source: Fiji Broadcasting Corporation

COP Caleb reiterated the need to have a very fit and healthy police force, underscoring that the training is tough but the officers are fit afterwards, as well as gain all that discipline and training.

Nauru lacks the equipment and human resource to undertake this type of police training, while Fiji is well equipped with all the necessary training facilities needed for every aspect of the training including available trainers.

A typical training day begins at 5am and includes outdoors physical training, breakfast, room clean up and inspection, classroom training, uniform upkeep, and more training.

Part of the delegation's program included an exploration of other interest areas by the NPF that included a tour of the Fiji Police Academy (FPA), the police special response unit (PSRU) and forensics unit.

At the FPA the delegation were briefed on the operations and objectives of the FPA and the Fiji police peacekeeping operations.

The delegation were updated on the FPA's plans to pursue a regional training academy at the FPA which is seen as a way to properly reflect the regional reach that FPA currently has.

In regards to peacekeeping operations, NPF has aspirations to also become a troop contributing country to UN peacekeeping operations and Fiji Police has offered its assistance in making this possible.

Nauru's Senior Inspector Brown Capelle has had training with the PSRU, which is the elite unit of the Fiji Police Force and is deployed when the capabilities of the police stations in Fiji are inadequate and in need of additional support.

The delegation also met with Nauru's High Commissioner to Fiji Kim Aroi where discussions touched on the delegation's program and with Fiji police as well as a reflection of the rewards and challenges of the training associated with the MoA.

The NPF is also benefitting from the newly established brass band unit and the training and guidance being received by Fiji police in that regard.

Commissioner Caleb was accompanied by Superintendent Kalinda Blake, HR senior officer Kempson Detenamo, legal advisors Salote Tagivakatini and Sakiusa Tikotani•

Nauru in India for ISA assembly

The inauguration of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) assembly was attended by Nauru to discuss and agree on governance issues and senior level appointments in India, 2-5 October.

The meeting invitation was extended to Minister for Commerce, Industry and Environment but due to the Nauru parliament sitting in the same week of the meeting, the minister was represented instead by Nauru's Consul-General to Australia Rosie Harris and Secretary for CIE Berilyn Jeremiah.

Ms Jeremiah said Nauru used the opportunity during the high level segment to highlight its energy targets of achieving 50 per cent renewable energy by 2020.

"We also emphasised Nauru's challenges focusing on our geographical isolation, size, financial resources and capacity constraints highlighting the need for ISA to develop programmes that would better suit the needs of small island states but more importantly, to receive the same amount of attention as larger countries," Ms Jeremiah said.

One of the pluses for Nauru was the successful nomination of Tonga to assume one of the four seats of vice presidency of the ISA.

"This is an opportunity for the Pacific to voice our priorities to ISA which Nauru can also benefit from. The Pacific countries observed from the assembly that no Pacific country have projects under ISA and we are determined to change this through the vice president," Ms Jeremiah said.

The ISA aims to reduce costs for considerable distribution of solar energy technology and Nauru has joined other Pacific countries in taking up the offers of assistance.

"One of ISA's main goals is to undertake joint efforts to reduce the cost of finance and the cost of technology to mobilize more than US\$1000 billion of investment needed by 2030 for massive deployment of solar energy. In doing this, ISA is aggregating member countries demand for solar technology to reduce costs.

"Nauru can benefit from ISA by joining their call for expressions (of interest) where all member countries can put in their submissions and requests are aggregated in order to reduce the cost of solar technologies, for example, solar PV panels and hence making solar energy more affordable and sustainable," Ms Jeremiah said.

The Pacific jointly submitted a request to ISA to facilitate a request to the Government of India to request for support in the areas of rooftop solar for every household in the Pacific, solar water pumps, mini grids and capacity building initiatives.

"Following the ISA Assembly, the government of Nauru submitted a proposal to the ISA to join the aggregate demand for rooftop solar implementation on government buildings and commercial complexes. The proposal is to install 2.2 megawatt solar PV panels on government and commercial buildings," Ms Jeremiah said.

Ms Jeremiah and Ms Harris had a bi-lateral meeting with ISA director general Upendra Tripathy who took note of Nauru's challenges in meeting some of its requirements of ISA's programs and suggested that Nauru submit small project proposals, which Ms Jeremiah says Nauru will consider doing.



Tonga holds one of four seats as vice-president of the ISA; a plus for Nauru and other countries in the Pacific region

While Nauru's goal is to achieve 50 per cent renewable energy by 2020, it currently sits at around four per cent. Ms Jeremiah says the country is aiming to fast track its efforts to achieve the goal and is working with development partners such as the ISA, Nauru Utilities Corporation and other relevant stakeholders on proposals that would assist in reaching that target.

The Assembly was hosted by the government of India and co-chaired by India and France.

The Assembly will meet on an annual basis at the ministerial level of ISA member countries. Other ISA prospective countries, partner countries, UN dignitaries, multilateral banks, international financial institutions, private sector, energy related institutions, and the civil society attended as observers but do not have voting power.

The key focus areas the ISA undertakes to achieve its objectives are to: promote solar technologies, new business models and investment in the solar sector to enhance prosperity; formulate projects and programmes to promote solar applications; develop innovative financial mechanisms to reduce cost of capital; build a common knowledge e-Portal; and facilitate capacity building for promotion and absorption of solar technologies and R&D among member countries•

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President Waqa receives Korea ambassador-designate Cho

His Excellency President Baron Waqa received the Ambassador-designate for the Republic of Korea to Nauru at the Office of the President for the presentation of the letter of credence, on 25 October.

On arrival at the government office, Ambassador Shinhee Cho paid a courtesy call on Secretary for Foreign Affairs Michael Aroi and presented copies of her letter of credence.



Republic of Korea Ambassador Shinhee Cho presents her credentials to President Waqa in the Office of the President 25 October

Following brief discussions, Ms Cho was escorted to the front of the office complex by Police Commissioner Corey Caleb for the playing of the national anthems of Nauru and Korea and inspection of the police guard of honour mounted by the Nauru Police Force.

Ms Cho was then escorted to the Office of the President for the presentation.

President Waqa told Ambassador Cho the relations between their two countries are very strong and continue to build momentum.

“And for your coming and visiting us at this time is very humbling for us and especially this year when we’re celebrating our fiftieth anniversary of our democracy and independence and which everyone is so proud of,” President Waqa said.

Ms Cho made a courtesy call on Australian High Commissioner Angela Tierney later that day.

The Ambassador graduated with a Masters in public policy at the Korea University Graduate School and worked extensively in the oceans and fisheries ministry in Korea at the director level. In 2016 Ms Cho was awarded the presidential commendation for excellent public official.

The Republic of Korea has donated vehicles to the government of Nauru as well as assisted in a number of other areas.

The Ambassador was guest at the State banquet to celebrate Nauru’s Angam day hosted by President Waqa on 25 October.

October 26 every year is celebrated by Nauruans as Angam Day to remember and commemorate the survival of the Nauruan race from total extinction.

Angam – jubilation, celebration, triumph, and home coming are words that resonate feelings of attainment for Nauruans for reaching a population count to survive and return home from exile.

Ambassador Cho was accompanied by a Korean entertainment group that performed at the Centennial Hall on the weekend, 26-27 October, before departing on Sunday 28 October•

Nauru meteorological services weathers PICO-4

Technical training in accurate seasonal weather forecasting in the Pacific is vital to disaster preparation as well as safety, health and economic risk mitigation, as the effects of climate change continue to be experienced.

Nauru Meteorological Services’ observer and climate forecaster Sebastian Detenamo and Geofferson Tiana Waidabu, training in hydrology, attended the fourth Pacific islands climate outlook forum (PICO-4) technical training in Nadi, Fiji from 10 to 12 October. The forum was organised by SPREP to learn more about seasonal forecasting, climate modelling and meteorological information dissemination.

PICO-4 brings together Pacific regional meteorological services and technical partners from around the world to discuss, plan and prepare for the upcoming cyclone season.

Nauru Bulletin spoke to PICO-4 participant Sebastian Detenamo and Graymea Ika who together operate Nauru Meteorological Services.

Day 1 of the training program focussed on the seasonal climate outlook. Analysis of the 2017/18 forecast demonstrated 70 per cent accuracy which, according to Mr Detenamo, is a good result.

The seasonal forecast for 2018/19, therefore, can be analysed and necessary disaster preparedness strategies put in place, with climate models that provide these high levels of accuracy.

“There is approximately an 80 per cent chance of El Niño occurring in 2018. Events will peak between December and February, ending around March 2019 resulting in lack of rainfall and (an increase in) sea surface temperature,” Mr Detenamo said.

El Niño and La Niña are opposite phases of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) cycle. The ENSO cycle describes the rises and falls in ocean and atmosphere temperatures in the east-central equatorial Pacific. These phases above and below ‘normal’ impact ocean processes as well as global weather and climate.

Rainfall on Nauru is recorded using the electronic rain gauge installed at the Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation site at Topside. Meteorological team members collect the data and relay it to the Fiji Meteorological Service (FMS) on a regular basis.

The climate model into which the data is added shows trends back 30 years and the team report that rainfall on Nauru this year has been above normal.

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Tropical cyclone forecasts were also analysed during day one of the training and while uniform air pressure means Nauru and other countries along the same latitude and longitude avoid cyclones, for most countries in the region, such as recently-hit Tonga and Fiji, accurate monitoring and forecasting is essential.

Seven tropical cyclones formed in the south-west Pacific from November to April 2017/18, falling short of average trends.

“The long term average number of cyclones for the south-west is 10,” Mr Detenamo said.

Day two of the training involved sessions conducted by representative from Marshall Islands, Niue, Palau and PNG on tailored climate forecasts.

At the moment, Nauru relies on FMS for its weather predictions and information. However, monitoring equipment is on-island awaiting installation, scheduled to commence late November, which will make Nauru more independent.

Being independent will increase forecasting accuracy and also create employment opportunities on Nauru. Nauru can add more data into the FMS system, helpful for consensus forecasting particularly between countries within the same coordinates (0.5228°S 166.9315°E) such as Kiribati.

“We will have our own staff to do the monitoring,” Mr Detenamo said.

Meteorological services are a great example of collaboration – both regionally and globally. Best practice involves developing consensus forecasting, whereby a range of forecasting models are used and data and resources are shared to improve accuracy and make better predictions faster than ever before.

Nauru uses three reliable forecasting models originating out of United States, Europe and India, and with data and modelling from Fiji, can perform consensus forecasts.

While national tailored forecasts are still not available, they are not far off.

Currently Nauru Media use the FMS forecast to provide Nauruans with their weather updates. When Nauru begins its own monitoring, it will produce more accurate forecasts that will then be sent to FMS.

With instruments installed, Nauru will be able to perform a synoptic summary of Nauru’s changing pressure pattern, fronts, wind direction and speed every six hours and produce a daily 24-hour forecast, more reliable than, for example, a 3-day outlook.

“We will take the data and send it to Fiji Met. Fiji Met will also do their own forecast for our region, for Nauru. We will analyse and compare the two forecasts and make the final judgment before releasing to the media,” Mr Detenamo said.

The next step for Nauru Meteorological Services will be to begin training in the monitoring and reporting on the tides, taking over that responsibility from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BoM).

Tidal instruments are relied on to assist with disaster preparedness. For example, during the king tide season, the tide gauge is indicative for forecasting.

However, the problem is that the single tide gauge on Nauru is on the western side. At least one more is required.

“From the northern side of the island, in Ewa and Anetan, we are in the most direct (position) from the tradewind and the most affected by the king tide,” Mr Ika said.

Mr Ika suggests a second tide gauge at Anibare community boat harbour will give more information about impending tidal action.

Training on the final day of PICO-4 was games-based.

After an introductory demonstration of the Samoa-based Regional Climate Centre (RCC) website which acts as an online hub for up-to-date regional long-range climate forecasts, monitoring, data services, climate change projections and regional training activities, the games began.

Using games is a way to deepen understandings and engage stakeholders in, for example, effective communication of weather forecasting messages via both traditional and social media.

Games are also used to demonstrate relationships between seasonal forecasts and disaster preparedness and the decision-making processes, options and implications available with limited and finite resources.

At the end of the Forum, a regional outcome statement was issued to all the Pacific governments, allowing them to implement actions in preparation for the expected climate and tropical cyclone seasonal forecast.



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Yaren*

A career in the weather

At the moment, Nauru Meteorological Services has just two employees.

“Once we install our equipment then we will start employing staff. We cannot do the 24 hourly observation shifts ourselves – we need staff. They will need to go through a lot of training, like we did,” Mr Ika said.

Maths and science students, particularly those studying physics, are encouraged to consider a career in meteorology as Nauru Meteorological Services anticipates the need for up to eight staff members in the near future.

To support this, the Nauru Meteorological Services has plans going forward to involve school students in climate forecasting and communications game sessions, monitoring of instrumentation, reporting and analysis to help develop Nauru’s next generation of meteorologists•

Nauru Airlines' CEO: the first 100 days

Nauru Airlines' Peter Sheehan was appointed to the role of chief executive officer (CEO) on 25 June this year, taking up the position from 16 July.

Mid-October marked Mr Sheehan's first 100 days as CEO and *Nauru Bulletin* spoke to him on his first impressions and insights, wins and challenges so far, and the directions in which he is taking Nauru Airlines into the future.

Following the new strategic plan, Mr Sheehan has 'hit the ground running', scoring wins in strengthening both internal and external customer relationships, and also recording positive growth in three short months.



*Nauru Airlines' CEO
Peter Sheehan
began in the job
on 16 July.*

*He describes his
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"Improving the brand and sales opportunities (has resulted) in some stronger than expected growth," Mr Sheehan said.

Describing the first 100 days as "stimulating, enlightening and welcoming", Mr Sheehan spoke with eagerness and enthusiasm about the challenges of running an airline with great potential and trying to prioritise plans to harness that potential and ensure it is realised.

"The airline has incredible potential, more than I originally thought possible. Whilst the Pacific region has a complex operating environment including a dynamic competitive scene, Nauru Airlines is in great shape and we have a very professional team with promising opportunities.

"Unfortunately there are not enough hours in the day. Our team has many action items on our 'to do' list and the airline covers a vast area of the Pacific," Mr Sheehan said.

Nauru Airlines' strategic plan is accompanied by an infographic outlining the airlines' mission, vision and its seven goals.

Nauru Airlines' mission is 'connecting Nauru with the world', while its vision is 'to be the leading-edge airline of the Pacific, serving every customer with the heart and culture of Nauru'.

Its seven goals are: safety always; financial performance; customer focus; staff; product; operational excellence and supporting Nauru.

'The heart and culture of Nauru' is integral to the branding of Nauru Airlines, and traditional Nauruan culture is reflected in the corporate culture as well, which, for Mr Sheehan, was a pleasant surprise.

"The corporate culture of Nauru Airlines has developed over

many years and through some pretty tough times.

"I must say that I love going to work - you can feel the warmth and friendliness in the business, also I reckon we have one of the politest and courteous businesses I have ever been a part of," Mr Sheehan said.

While recognising the already positive corporate environment, Mr Sheehan, as CEO, is making his own contribution to it in terms of "high energy levels and increasing our levels of curiosity with the motivation of always improving."

In this, the 50th anniversary of Nauru's independence, discussions around sovereignty and traditional culture have experienced a strong upsurge across the nation and regionally.

"One hundred per cent it is important for me and all members of our team to understand Nauruan culture.

"The airline is owned by the Republic of Nauru and has as its core vision – to connect Nauru with the world.

"I am very passionate about our duty to Nauru and for the airline to reflect the beauty and uniqueness of Nauruan culture," Mr Sheehan said.

While Brisbane-based, Mr Sheehan is certainly not doing it alone. He is team-focussed, and acknowledges the support he receives from the Nauru end of the operation as well.

"We receive tremendous support from our shareholder (Nauru Government) represented by the Honourable David Adeang and our Board chaired by Mr Trevor Jensen.

"Also the representation, support and assistance from our Country Manager, Limay Uera is fantastic and an important lynchpin in our business model and connection with Nauru," Mr Sheehan said.

According to Mr Sheehan, Nauru Airlines is making concurrent improvements in three aspects of the business.

Upgrades to 'back-of-house' operations and forming alliances to build a larger, more flexible Pacific destination network are two areas of improvement.

"A large project being undertaken is the introduction and implementation of an organisation wide IT system called Zapways.

"This system will substantially enhance a substantial number of our existing processes that range from reservations and booking through to operational management and financial reporting.

"The new Zapways system will allow us to increase our product offerings, have a wider audience for sales, include a loyalty membership and many other contemporary offerings that passengers have come to expect from an airline.

"We are keen to build our relationships with other states and airlines so that we can build a bigger Pacific network with more frequency and options for our passengers and Nauru," Mr Sheehan said.

From a customer service perspective, a focus on passenger comfort and convenience includes in-flight entertainment products to be introduced to the fleet, refinements in on-board service to increase flight attendant speed and efficiency at meeting customer needs, plus offers of attractive promotional fares, particularly for early bookings.

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The recently added Tuesday Honiara flight designed to boost tourism in the region, brand awareness and thus revenue for the airline is part of the network-building strategy, as is building Nauru Airlines' cargo transport capability throughout the region.

"Honiara is an opportunity for tourists from Brisbane and its surrounds to visit somewhere different and unique to the typical run-of-the-mill weekend escapes for an affordable price," Mr Sheehan said.

A recent customer satisfaction survey conducted by Nauru Airlines during the Pacific islands forum in early September returned positive results. Ratings based on six criteria concerning check-in, cabin crew customer service, amenities, refreshments, recommendations and repeat business rated predominantly within the 'strongly agree' to 'agree' range on the Likert scale.

The third major area of improvement is being achieved by extending global reach through refreshing and strengthening Nauru Airlines' online presence and social media marketing strategy.

"Our commercial team and digital marketing specialist, Georgina Auton, has been launching new campaigns through Facebook and Instagram with innovative pricings and promotions," Mr Sheehan explained.

What about Guam?

The question on many Nauruans' lips is "what happened to the Guam route?" The first flight was scheduled back in March 2017.

It was reported in the Guam press back in January 2017 that Nauru Airlines estimated Guam-Nauru traffic at 2,500 inbound and outbound passengers with estimated total revenue of US\$3,039,041.

Peter Sheehan confirmed with *Nauru Bulletin* that Guam is still firmly on the table.

"The port of Guam is a very strategic option for Nauru Airlines and has unfortunately taken too long to start.

"Our team has developed an implementation project plan being led by our Operations personnel, including the COO Tony Middleton and the Ground Operations Manager Graham Eather.

"Commencement is targeted for March 2019 and the commercials have recently been reviewed and identified a strong financial return for this sector," Mr Sheehan reported.

Nauru's airline: What's in it for Nauru?

Goal seven in Nauru Airlines' mission and vision statement is 'supporting Nauru' and talks about value-adding to Nauru in its capacity as a corporate citizen, which includes playing a part in creating opportunities for local businesses.

"Our role as the sovereign airline to Nauru includes an obligation to support Nauru and the community.

"We will always engage with local businesses wherever possible, whether it is accommodation, hire vehicles, catering, support services in Nauru or other locations our intention is to employ and engage Nauruan business.

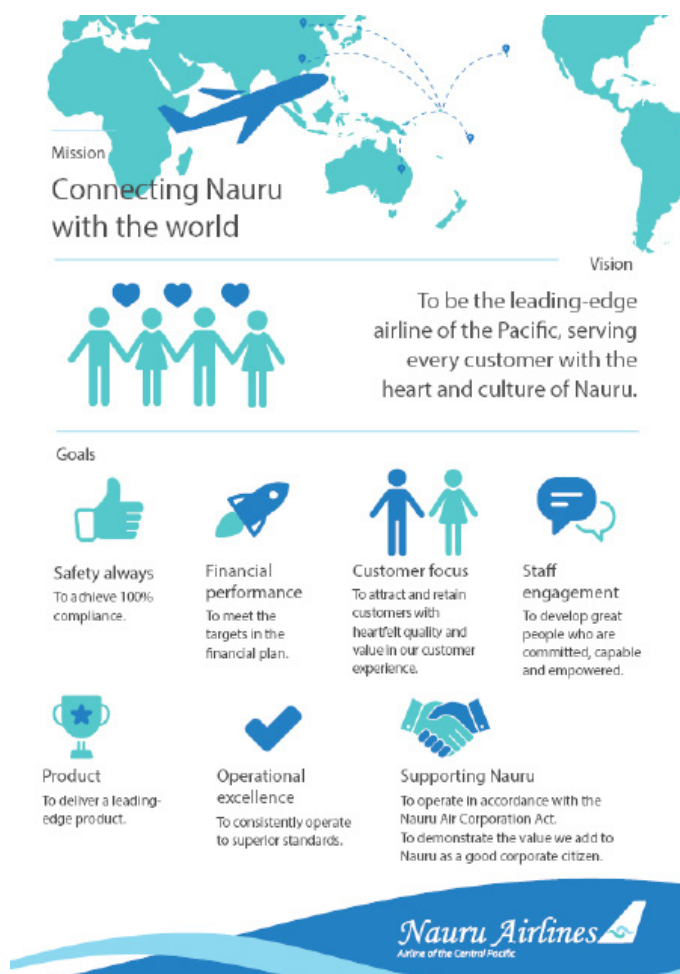
"The airline is enthusiastic to work with any service provider in Nauru that is keen to operate as a service provider, either to the airline or as a tourist attraction.

"Any interested party can contact us via the internet – we would love to discuss your plans and how we can partner," Mr Sheehan offered.

Having visited Nauru on several occasions, including during the Pacific islands forum in September, Mr Sheehan intends to continue learning more about the country and culture.

Nauru Bulletin asked Peter Sheehan for his final word on the occasion of his 100 days in the job.

"Nauru Airlines is a proud flag carrier for the Republic of Nauru and it is an honour to be the CEO of the company," Mr Sheehan said•



Nauru Airlines' mission, vision and goals statement infographic

Eben Omo enviro-watch: grow your own to live well

The Eben Omo campaign, operated under the environment-agriculture division of the department of commerce, industry and environment (CIE), promotes environmental awareness and aims to change human behaviour.

The challenge for those living on Nauru then is to not only grow and eat our own fresh produce, but to permanently reduce our current intake proportions of carbohydrate and protein.

If we can achieve this, the health and wellbeing of the Nauru population will be dramatically altered for the better.

Issue: lack of fresh locally grown fruits and vegetables

Target Audience: unemployed, families, anyone who wants to eat fresh, trade fresh, sell fresh

Problems:

- few fresh fruit and vegetables are grown locally
- imported fruit and vegetables are expensive

So what?

- obesity, diabetes and heart disease on Nauru are widespread, and diet is one major cause
- locals do not eat a healthy balanced diet that includes fresh fruit and vegetables
- the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health healthy eating plate recommends that 50 per cent of your meal plate should be fruits and vegetables

Solution:

- a kitchen gardening co-operative will be established
- drought-tolerant crops can be grown year-round
- you receive free materials (seedlings, water, tools) and training courtesy of the Department of Agriculture (CIE)

Training:

- horticulture techniques and on-going horticulture support
- marketing and financial literacy
- support working through a farming co-operative to exchange ideas and best practice

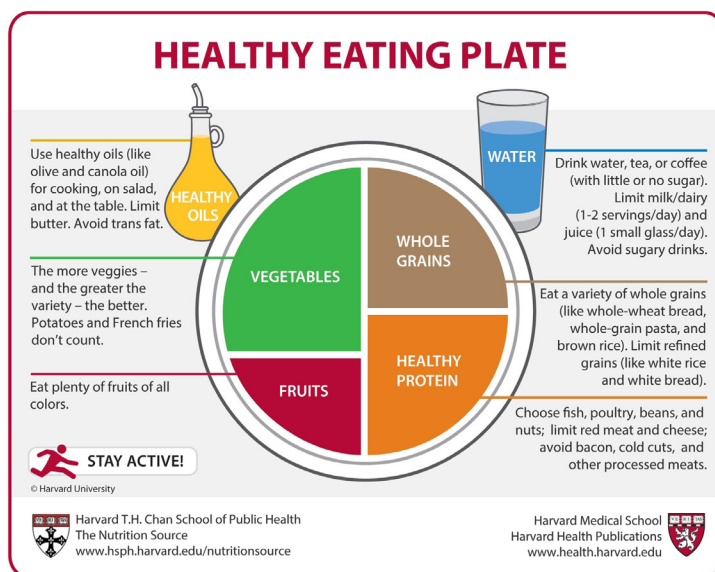


CIE's Bern Dowouw and Rocco Detabene, with Ridge to Reef Project's Joseph Kun assist a local farmer to plant a crop of miniature papaya in her income-producing kitchen garden at Anibare

Benefits:

- you and your family eat fresh, healthy and inexpensive fruits and vegetables every day
- quality and length of life is dramatically improved; your children will enjoy their grandparents for much, much longer
- you can earn an income
- you can learn a valuable skill-set and teach others
- you experience the satisfaction and fulfilment of feeding your family by your own hand from your own garden
- you will be part of Nauru's 'future-proofing' food security strategy, improving resilience to natural disasters and economic downturns•

For more on the Harvard healthy eating plate, go to <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/healthy-eating-plate/>



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NMB trips to Taiwan

The Republic of China (Taiwan) continues to extend its assistance and cooperation to Nauru in a broad range of areas and this year invited two reporters from the Nauru Media Bureau to be part of two separate press tours to Taiwan.

The first trip took place in May and reporter Slavka Menke was invited for the five day tour of Taiwan along with other journalists from different countries.

Ms Menke said the group visited most of Taiwan's prominent places such as the Songshan Cultural Creative Park, Taiwan Root Medical Peace Corps, Taipei 101 Observatory, E-Da Royal Hospital, Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, and the National Cultural and Creative Gift centre.

"During the five day program we met with the Taiwan root medical peace corps president's daughter, the Mainland Affairs Council Executive and the International Cooperation and Development Fund (Taiwan ICDF) secretary general. We also interviewed the representatives and some students from the universities that we visited," Ms Menke said.

Taiwan ICDF was implemented in Nauru several years ago and is dedicated to boosting socio-economic development, enhancing human resources and promoting economic relations in a range of developing partner countries.

Ultimately, ICDF's work is tailor-made to the local needs of each partner country. Their assistance covers a variety of contemporary development issues such as environment, public health, agriculture, education and information and communications technology.

On the other hand, the Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM) was established in Nauru in 2006 with the primary goal of assisting in the development of local horticulture and livestock.

Taiwan has supported Nauru in various areas of assistance in the form of direct budget funding, contributions to the Trust Fund, as well as in agriculture, medical assistance, poultry farming, and clean energy with the supply of solar energy products, scholarships and vocational training.

Later in September a second Nauru Media Bureau reporter Bernadette Depoudu was invited to be part of the 19 member press group to Taiwan on gender equality. There were 18 female and one male journalist that made up the group of journalists from various countries.

The official program had the group call on Minister without portfolio Mr Lo Ping-cheng at Taiwan's parliament, the Executive Yuan where Taiwan's gender equality was addressed.

"In 1997, Executive Yuan established the committee of women's rights promotions then in 2012 it was expanded into the Gender



Nauru media reporter Bernadette Depoudu (back, third from R) with the Taiwanese-sponsored press group in Taiwan to learn more about gender equality

Equality committee. The presentation focused on Taiwan's Gender equality on institution and mechanism, leading policy instruments, current endeavours, challenges and effort and also some facts relating to Gender Equality.

"In comparison to other countries, the group learned that Taiwan has performed well in Parliament with women's share of seats reaching 38.1 per cent since 2015," Ms Depoudu said.

The participants also visited the social innovation lab and met Deputy Director-General Ms. Pei-Tu Hu for Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Administration within the Ministry of Economics.

The group learned that Taiwan has close to 1.4 million SMEs and a third of SME owners are female.

The group also visited the National Taiwan museum before visiting ambassador-at-Large Fan Yun and Huang Liang-Hsiang vice-director for the Foundation for women rights promotion and development at Taiwan women's centre.

In concluding the tour, the group called on director for the working group on research and development, the Awakening Foundation, Ms Lin Shiou-yi.

"Ms Lin shared how the awakening foundation was established and how they play an important role in advocating women's rights in Taiwan since 1982 till now," Ms Depoudu said.

Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) through its embassy in Nauru organises many similar visits annually inviting participants from Nauru to join regional and international participants on visits to Taiwan to further enrich understanding and appreciation of Taiwan's development and innovations in the many areas of health, information technology, agriculture, culture and tourism among others.

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