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Ministry of Sports do- nated sports equip- ments to TASNOC

By Pua Pedro



TASNOC members with Hon Maani and sports gears

Photo: Pua Pedro

‘THE whole body is designed for action and unless the physical powers are kept in health active exercise, the mental powers cannot long be used to their highest capacity.

Minister of Education Honorable Fauoa Maani quoted Ellen G White’s in her book titled “Education” at the handing over ceremony today.

The sports equipments were handed over to the Tuvalu Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee TASNOC.

Honorable Maani said that the equipment were purchased by the Ministry from its 2014 savings.

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Some tried to get away with double registrations

By Yvette D'Unienville

DESPITE awareness programs on radio Tuvalu about election procedures and law, some people still registered for two different electoral districts.

The screening for double registrations had been one of the complex duties carried out by registrations officers of each electoral district.

Registration officer for the Funafuti Kaupule Uluaio Lauti confirmed that less than a hundred duplicated registrations have been found during the screening which contradicts with election laws.

Section 91 of Tuvalu's Constitution only allows an elector to vote in one electoral district, says the crown counsel Nele Semu Tusipepe.

Mr Lauti explains that in the cases of duplicated registrations, they found that a voter registered under two different surnames - the father's in one registration form but the husband's name in another registration form for a different electoral district.

In some cases, the voter used her or his Tuvaluan name on one registration form, but then used the English version of her or his name in a registration form for a different electoral district.

Senior Elections officer Tepaukie Sotaga said, the Elections Office under the Commissioner of Elections plays a very important role in seeing that election procedures are in accordance with elections laws.

Mr Lauti explained that in case a double registration happens to be identified on polling day, the police at the polling stations in each of the two electoral districts will be informed immediately to stop that particular voter from casting a vote in a second electoral district and that person will be dealt with according to the law ■

Ambassador Wan thanked the Government and the private sector for their support

By Semi Malaki



HE Jason Wan addressed invited guests

Photo: Semi M

THE Ambassador of the Republic of China to Tuvalu HE Jason Wan thanked the Government of Tuvalu for its support towards Taiwan's participation in the international arena.

Wan made this remark as he hosted a reception on the eve of the Chinese New Year on Wednesday February 18.

"I would also like to thank the officials and friends working at different departments, such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Environment, Fisheries, Hospital, Public Health, NGOs and so on for very helpful partner in implementing bilateral programs," Wan said.

"Not only that, I wanted to thank the private sector, such as DHL Services, Supermarket of JY, McKenzie, Sulani and so on for their good services so that the lives of Taiwan small community on Funafuti is much better than before.

In conclusion, Ambassador Wan thanked the Team of Taiwan, members from the Embassy, Taiwan Technical Mission, ICDF Volunteers for their support in putting together a program to celebrate Year of the Goat in the Chinese Lunar Calendar.

The Chinese New Year which is the Year of the Ram or Goat symbolizes good luck, harmony, peace and happiness.

Among invited dignitaries were Governor General and spouse, Speaker of Parliament and spouse and members of cabinets with their spouses.

Fenui witnessed that some shops owned by Chinese Businessman were closed last night as they joined Taiwan Embassy in celebrating Chinese New Year ■

Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Kiribati want a new formula for distribution of their upper air-space

By Pua Pedro

TUVALU, Vanuatu and Kiribati want the current distribution formula of their upper airspace to change in order for everyone to have a fair share.

Minister of Communication and Transport Honorable Monise Laafai met with his counterpart ministers from Vanuatu and Kiribati in Suva last month to discuss on a better solution for a fair distribution of funds from the three country's upper airspace which are currently monitored by Air Fiji Limited.

Honorable Laafai said that the fund received from the upper air space is more than ten million dollars a year but Tuvalu receives very little from that amount.

"This is why Tuvalu keeps on raising the issue."

The meeting agreed that the three countries will write a final letter to the Government of Fiji asking for bilateral talks as Fiji had dodged bilateral talks about on the issue in the past years.

Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Kiribati are aiming to have an official

meeting sometime in March to follow up on Fiji's response and also the International Civil Aviation Organization ICAO which also plays a part in formulating the distribution system.

"The three countries may resort to pull out their upper space from Air Fiji Limited if Fiji doesn't given into their concerns."

The issues will be further discussed in next months meeting said Honorable Laafai■

Tuvalu and Kiribati push PNA for a legal agreement for purseine vessels to take local crews

By Diana Semi

TUVALU is pushing PNA member countries for a legal agreement on crewing of all purse seine vessels that fish in PNA waters by seafarers from PNA countries.

The issue has been proposed and approved in the PNA official and Ministerial meetings that were held in Funafuti last year.

It will solve the problem of unemployed seafarer for the country which used to market a high

number of seafarers from its industry.

Director of Fisheries Samasoni Finikaso said that there are three hundred purse seine vessels fishing in our waters and if PNA gives a ten percent of the crew to Tuvalu, it means three local seafarers per purse seine vessel, therefore we will be looking at 900 local seafarers having opportunities to work on purse seine vessels.

"Tuvalu will again raise this issue in the coming PNA Annual Meeting this month in Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia for a convention," said Finikaso

"Kiribati supports Tuvalu's proposal as the country also have a lot of seafarers who are interested in working on purse seine vessels."

Finikaso said that other countries which do not benefit from the agreement do not support the agreement.

Tuvalu has moved to pre-

pare its seafarers well for employment opportunities on purse seine vessels by inserting a new course on purse seine skills upgrading into the Tuvalu maritime Training Institute Courses■

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Taiwan's President Ma expresses gratitude for Tuvalu's message of condolence

By Yvette D'Unienville

THE government of Tuvalu has conveyed a message of condolences through Taiwan's government to families of those affected by the recent TransAsia Airways Plane crash in Taipei.

The press release states that on behalf of the Government and the people of the republic of China, His Excellency President Ma Ying-Jeou has expressed his most heartfelt gratitude to Tuvalu Prime Minister Hon Enelee Sosene Sopoaga for the gracious letter offering condolences to those affected by the plane crash.

His Excellency Ma further expressed that the kind words of sympathy from Hon Sopoaga are greatly appreciated by families who have lost their loved ones, as well as those injured in the accident, adding that the letter enforces their resolve to overcome this tragedy.

The message of condolence was relayed through the embassy of the Republic of China in Tuvalu to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the government of Tuvalu■

Preparations are underway for the Purse Seine training course at Amatuku

By Diana Semi



Trainees at TMTI

Photo: Supplied

A PURSE seine training course for local seafarers at the Tuvalu Maritime Training Institute on Amatuku will commence soon.

The training will enable local seafarers to gain the knowledge and skills

on operational work on purse seine fishing vessels.

Director of Fisheries Samasoni Finikaso said most of the preparations for the implementation of the course are about to complete.

"A purse seine power bloc and a net need to be installed at Amatuku before the course took place. These new equipments will use for training of seafarers by getting them familiarize with the kind of work on purse seine fishing vessels," Finikaso said.

Once it is installed trainees will learn how to release the net and pulling out of the sea and also learn how to mend the net.

Local trainers at the institute have to attend a two-week training course in the Solomon Islands in order for them to be qualified to teach and train seafarers on the kind of work on purse seine vessels.

"The qualified trainers will work together with an expert from New Zealand on the power bloc and net training in the course," added Finikaso.

"The Korean Fishing Association KOFA had also confirmed it support to the training program and it will also send an expert from Korea to assist with the training at Amatuku."

The training program is expected to start in May targeting trainees at the institute with few seafarers who have completed maritime training at the school.

The training program is fully funded by the New Zealand government under its fisheries program with Tuvalu■

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New allowances for Government Pre-Service scholarship students

By Pua Pedro

PRE-SERVICE students studying in Fiji under Tuvalu Government scholarships are thrilled with the increase to their allowance after Government approved a new rate.

Nemaia Paulo Assistant Pre-Service Training officer said that the new rate is \$43 FJD a day for single students including married students un- accompanied by their families.

“The former rate was \$27 FJD a day and the change was made following a request put forward by former students who were able to justify to Government the need for an increase considering the expensive life in Fiji,” said Paulo.

The new rate was endorsed by Cabinet and became effective this year.

Paulo said the Department is still working on the new rate for the accompany allowance for Tuvalu sponsored students.

One of the parents who was present at the Orientation of Government sponsored students beginning of this month thanked the Government for seeing that need, adding that she no longer worries about the high cost of living for her child in Fiji.

The allowance covers rent, food, electricity and water.

The In-Service Training Officer declined to comment as government is still in the process of working out a new rate for in-service students■

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women reviewed the report on women’s right in Tuvalu

THE Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women today considered the combined third and fourth periodic report of Tuvalu on its implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

When introducing the report, Puaita Etuati, Senior Assistant Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister of Tuvalu, said that significant developments in 2014 included the enactment of the new Family Protection and Domestic Violence Act and the adoption of the National Gender Policy of 2014.

In the area of education, measures were in place to closely monitor primary school attendance throughout the country and to provide more opportunities for students to pursue vocational and skills development courses.

As a small developing island State with limited resources, Tuvalu faced many challenges in the full implementation of the Convention, but the major obstacle was the devastating impact of climate change that the people continued to experience in their everyday lives which affected their livelihoods and caused fear and frustration.

Committee Experts recognized the challenges Tuvalu faced in the implementation of the Convention, particularly climate change, and welcomed the enactment of the law on family protection and domestic violence and the promulgation of the National Gender Policy.

They stressed the importance of an effective gender legal framework and the crucial role of national machinery in achieving gender equality, and expressed concern about a large number of discriminatory provisions in laws, including in the Constitution, and the long delay in the revision of the national legislation.

Experts recognized that climate change was of critical importance for Tuvalu and that it had already triggered migration of the population; they inquired about the impact of climate change and how it affected women, and how a gender perspective was integrated in the National Climate Change Policy and the Strategic Action Plan for climate change and disaster risk management.

In concluding remarks, Yoko Hayashi, Committee Chairperson, thanked the delegation for the constructive dialogue which had provided insight into the situation of women and encouraged Tuvalu to take all necessary measures to address the Committee’s various recommendations for the benefit of women and girls in the country.

Ms. Etuati thanked the Committee Experts for their questions and hoped that the delegation had answered most of them; outstanding responses could be provided at a later stage.

The delegation of Tuvalu included representatives of the Office of the Prime Minister, Attorney General’s Office, Gender Affairs Department, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Education■

“Creating a smiling island - come to Tuvalu”

By Kuata Taumaheke



Book illustrating how islands were formed
Photo: Semi M

‘HOW to create a smiling island’ is the title of the book to be distributed to the seven congregations of the Ekalesia Kelisiano Tuvalu.

Matsudate Fumiko, Former Forum Sand Project Coordinator of the Japanese International Cooperation Agency said that these books try to educate

locals on the importance of sand reproduction from forum sand and how to protect them from human activities.

She said, she targets the seven EKT congregations because the majority of locals attend church service every Sunday which enable them to get a copy of the book.

“The books were published in Japan and were translated into Tuvaluan by Natu Monden Natonyo in order for everyone in Tuvalu to understand the message.”

Ms Monden urged members of the public to read these books and to put into practice every important messages given in the books for sustaining our beloved country.

The book project was made possible with \$1300 funds collected from fund raisings held in Japan.

Fenui learns that these story books are expected to arrive on the next trip of the Southern Pearl Cargo ship■

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He encouraged recipients of the sports gears that they “ must make full use of the gears to keep them physically fit and put their mental powers to full use.

Secretary in the Ministry Talavai Iona presented the list of items and said that the amount spent on the sporting gears came to \$28,227.25.

Iona encouraged each sports federation to make use of the equipment and wished them all good luck with their preparations for the Pacific Games in

Isala Isala Vice President of TASNOC thanked Government for the donation as well as words of thanks by Allan Resture and Atufenua Maui representing Sports Federations and sports clubs from the different Island Communities.

The sports equipment will be distributed by TASNOC to sports federations and will continue soon when the other equipment arrives.

The handing over ceremony was held at the Vaiaku Lagi Hotel■

Three local received scholarships under Tuvalu Government

By Semi Malaki

THREE successful students have been awarded with Tuvalu Government Scholarships following the re-advertisement of three scholarship awards.

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports re-advertised three scholarship awards early this year because those who were applied before do not meet the requirements needed.

These three successful candidates are Jnr Fiavaai Fiavaai, Aselu V O’Brien and Logo Monise.

Jnr Fiavaai is awarded with a Bachelor Degree in Engineering (Civil Engineering), O’Brien got the award of Bachelor in Architecture and Logo Monise got the scholarship to study for a Diploma in Dental Technology.

The ministry has advised these students to visit the office of Pre-Service training this week.

In other news, the ministry of education wishes to advertise Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) scholarship to interested Tuvalu citizens for the year 2015-2016.

The open scholarship scheme is funded by the Government of the People’s Republic of China for 10 awards to all nationals of Forum Island Countries including Tuvalu.

The ministry advices interested applicants to complete the application form and supply necessary documents like academic transcript to the ministry before closing date which February 27, 2015■

New and resuming students learned about USP life

By Semi Malaki



USP Tuvalu Campus Director David Manuella talked to students
Photo: Semi Malaki

NEW and resuming students enrolled to study at the University of the South Pacific USP Tuvalu campus this semester were engaged in an orientation program this morning.

The 'Success@USP' orientation program is designed to help all new USP students across the South Pacific region to get off to a flying start with their university studies.

Director of USP Tuvalu Campus David Manuella told students that they will discover that

He encouraged students to commit to their studies as the first semester commences this week and all the services that the center has to offer to ensure their studies are enjoyable and rewarding.

Staff member Fetagisi Titivalu said that studying at a distance is not easy; it requires special skills from the student especially in managing their time.

The orientation program introduces new students to the services the USP centre provides for them and staff members encour-

aged the students to use them effectively.

Titivalu said the services include the library, Computer Lab, satellite tutorial rooms and other centre services.

One of the new students said the orientation helps on how to navigate the university system, giving her the confidence to ask questions when she is confused or when she needs help with her studies.

The program is organized for two days which a tour around the campus and getting new students familiarize with all the services prior to the beginning of their courses.

A same orientation program was organized early in the weekend targeting parents and guardians of students.

"We need to work together with parents to get their support and understanding on what their children are doing at our campus," said Titivalu.

Global Divestment Day in Tuvalu was a success

By Pua Pedro

THE Global Divestment Day that was commemorated with activities organized by the 350-Tuvalu towards the end of last week was a success according to the Coordinator of 350-Tuvalu.

Armstrong Asapo told Fenui that he is thankful and grate-

ful for the support shown by members the public throughout the programs and activities to mark the day.

"I am thrilled to see that some of the Ministries wore orange t-shirts which was the color to show anyone's support to turn the fossil fuel world to a renewable energy world."

"A lot of people also joined in the photo campaign where their photos were taken and will be posted on the 350.org website." Asapo added.

Asapo said this is to tell the world that there are people in other part of the world including Tuvalu, who fully support the theme of the Global Divestment Day.

The membership drive last Saturday registered around twenty new members for the 350-Tuvalu.

They will work together in future programs and activities of the group in promoting renewable energy.

In the wrap up of events, a party was held last Saturday evening for members.

BRIEFS

PEOPLE on Niutao Island are experiencing an outbreak of diarrhea and flu like symptoms of body ache and coughing but the island's clinic has very limited medications for treatment. Staff Nurse at Niutao Clinic Ms Faailo Teo reported the clinic is now monitoring the dispensing of its medications because the boat is still yet to call at the island. According to Ms Teo the clinic has ran out of pain killers except a reserve limited supply of paracetamol tablets for children with serious illness■

THE Department of Fisheries is looking at increasing the number of local observers as there is a need. Director of Fisheries Samasoni Finikaso said the department is trying to boost the number up to fifty as we have only 39 local observers employed under the program. He said there has been a great need of fisheries observers to work on purse seine fishing vessels however Tuvalu cannot cater because of the limited number of observers. Finikaso said the department is working on recruiting 15 new observers. The department is also looking at finding an insurance company to insure local observers■

MEMBERS of each island Lands Court had received the rest of their allowances from 2014. Peleata Poumaga from the Lands Department said the salaries had been paid out to all members. Director of Lands and Survey Fatasi Malologa said the issue was raised by the department and endorsed by cabinet. He said the cabinet agreed to pay out the allowances of members of the islands court on each island starting from January to December 2014■

TUVALUANS have to be cautious when dealing with foreigners as they could leave without respecting their part of the arrangement. A local on the capital is furious with a Sri Lankan guy who was alleged to have sold the local's boat and outboard motor that were temporary lent to him out of the good heart of the local. It was alleged that the guy sold the boat and motor to another local before he departed the country for NZ with his family. However Police says the incident has not been reported■

HUMAN activities highly affects the formation of Tuvalu marine biology which creates Tuvalu islands. Matsudate Fumiko former JICA Forum Project coordinator said, the construction of more buildings and other developments such as sea wall, roads and wharfs affects Tuvalu marine biology. According to Fumiko, more construction leads to more destruction of foram sand and other living organisms in the sea. The decline in foram sand reproduction also shows a decline in lands structure and sea shore erosion by the sea current which more acute in Fongafale areas. Monden urges locals to protect the foram sand together with other living organisms in Tuvalu seas because they are very important to our marine biology■

Peak tide of the year affected communities living in low lying areas

By Kuata



Area near the Ulupuka Lukiluki multi-purpose court flooded during king tides of this month
Photo: Mati Afelee

COMMUNITIES living near the coastal areas and low-lying areas were affected by king tides of this year over the weekend.

The king tide peak of the year was observed on Thursday 19th this week at 3.4 meters high.

Over the weekend, coastal areas of Fongafale were flooded by storm surges from the lagoon side.

The king tide brought debris into the main roads making access to the northern and southern ends of the island difficult.

Senior Met Observer Elifaleti Ene said the king tide of the month subsided on Sunday February 22.

He said this is a normal king tide of the year where low lying areas are the most affected during these months of the year.

Fenui witnessed that low lying areas, coastal areas and areas near burrow pits were flooded including the front side of Mac Kenzie Trading store.

Residents whose pig pens are situated to the eastern side of the island had to leave their vehicles on the opposite side of the airfield and crossed on foot with their loads to feed their pigs on the other side.

Areas near the burrow pits were also swamped with water from overflowed burrow pits.

Fenui learns that the highest peak tide recorded by the MET office was 3.4mtrs on the 24th February in 2006■

QUICK TRACKS

♦ **Talafai Youth** on Nanumaga Island organized a 'Big Weight Loser' competition on the island. The program promotes healthy living and reducing non-communicable diseases among the islanders. Taimoe Faitalia reported from the island that Talafai will sponsor the winning prize for the biggest weight loser. She said the association also organizes fitness trainings twice a week in the mornings. The weight losing program is in line with the Ministry of Health and Tuvalu Red Cross programs in addressing NCDs in Tuvalu■

♦ **A long** serving seafarer died on MV Manufolau on its way back from Fiji leaving his wife to fulfill their dream. His dream is to build a house upon return to Tuvalu. Pulamita Taitaiga wife of the late Taitaiga Iosefa said her husband's ill timed death has ruined their dreams to build their house on Niutao island. She said her husband was in Fiji to purchase building materials for their new house. The cause of death is yet not known; however it is alleged that the deceased suffered from severe stomach pains on board the vessel■

♦ **Women associations** have been involved in lots of fundraising activities to contribute to the developments of their associations and communities. Funafuti women gathered to the Tausoa Lima falekaupule for their fundraising. The women contributed in providing mini baskets of local food or loulou for their fund raise card game. Apart from Funafuti women, Vaitupu women on the capital have also been involved in raising funds to assist their island in its preparations for the 2016 EKT General Assembly■

♦ **Local seasonal** workers sacrifice a lot in order to send more of their weekly pay to meet the daily needs of their families in Tuvalu. They live on cheap food bought from the shops in NZ, but that didn't deter them from working hard to earn the next weeks pay, even though they are not required to work during rainy days. This was revealed by a reliable source who wishes anonymity but who used to assist Tuvalu seasonal workers in NZ in sending money home to their families. In a verbal conversation with this reliable source from New Zealand who is here in the country, she says she admires these locals for putting their families first. She said each worker normally sent around \$500 to \$800 a week to Tuvalu. Our local workers only withhold a lump sum of money to cover travelling expenses when they complete their working contracts, said the source■

Challenge - OPM verses PUI

By Yvette D'Unienville

TRUE to words, the Ministry of the Office of the Prime Minister (PUI) took its challenge with the Ministry of Public works and Infrastructure (PUI) seriously last Friday.

Spectators said it was a game worth watching last Friday at the airfield.

In the first round, the OPM team that consisted mostly of women, gave their all and might to defeat PUI and staffs danced with joy when OPM with five 'ulu' thrashed PUI and left it with two 'ulu'.

Swap over time – and OPM struggled against PUI. It was obvious that PUI had the leading hand in the second round with its strongest members at the 'alovaka' and the best at the 'kaulama.'

Both Ministries pulled out of ties several times and the umpire of the game – Feli Lameko from PUI couldn't keep still as his team lost several points to OPM.

But finally – PUI got the five 'ulu' and OPM had 4. Mr Lameko told Fenui that as of the recent game OPM and PUI each now has 1 win, so he left it to each Ministry to come up with something for next Friday■



*Above: OPM celebrated its first win
Below: PUI up for the next challenge*



Tuvaluans residing in Fiji need to get their visa permits done

By Semi Malaki

TUVALUANS working or studying in Fiji need to be responsible in lodging their visas with Fiji Immigration.

Fenui received reports from a Tuvalu diplomat in Fiji stating that lots of Tuvaluans are failing to lodge their visa applications with Fiji Immigration and thus overstayed their visas granted by Fiji immigration upon arrival.

Fakavae Taomia took it to social media and said, this is an ongoing issue and Tuvaluans are reminded to take full responsibility and extend their permit if they need to stay in Fiji.

He said that the last trip of MV Manufolau from Fiji was delayed as Fiji Immigration Officials were sorting out locals who overstayed their visa permits.

"More than thirty Tuvaluan overstayers in Fiji returned on that trip," said Taomia

Director of Immigration Leilani Saitala told *Fenui* that people overstayed their visas because they failed to lodge their applications with Fiji Immigration to extend their period of stay in Fiji.

"Normally we are not informed by Fiji Immigration about these overstayers, until the overstayers show up at their office in Tuvalu with their letters showing their Fiji overstayed status and need assistance," Saitala added.

Other locals also raise their concerns with the issue and encourage Tuvaluans staying or studying in Fiji to be responsible and make use of this golden opportunity provided by the Government of Fiji■

Pacific youth advocates against corruption

By Semi Malaki

OVER 40 youth representatives from 15 Pacific Islands countries including Tuvalu gathered in Nadi, Fiji, this week to discuss ways to address corruption in the region.

The Pacific Youth Forum Against Corruption which opens on Sunday, brings together young Pacific leaders between the ages of 18 to 25 and aims to provide an opportunity to raise awareness on corruption and its negative impacts in their respective countries.

Tuvalu is represented at the forum by Bensitai Houati from the Tuvalu Red Cross Volunteer association and Faitofi Pusineli from the Tuvalu National Youth Council.

The youths were supported by the United Nations Development Programme, and the UN Office of Drugs and Crime in partnership with the Pacific Youth Council with funding from the Australian government.

UNODC Specialist Annika Wythes said that the forum expect young people to start to become more engaged in the fight against corruption in their community or nation.

Forum organizers say its aim is to give a voice to the young and marginalized people around the region who are speaking out against corruption and its corrosive effects on society.

The forum, which closes on Tuesday February 24th, is part of the UNDP's Youth strategy 2014 -2017 which aims to support capacity development of young people and youth organizations, by equipping them to engage in local and national development processes■

Nanumea Kaupule office under renovation

By Kuata Taumaheke

THE deteriorating condition of the Nanumea Kaupule office has been a big worry to staffs of the Kaupule considering that a good number of staffs in different departments are housed under the building.

Fenui was told that the building is in a very bad condition and the roof and windows leaked badly during the recent strong wind that affected the country.

Sipele Tekava Kaupule Secretary said the oldest building on the island needs to be renewed to improve working conditions

for the safety of office equipments and staffs working within the office.

"During the recent strong wind, staffs had to fix the roof and windows to prevent rain from dripping into the office."

"The Kaupule has long proposed the need for a new office building to the ministry of home affairs," said Tekava

Temetiu Maliga Director of Rural Development said the ministry is working with donor partners to fund the upgrading of Kaupule Office on the outer islands.

He said Turkey Government granted AUD\$200,000 to fund the construction of the new Kaupule office for Nukufetau and Nanumaga■

ADVERTISEMENT FOR NATIONAL PROJECT MANAGER FOR ACHIEVING EDUCATION FOR ALL IN TUVALU PROGRAMME**Background**

Achieving Education for All in Tuvalu (AEfAT) is a national programme that is being implemented by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) in partnership with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and UNICEF. The programme's long-term goal is to ensure All children in Tuvalu benefit from equitable access to quality education.

The purpose of this assignment is to successfully facilitate the implementation of the project and support achievement of the planned results in consultation with the Director of Education, Education Department (EdDep) and UNICEF Education Specialist. The Project Manager will provide quality assurance for timely implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting; and will ensure that funds are used according to agreed budget with the donors and well documented. The Project Manager will also coordinate and lead the team members and consultants who have been recruited for the project. The Project Manager will be contracted for a fixed period (until March 16th 2016, the scheduled end date of the project). The remuneration will be between \$38,000 and \$45,000 per annum, commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience. The candidate will be supervised by the Permanent Secretary, Education, Youth and Sports in Tuvalu.

Specific responsibilities - The anticipated scope of work to achieve the above objective will include (but not be limited to) the following tasks:

Overall management, coordination and monitoring of programme activities, funds and personnel [including Consultants] in close collaboration with Director of Education, EdDep and UNICEF Education Specialist.

Set quality standards for implementation and reporting of the project in consultation with the UNICEF Education Specialist.

Ensure technical soundness of programme activities, achievement of outputs and outcomes and quality and cost effectiveness. Assess materials and documents produced by all programme staff are of high standards.

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Qualifications and Experience - The candidate must have Master's degree [or combination of Bachelor's degree and 10 years of experience] in fields of Social sciences, Management or Education. The candidate must also have at least five years of management experience, preferably in the education sector. We are looking for candidates with strong analytical, communication and team building skills. The candidate needs to have excellent working level of the English language (both oral and written). Experience in collaboration with Government institutions, UN and international organizations will be an asset

If interested, please include in your application a cover letter describing how you meet each of the requirements listed above, your current CV (work and education history), two letters of reference and the names, addresses, emails and phone details of three work related referees

Applications must be submitted via EMAIL no later than March 30th, 2015 with subject line: National Project Manager, AEfATP and addressed to Talavai Iona, Secretary, Education, Youth and Sports at talavai@gmail.com and Rasika Sridhar Sethi, UNICEF Education Specialist at rsridharsethi@unicef.org.

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Tuvalu Table Tennis Federation donated table tennis tables for Schools

By Pua Pedro

THE Tuvalu Tennis Federation has donated table tennis tables for Schools around the nation according to President of the Federation.

Allan Resture says, the Federation purchased 12 tables to be distributed among the Schools for children's practise.

He said, children are targeted because they are more easy to be trained than adults.

Resture said that tables have been sent on the latest voyage of the vessel to the central Islands where one is for Vaipuna Primary at Nui Island, Tutasi in Nukufetau, and two at Vaitupu, one for Tolise and the other for Motufoua Secondary School.

The tennis tables for the Northern Schools will be transported on the vessel next week.

The Federation will also donate a table to the Fusi Aofa School for trainings of Fusialofa students because Para-Table tennis is among the international sports.

Last week the Ministry of Sports donated sports equipment to Sports Federations and during the function Resture told the gathering that sports equipment for the Table-tennis federation to be in the keep of the Ministry for distribution to Schools.

Including in the donation for the Federation are 12 pieces of nets and posts and 60 table tennis bats which cost one thousand three hundred and eighty dollars.

A teacher in one of the schools on the capital said the donation will boost skills and talents of

Nukufetau team won the TNPF 5 touch tournament

By Pua Pedro

DESPITE the heat of the sun on Saturday, young men of Nukufetau team strived hard to win the TNPF 5 Touch Rugby Tournament.

The team defeated Nanumea 1 by scoring one try.

The one-day tournament saw four teams vying for the trophy sponsored by the Tuvalu National Provident Fund TNPF.

President of Tuvalu 5 Touch Association Manatu Siose said only four teams registered to participate including two teams from Nanumea Rugby club and one from Niutao and Nukufetau club.

The tournament was held at the southern end of the airstrip.

Siaosi Toafa from TNPF congratulated the winning team and all teams who participated at this year's tournament.

Toafa presented the winning team with \$150 cash prize, the trophy and a rugby ball to Nukufetau team.

Nanumea 1 came second

with a cash prize of \$100 and a rugby ball.

The third place received \$70 and rugby ball while the team in fourth place received a rugby ball.

Iese Lousi of Nanumea was awarded the top scorer prize and Nafa Eitini also from Nanumea walked away with the Most Valuable Player trophy.

Siose said that the Federation had identified a few players to include in the training squad while the final selection of the training squad will be held at another tournament in March 9th.

The main aim of the tournaments is to identify best players to make up the Tuvalu National team to the Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea this coming July.

From this tournament, the federation will organize training of the selected players prior to the game■

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