

Ambassador Joy attends ni-Vanuatu scholars graduation in Oxford

IT WAS A VERY emotional and joyous moment for the Republic of Vanuatu as the Vanuatu Ambassador to the European Union, Mr Roy Mickey Joy, his wife Mrs Shirley Joy, and Vanuatu's very successful young medical doctor, Dr Leslie and his wife, Mrs Crinson Ala witnessed the graduation of five very successful Ni-Vanuatu Scholars at the Oxford Examination School, in Oxford, England last Saturday as special guests of the IMCA ceremony.

The graduation ceremony, which was described as a milestone achievement and the first of its kind for Vanuatu was attended by scholars from all over the world including the five ni-Vanuatus.

Dressed in colorful university gowns that were to be worn by those being admitted to professional qualifications and degrees and common to the International Management Centres Association (IMCA) and Revans University, the five ni-Vanuatu graduates did their country proud as they each walked with a small flag of their country to the front to receive their awards from the Chancellor of the IMCA Action Learning, Dr Gordon Prestoungange.

The proud ni-Vanuatu graduates include Mr Donald Pelam from Paama who works at the CNS and who graduated with a Bachelor of Management;



Mr Colin Gesa of Ambae, a civil servant who works for the Customs and VATS Office and who graduated with a Masters in Business Administration; MrsLitiana Chilia of Mele who works for the Mele Trustees and who graduated with a Bachelor of Management; Mr Andrew Napuat of Tanna who works for the Ministry of Justice who graduated with a Bachelor of Management; and Mrs Davinah Tosusu of Malo who is employed by the National Housing Corporation and graduated with a Masters in Business Administration MBA.

Presiding over the ceremony, Chancellor Gordon Prestoungange told the audience that this is 24th Congression and they have held to honour those who have completed their action learning studies across the world in upwards of 40 different countries.

"You are the latest of course, but as with all those who have gone before you, and I have attended every one of those 23 earlier Congressions, you have our most hearty congratulations and our very best wishes for everything that comes next for you," he said.

The IMCA is a global professional institution committed to the development of more effective managers worldwide by action learning. Each year a Common Congression is convened for all IMCA's Constituent Institutions around the globe and this year it is hosted by their colleagues in England.

The success story is a unique tale of its kind as it clearly demonstrates the commitments and sacrifices of our five ni-Vanuatu scholars who did not only complete their two year IMCA program with flying colours, but were able

to save up, meet and pay their own travel and accommodation costs for 10 days in London to attend their important graduation day in Oxford.

Team leader, Mr Donald Pelam explained that the road to their success was not easy as it required dedication, sacrifices and commitment for each participant to be able to complete the program.

"Two years ago, we started off with quite a big number of students for the program, but many were not able to continue on because of their own commitments and other reasons, but we were able to mobilize ourselves and got this small group going until we all completed our program," he said.

At the end of the ceremony, Ambassador Joy and Dr Ala were among the many guests and visitors to speak on behalf of the Vanuatu Government and congratulated the newly graduates for their historical achievements.

In his short address to the new graduates, Ambassador Joy challenged them to rise to the occasion and to translate their qualifications and knowledge into a workable tool to assist in improving their professional capacity as well as use their know how and experience to help Vanuatu's socio-economic goals and aspirations.

LOCAL NEWSIN BRIEF

Local bank to introduce new system to check international transfers

■ A new computer system will be introduced soon by one of the banks in the country where any money transfer that comes from anywhere in the world will be checked directly by this machine to ensure that it is not "dirty" money. This computer system will check the money with the rest of the world. This was revealed by Finance Minister Sela Molisa in Parliament yesterday when the House was debating the Bill for the Incorporated Cells Company Act No. of 2009. Molisa one of the commercial banks has approached the government on this and this was put forward to the State Law office who said there was no legal issue with the system if it was installed. At this stage it has not been installed yet. The minister made this point when the issue of money laundering was raised by an MP on the government side.

Food inspectors to effectively carry out work after amendment

■ The Minister for Health, Moses Kahu, told parliament that the one of the purpose of the Bill for the Food (Control) (Amendment) Act No of 2009, is to give power to authorized officers to effectively carry out their work. Minister Kahu said in response to a question raised about why there are shops that put expired food on their shelves at special price that would certainly entice low income earners to go for it. In providing a supplementary answer to the question raised, Internal Affairs Minister Patrick Crowley said it has been difficult in the past for enforcement officers of the Port Vila Municipality to carry out their jobs especially when there are not enough inspectors. He said the inspectors will certainly act on any public complaints that are raised. Foreign Affairs Minister, Joe Natuman also said the former minister for health, Morkin Stevens had brought into existence rules that ensure that food items that are sold in shops have instructions either in English, French or Bislama. This means that if the instructions are only in one foreign language, inspectors are now given authority to destroy such items.

Skywest Airlines tenders for Air Vanuatu Shareholdings

■ The Director of Skywest Airlines Mr E Cianciosi and Air Vanuatu General Manager Mr Dimitri Politis held a one-hour meeting with the Air Vanuatu Shareholders Monday this week. Prime Minister's Office Public Relations Officer, George Tarimanu said the purpose of the meeting was to present to the shareholders the Skywest airline's proposals and plans as part of its attempt to participate in the tender for Air Vanuatu shareholdings.

French Embassy injects Vt2million into Vanuatu's first old peoples' home

By Jane Joshua
Ni VANS AND RESIDENTS OF Vanuatu can expect to see Vanuatu's first version of old people's home dubbed the 'Senior's house' erect and operating very soon.

French Ambassador to Vanuatu Madam Maylie Francoise this week signed an agreement for Vt 190 000 with President of the Association Francaise de Bienfaisance du Vanuatu (AFBV) Jacqueline de Gaillande.

This fund falls in the 'Pacific fund' category decided by the France Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs with the aim to contribute to the creation of a house for senior citizens.

This assistance will allow to fund the first step in the building of this center, in partnership with the French Senate, private donors and in collaboration with New Caledonia.

The foundation has already

been laid in Tassiriki and it is possible that the facility, described as 'modest' will be completed by December.

An old people's home is a place where old people live and are looked after when they are unable to look after themselves and is sometimes call the nursing home/assisted living facility/convalascent home/convalascent hospital/nursing home/old folks home/old soldiers' home/

rest home/retirement facility or retirement home.

This particular one is said to be well integrated in the Melanesian custom, it will welcome sick and semi dependent seniors for a variable stay depending on their condition.

It features around ten beds which could be extended in the future, its own dispensary situated in the main building and caters for specialized care geri-

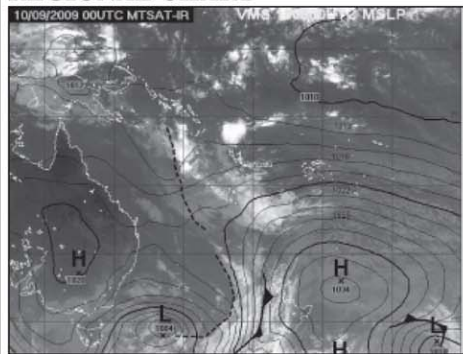
atrics. In the Melanesian way, it is unheard of to pay someone to look after an immediate aging family member it does not matter how old and senile you get your children/ grandchildren, relatives will look after you, it is who we are.

So it is not clear to what extent Ni Vans will use this facility.

The Pacific grant funds projects which promote the regional integration and associate at least one of the French territories in the region.

AFBV was created officially in April 2007. Its principle aim is to organize and to manage this centre which corresponds to a current need.

REGIONAL CHART



TODAYS WEATHER

Courtesy Vanuatu Meteo Office Call 22932

Yesterday's recorded weather variables (8am-8am)	Sola	Saratamata (Ambae)	Pekoa (Santo)	Lamp (Malekula)	Bauerfield (Vila)	Whitegrass Tanna	Aneityum
Rainfall (mm)	0.1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.2
Max. Temp (°C)	28.1	28.5	28.7	29.6	29.6	27.1	27.7
Min. Temp (°C)	24.4	22.0	22.0		17.0	20.4	17.7

TIDES FOR PORT VILA HARBOUR

TIMES	HEIGHT (Meters)	TIMES	HEIGHT (Meters)
04:00	0.43	15:38	0.74
10:34	1.05	21:51	1.27



SUNRISE
Today: 05-46
Tomorrow: 05-45



SUNSET
Today: 17-41
Tomorrow: 17-41

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