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## President Kun receives Zayed as Egypt's first ambassador to Nauru

The Ambassador-designate of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Nauru presented his letter of credence to His Excellency President Russ Kun as the first ambassador of his country to Nauru, 18 May.

Ambassador Mahmoud Zayed arrived at the Government offices and inspected the Nauru Police Force Guard of Honour before being escorted to the Office of the President for the presentation of credentials.

In congratulating the Ambassador, President Kun underscored that despite the distance of the two countries their mutual relationship will continue to grow.

"As responsible members of the international community," President Kun says, "we [Nauru and Egypt] also share mutual concerns and challenges".

President Kun said the most pressing challenge is the issue of climate change and the resulting loss of resources and displacement of the Pacific people, a threat to peace and security and the survival and existence of the Pacific people.

Ambassador Mahmoud Zayed says Nauru and Egypt are developing countries that aspire to lift the quality of life of their peoples including climate change.

He adds that Egypt will continue to work through its presidency of the Conference of Parties (COP) and beyond to advance climate action and the priorities of the countries most adversely affected by climate change including Nauru and other countries of the Pacific family.

Mr Zayed began his career in the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in December 1989. He has since served in various diplomatic capacities at Egyptian embassies in London, the United Kingdom; Washington, DC., the United States; and, most recently Canberra, Australia.

Nauru and Egypt established formal diplomatic ties in September 2010 in New York.

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