June- July Newsletter

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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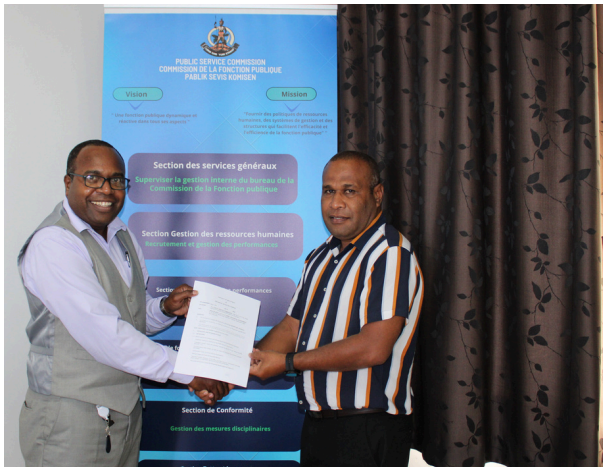
What has happened in the last month! News Highlights

The Chairman of the Public Service Commission, Mr. Martin Mahe formally welcomed appointed Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade (MoFAICET) Mr. Noah Patrick Kouback, June 17th 2024.

Mr.Kouback represented Vanuatu Government in Foreign missions for 13 years as the Secretary to the Vanuatu Ambassador in Brussels then as the Secretary to the Vanuatu High Commission in Australia.

He also served as the Program Advisor in terms of trade to the Forum Secretariat in Fiji for four years before joining the Vanuatu Public service.



Mr. Albert Ruddley was officially appointed as Secretary General of Torba Province on June 18th,2024.

Mr. Ruddley's appointment was done through a rigorous recruitment process.

OPSC's believes Mr.Ruddley's appointment fosters the Governments Decentralization policy and with a wealth of experience working both in the private and public sector.

On June 25th, the second cohort of Panel of Peers went through a training of recruitment of senior officials within the PSC structure.

The Panel of Peers acts as a 'Standing Pool of Experts' that can be called upon for the nationally important roles of selection and Performance Review of Director Generals, Directors and Secretary Generals.

APSC President Internation, Ms. Christine Shannon (l), PSC Chairman Martin Mahe (c) flunked by participants of the Workforce Planning Workshop.

Office of the Public Service Commission Coordinates First ever Vanuatu Workforce Planning Training from 9th July – 11th July

The Office Public Service Commission coordinated a first ever and successful three (3) days workforce planning training on Iririki Island from the 9th of July to 11th of July 2024.

The workforce planning training is one of the first bilateral exchange program after the OPSC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian Public Service Commission at the beginning of the year. The MoU was a milestone achieved by the OPSC as part of its reform programs and vision to improve Vanuatu's public sector workforce.

Mr. Joe Iautim was officially appointed as Secretary General of Tafea Province on July 22nd,2024.

SG Iautim has served in this position from 2019 until his contract ended in 2023 and has a wealth of experience working both in in the public and private sector.

OPSC's believes Mr.Iautim's appointment will continue to foster the Governments Decentralization policy.

VIPAM conducted Induction of Final year Students

Mr. Lesines conducting the induction of final year students at VIPAM Conference room

VIPAM Principal Scholarship & Development Officer, Mr Pierrick Lesines conducted the Induction of final year students undertaking Bachelor of Economic and Social Administration or Licence Administration Economique et Sociale (AES) at the National University of Vanuatu on June 12th, 2024.

This program covers the preparation of students and graduates on what to expect from diverse working environment of the careers they choose to embark on.

It also amplifies the agreement between the PSC and NUV to 'providing career pathways, including internships and apprenticeships, to NUV students within the public service'.

Upcoming Events

The Office of the Public Service Commission is weeks away from the anticipated Public Service Day!
Watch this space for details of the following;

- **PS Day Booth Display**
- **PS Day Float Parade**
- **Career Day Program**

Stay tuned!

'The role of civil servants is crucial in building a strong and properous nation' Manmohan Singh

Our Staff Corner

Hello! My name is **Pierrick LESINES**, from Walarano, NE Malekula.

Position: Principal Scholarship & Development Officer at the Vanuatu Institute of Public Administration and Management (VIPAM)

What do you love most about your job?

I joined the Public Service Commission in 2011 and currently serving in the position stated above. I coordinate participation of employees to outsourced trainings and also promote Public Service as a choice of employment to aspiring students or graduates through cadetship, apprenticeship and internship pathways.

My passion lies in helping others especially the youth. My job provides the avenue where I can assist young people choose what is to be their lifetime career. I love helping people with opportunities whether it be further studies or job placement.

Fun Fact:

I am a person full of humor, so whatever the situation is I will always find a way to make you laugh.

Thank you for reading!

Photo Gallery

Workforce Planning training as the first bilateral exchange after OPSC signed MoU with APSC.

Participants awarded with certificates at the end of workforce planning training on July 11,2024.