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Ambassador to Switzerland Chitra Jeremiah

Ms Jeremiah presents her credentials in Geneva

Chitra Jeremiah presented her credentials accrediting her as the Ambassador Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nauru to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva, Switzerland, 14 March.

The Director General of the UN in Geneva Tatiana Volavaya welcomed and received Ms Jeremiah's credentials at the UN office in Geneva.

Ms Jeremiah served as the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs



Ambassador Chitra presents her credentials to UN Director General Volavaya

in Nauru prior to her appointment in Geneva. In 2016 she completed her placement as Consul General in Brisbane, Australia then was posted to Taiwan as ambassador, and in 2019 to Switzerland for a brief period at the opening of the office.

Ms Jeremiah studied at the University of the South Pacific (USP) in Fiji and Monash University in Australia where she graduated with qualifications of Bachelor of Arts and Diploma in Foreign Affairs and Trade respectively •

Judiciary launches website, opens counsel room

The Judiciary Department held a ceremony at the Nauru courthouse for the launching of their first ever website and the handover of a new counsel room on Friday, 24 March.

The Acting President Rennier Gadabu was invited to present the keys to the counsel room.

Registrar of Courts Ronald Prakash, in his welcoming speech, says the website is designed in a way that viewers can navigate through the complex court system with ease.

“This new website stands as a testament to our shared commitment to adapt to modern challenges and equip our judiciary with the necessary tools for an efficient and transparent system.

“With just a click of a button, you can now access information about the cases listed for a particular day, download necessary forms without having to type them all over, and get direct access to court decisions, legislations, and practice directions for lawyers, among many other useful pieces of information and features, all presented in a very user-friendly manner,” Mr Prakash said.

Acting President Gadabu mentioned that the use of “technology can help to reduce the time and cost involved in the legal process, making it more efficient and accessible to a wider range of people.”

Nauru Judiciary commits to utilising technology for the improvement of access to justice and the betterment of legal services for the people of Nauru.

After the website launch Acting President Gadabu handed the

keys to the President of the Nauru Law Society Barina Duburiya to which he says the counsel room is a significant step towards improving facilities for the lawyers and, in turn, enhancing access to justice.

“It is a first step of our commitment to improve the legal profession in Nauru. It is a place where lawyers can come together, share ideas, and engage in discussions.”

The ceremony concluded with a tour of the newly opened counsel room and afternoon refreshments.

Nauru Judiciary website: naurujudiciary.gov.nr •



Ms Duburiya receives the office keys for the new counsel room

European Union Ambassador Seam

The Ambassador and head of the delegation of the European Union Sujiro Seam arrived in Nauru for a two-day visit, 30-31 March.



Ambassador Seam pays courtesy call on Minister Pyon Debye

The Ambassador met with President Russ Kun on his second day and paid courtesy calls on Ministers for Education, Sports, Health, Media and Information Communication and Technology. He also visited Taiwan Ambassador Benson Lin and Acting Australian High Commissioner Nikki Wright.

Mr Seam went on a tour of the higher ground initiative (HGI) site and later that evening he met with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General-elect Baron Waqa for dinner at Bay restaurant.

Mr Seam is accredited to 13 Pacific island countries and was previously the French ambassador to Nauru •

Saudi Arabia Ambassador Khuzaim

The Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Nauru, Sultan bin Khuzaim and his first and second secretaries visited Nauru on 31 March.



President Kun presents a gift to Ambassador Khuzaim

The Ambassador paid a courtesy call on President Russ Kun at the office of the President on Saturday 1 April where they exchanged gifts.

Earlier that day, Mr Khuzaim met with Health's Acting Secretary Greta Harris and Deputy Secretary Andy O'Connell for a visit at RON hospital and the Public Health.

Mr Khuzaim and his delegation also toured the higher ground initiative (HGI) site and the area for the new sports stadium hosted by the secretaries for Climate Change and National Resilience and Sports respectively.

Ambassador Khuzaim and his delegation concluded the two-day visit and departed the country on Saturday afternoon 1 April •

ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

- Buckle up**
Wear your seat belt at all times. Wear a helmet when driving a motorcycle.
- 50**
Observe the speed limit
Speed limit: 50kph
Driving past schools, churches and hospital: 20kph.
- Pedestrian crossing**
Drivers should slow down at traffic stops and give way to pedestrians at a zebra crossing.
- Never drink and drive**
Have a designated driver if you plan to drink. Don't operate a vehicle when you're intoxicated.

Carry your driver's licence and ensure your vehicle is registered and roadworthy.

GO GREEN NAURU

LET'S PLANT A TREE

EACH ONE PLANT ONE

PALM Ambassador Takata

His Excellency President Russ Kun met with the Japan Ambassador for the Pacific Islands Leaders Meetings Toshihisa Takata in the Office of the President, 31 March.



[L-R] President Kun and Ambassador Takata at the President's office

Ambassador Takata and his second secretary Takako Suzuki spent the day making courtesy calls on Government ministers, department secretaries, officials and the Pacific Island Forum Secretary General-elect Baron Waqa.

Ambassador Takata took time to visit Naero Museum, tour the higher ground initiative (HGI) site and the Nauru Port. Japan have donated heavy duty machineries in the past to support the building of the new Port.

The Ambassador delivered his presentation on the Advanced Liquid Processing System (ALPS) treated water to President Kun.

Mr Takata also hosted a dinner reception for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) staff members before departing the country on 31 March •



Procurement of new crane truck

Fisheries Minister Wawani Dowiyogo and Japan Ambassador Fumihiro Kawakami signed a grant contract to formalise the project for procurement of crane truck to the Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA), 21 March.



Ambassador Kawakami signs the grant contract

The government of Japan, through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), will provide fund assistance of AU\$208,844 to procure a crane truck.

“I am very pleased to assist Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority. By implementing this project, their daily operation’s safety and efficiency will be meaningfully enhanced,” Ambassador Kawakami said.

Overseas Fisheries Cooperation Foundation of Japan installed the existing crane truck six years ago and it has since been deteriorating and will soon cause safety issues for the workers. With a new crane truck, safety and efficiency of operations will meaningfully benefit the ministry and local fishermen.

Apart from the fisheries sector, the embassy of Japan has provided heavy machinery for the higher ground initiative (HGI) and the expansion of the Nauru port in Aiwo.

The embassy has also supported the RON hospital with approximately \$14 million worth of medical equipment •

Safety First!

- * Drive safely
- * Be considerate with other motorists
- * Wear your helmet
- * Have your drivers' licence ready for police inspection
- * Have a designated driver if you plan to consume alcohol
- * Don't drive if you're underaged
- * Be responsible and let's all have a safe week ahead

God bless Nauru!

First Secretary Dongobir presents statement at UN water conference

Nauru's representative to the United Nations told the 2023 Water Conference that the people of Nauru experience water scarcity daily and an extensive drought period for the past 20 years.

First Secretary of Nauru's Permanent Mission to the UN Josie-Ann Dongobir presented Nauru's statement at the conference in New York City, 22 March.

Ms Dongobir says the current data predicts that the situation will only become worse in the future. Since there is irregular rain patterns and absence of freshwater reservoirs, Nauru depends on the only reverse osmosis plant available for fresh water supply.

She further explains that the major challenge Nauru faces is limited and unsustainable freshwater sources which will further be aggravated with the impacts of climate change. Although the island has underground brackish water, it can only be utilised for non-potable use and it is only accessible to a few depending on their location.

"Nauru strives to implement multiple strategies to address these challenges. These strategies focus on ensuring adequate storage for rainwater, groundwater and desalinated water supplies to meet the national needs and manage water use efficiency at the household and business levels."

The co-hosts for this year's conference are His Excellency Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan and His Majesty King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands.

Their vision is that everyone has a fundamental understanding of, and value and manage water better and take concerted action to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Ms Dongobir presenting Nauru's statement in New York

The Sustainable Urban Development Project supported by the Asian Development Bank helps Nauru upgrade and meet international standards to expand and improve water and waste management services. Through this project a national Water Quality Framework is developed for Nauru and water sanitation regulatory codes are being updated.

Ms Dongobir stated that Nauru's Higher Ground Initiative (HGI) is "Nauru's island-wide climate adaptation response", and welcomes modern water systems that will provide clean drinking water for the people.

"Water is fundamental to all aspects of life, and by restoring it and safeguarding it, we can steer ourselves back onto the right path to achieving all of the Sustainable Development Goals," Ms Dongobir said •



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