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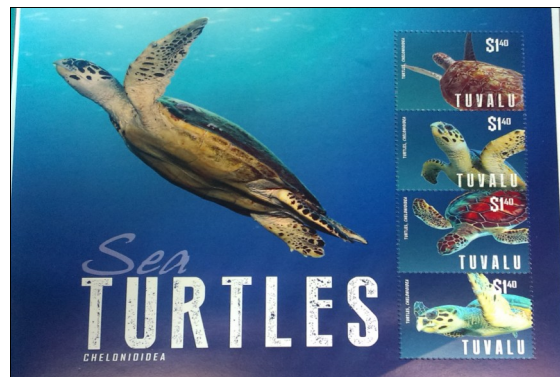
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Sea Turtles Stamp Issues by Tuvalu Post Limited

Two new Stamp issues have been approved by the Tuvalu Post Limited TPL to be the first issues for 2015.

TPL Manager Sulia Vaelei says the two issues are the 2015 Fauna Flora Issues of the Tree Fruit and Coral Reef.

The Stamp Issues will be the company's first ever trial in its efforts to improve and to meet the need of cus-

tomers for stamps from Tuvalu.

She said the other issues that have been planned for the year 2015, are yet to be approved by the board of directors.

Tuvalu Post Limited now stands as a corporatized entity following the merged of the Tuvalu Post Office and the Tuvalu Philatelic Bureau.

As of this year, the government has granted assistance of AUS \$800,000 for the annual operation and management of the corporation beside revenue collects by the corporation from marketing its stamps on internet to the world.

Tuvalu Stamps Issues from pictures taken in Tuvalu of Fish, Birds and others were the most wanted by Stamp Collectors in the past, and Vaelei adds – that her intention this time is to look at promoting Tuvalu Stamps worldwide.

In the meantime – the corporation will move to the old Philatelic Office which is now under renovation, and there is hope to rent a room at the new Parliament Complex when it completes in order to be near the Terminal. ■

Government of Morocco wants Tuvalu to make up for the number it required

The Government of Morocco wants Tuvalu Government to send the exact number according to the number of scholarships offered to Tuvalu this year.

Atabi Ewekia, Pre-Service Training Officer said Morocco government offered ten scholarship awards last year for Tuvalu but only two were selected.

The successful duo were Telii Levi and Tautua Talua who left the country early this year.

“They will study French in their first year before continuing to their selected programs.”

And because of the limited number previously selected, the Department is re-advertising the eight scholarship awards to make up for the number required by Morocco.

All applications will be sent to Morocco for final selection and the department will notify successful candidates.

Applicants should be between 19 and 23 years old.

Their first years of study will be met by Morocco government and the remaining years will be co-sponsored by Morocco and Tuvalu.

This is the first lot of Tuvaluans to study in Morocco under the assistance of Morocco Government■

Custom Department enforces regulations this year

The Custom department is now enforcing its regulations for duty free items purchased from the duty free shop at the Airport.

This enforcement comes after the Department allegedly found out that some local travelers misuse the duty free shop during flights to the country.

Acting Director for Customs Department Satalaka Hetoefaiva said some people who are not either incoming or outgoing passengers give money to travelling passengers to buy items from the duty free shop.

“This is against the department’s regulation and passengers who are caught in this act will be

fined \$10000 or three years imprisonment while corporations will be fined \$5000.

He said “the duty free shop is made particularly for travelling passengers and they are required to fill a form from the Custom Officer in charge at the Airport during flights before a passenger comes out of the airport.

The department warns members of the public that it is not allowed to give money to travelling passengers to buy duty free as it is against their regulations.

Security Officers and the duty free shop owner at the airport have been reminded to keep an eye on people who practice this and report them to the department.

“Duty free items that are bought by passengers but are not taken onto the plane will be confiscated by customs until the return of the passenger from abroad,

Hetoefaiva further stated that items from the duty free shop will only sell to passengers who present their boarding pass■

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Motufoua welcomes new students into Form Seven

Motufoua Secondary School is happy to accommodate any student who wishes to pursue Form Seven at the boarding School at Vaitupu this year.

Some of the Tuvaluan students who took Form 6 education outside of Tuvalu are interested in continuing their Form 7 education at Motufoua.

Acting Principal of the School Siautele Lito said, the Form 7 has two streams, the Academic stream which will sit the South Pacific Form Seven Certificate SPFSC and the other will do skills development under courses offered by the Fiji National University FNU.

“The School will place the new students to their streams according to their reports,” said Mr Lito.

He added that the number of students in the School is increasing this year because of the Form 7 that has just shifted to Motufoua but despite the increase Lito is adamant that the school which can cater for five hundred students can accommodate the increase.

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Managing wastes in Tuvalu

Keeping Tuvalu clean is everyone’s business

Throwing rubbish at the dumping sites and keeping Tuvalu clean at all times is everyone’s business and not the Solid Waste Agency of Tuvalu SWAT only.

Miriama Uluiviti of SWAT told Tuvalu News that a Security officer has been employed to look after the dump site at the Northern side of the Island.

The security in charge will check all the rubbish that is taken to the site because only compost wastes are

allowed to be dumped there and not the hazardous waste such as batteries and air-conditioned machines.

“These types of wastes together with other wastes such as iron will be thrown at a different site,” says Ms Uluiviti.

She says the dumping site will be open on specific hours and if anyone is found disposing rubbish at the site during closing hours, that person will be fined or penalized under the Environment Protection regulation.

“It is everyone’s responsibility to keep Tuvalu clean.so let’s all make a change this year in the way we dispose, dump and manage our household rubbish, so that we can make Tuvalu clean and attractive to others.” ■

ROC Embassy encourages Tuvaluans to make use of Taiwan scholarships

The Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) is encouraging Tuvalu citizens to apply to Taiwan ICDF scholarships.

Early this year, the embassy announced the 2015 Higher Education Scholarship Programs launched by the International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) in Taiwan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs MOFA scholarship scheme for six successful students.

The scholarship

covers a return Economy airfare with a monthly stipend.

Locals were encouraged to apply for 27 study programs available in 17 affiliated universities in Taiwan which varies from Agriculture to Nursing and etc.

Second Secretary in the Embassy Albert Lin said students need to make use of this opportunity and try not to withdraw in the last minute.

The embassy reminds interested applicants to take note of the deadline which is March

13, 2015 for MOFA and March 16 for ICDF Scholarships.

ICDF scholarships can be accessed online at the ICDF website and follow the link.

When accessing the website, applicants should complete, print then present a completed online form already signed to the ROC Embassy here on Funafuti with supporting documents.

The selection is done by the ICDF Scholarship Committee in Taiwan and the successful applicant will be notified through the embassy.

More than twenty Tuvaluan students are currently studying in Taiwan universities under these two scholarship schemes ■

Young Tuvaluans interested in taking up taekwondo



A good number of Tuvaluan children have registered to learn about taekwondo and have started with their trainings.

Fifty children were registered between the ages of six to 15 and are doing their trainings at the Vaiaku Falekaupule every afternoon.

They are very smart and are also learning fast. She believed that one contributing factor to the fast learning of these children is the keenness of Tuvaluans in dancing and music, hence making it easier for these children to master the moves of Taekwondo easily because the game is all about moves and ac-

tions. Taekwondo according to Miss Park is a traditional game for most Asian countries including Korea and most of these Asian countries are sharing this game with other countries to boost other countries participation in the game at Olympic events.

Taekwondo was introduced to Olympic Games and other International games in 1988.

“It will be unfair if Asians keep winning the game so it is better to share to other countries in order for every country to compete in it,” said Ms Park.

Members of the Tuvalu Taekwondo federation Talafou Esekia and Epu Falenga said Tuvalu welcomes the game and they look forward to learn and to master taekwondo.

The team from Peace Corps will be here until the 12th of February. ■

Tuvalu Government Scholarship Awardees for 2015

- Diploma in Early Childhood Education-Kiata Kaipati & Taotao Lagafaoa
- Bachelor in Primary Teaching-Mafioelise Pulatalo & Losite Ielomi
- Bachelor of Science +PGCE Maths & Physics-Tolotea Sami
- Bachelor of Science +PGCE Math & Computing Science-Masaua Timoteo
- Bachelor of Science +PGCE Biology & Chemistry-Taakai E Tuisamoa
- Bachelor of Education in Secondary +PGCE Language & Literature-Pele Kofe
- Bachelor of Science in Math & Information System-Tuisani Teveia
- Bachelor of Arts in Politics & Tourism studies-Tealofa Teagai
- Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality-Faitotoa Kulene
- Bachelor of Commerce in Economics-Lucinda F D'Unienville
- Bachelor of Pharmacy-Meielina Fanoanoaga
- Bachelor of Arts Economics & Sociology- Suafale Kelisiano
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology & Sociology- Maugaiti Makelesi Kusi
- Bachelor of Science in Renewable Energy-Betty Melton
- Bachelor of Civil Engineering-Fiavaai Fiavaai & Lekai N Sakaio
- Bachelor of Electrical Eng major in Refrigeration & Air Conditioning-Kalahati Puapua
- Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Economics & Public Policy-Talake F Teo
- Bachelor of Commerce in Development studies-Kauapa Vila
- Diploma in Upholstery-Uoka Faleti
- Diploma in Fabrication & Welding-Alatele Avia
- Diploma in Computing-Kerry Enele
- Diploma in Electronic majoring in telecommunication-Panapasi Sosene

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CORNER

New Appointments

Kaspo Feleti Teo *Fisheries Legal Officer*,
 Corrina Ituaso Lafai & Stella Irata *Crown Counsels*
 Matini Vailopa *Culture Officer*
 Tofiga Tinilau *UNESCO Program Officer*

Resignations

Efoti Koula Lea Ala *Senior Fishing Officer (Licensing)*

Confirmation of Appointments

Laitailiu Seono *Fisheries Long-line licensing Officer*
 Penihuro Simeti *Senior Fisheries Officer monitoring and surveillance*
 Pugameau Taufilo *Fisheries Economist*.
 Inge Koepke *Assistant Radiographer*
 Mickey Tetoa *Princess Margaret Hospital Cook*
 Viliame Vakauta & Tapeau Fosi *Classroom teachers*
 Temetiu Maliga *Director of Rural development*
 Lanieata Faleasiu *Community Affairs Officer*
 Fakalogo Houati & Imo Fiamalua *Energy Technicians*
 Evolini Mami *Plant Protection Officer*
 Talimanako Poukanava & Paileta Penivao *High Executive Officers*
 Malofou Sopoaga *Deputy Director of Public Works*

Retirements

Tito Talu *Civil Worker at PWD*
 Minni Katagali *High Executive Officer*
 Sotaga Uni *Senior Cook at Motufoua Secondary School*.

The Commission will again meet on the 29th of January for a special meeting while the actual meeting is scheduled on February 5th, 2015.

Vacancies

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Tuvalu citizens to fill vacant positions currently exists in the Public Service

- 2 Permanent Secretaries @ Level 1C
- 1 Director of Climate Change Policy Unit @ Level 3
- 1 Assistant Secretary General @ Level 4
- 1 Climate Change Policy Coordinator @ Level 5
- 1 Assistant Trade Officer @ Level 6
- 1 Project Development Officer @ Level 7/6
- 1 Personal Assistant @ Level 7
- 1 Computer Inventory Officer @ Level 8/7
- 2 Radio Announcers @ Level 8
- 1 Data and Information Officer @ Level 8
- 1 Watchman @ Level 10

Full details of these vacant positions can be obtained from the Public Service Commission office. All interested applicants should address their applications to the Secretary for Personnel and Training. All civil servant applications have to be under the first sight of their secretaries.

All interested applicants are to submit their applications together with Form P2, CV's and certified copies of their qualifications and their transcripts from recognized institutions to the office of the Public Service Commission not later than 6th February, 2015.

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