

Adress Blong President Long Opening Blong Workshop Blong Gud Governance, Blong Olgeta Honorable Membas Blong Parliamen

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Hon. Spika Donald Kalpokas
Hon. Deputy Prime Minista Serge Vohor
Australian High Commissioner
Hon. Ministas blong government
Hon. Members blong Parliament
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Mi glad long opotuniti blong save serem taem ia wetem yufala, mo mi talem tank yu long Spika blong Parliament, Hon. Donald Kalpokas long invitation we ikam. long mi blong save givim toktok long opening blong wokshop ia tedei.

Mi undastan se wokshop blong yufala bai hemi lukluk long subject blong Gud Governance, mo bai hemi focus long trifala main arias ia; Acountabiliti, Scrutini mo Oversight.

Wetem presence blong yufala of honourable membass blong Parliament we yufala istap tedei blong participate long wokshop ia, mi wantem acknowlegem gudfala sapot blong yufala. Hemia iconfirmem importance blong wokshop ia we yufala ol honourable membass iluk save se hemi long interest blong nasen, therefore yufala ibin mekem taeni iavailable blong save attendem.

Mi acknowlegem. tu. of efforts long offis blong Spika ino of staff blong hem, long co operation wetem AUSAID mo Centre blong Democratic Institute long Australian National University, blong save putum tugeta format blong wokshop ia.

Gud Governance hemi wan essential component long gud development blong wan nasen, mo hemi fundamental long future well-being blong nasen ia. Gud Governance therefore hemi no wan choice, but hemi wan duty we yumi ol national lidas irresponsible long hem.

Taem we wam memba blong society hemi kasem appointment olsem wan lida, long whatever level blong lidaship, automatically society blong hem iexpectem. blong luk wan higher level blong conduct long lida ia bitim bifo. Expectation ia hemi stap oltaem, inomata sapos oli bin raetem daon long wan leadership code Act o nomo. So expectation ia hemi simply minim se pipol oli wantem luk conduct blong gud goverance long laef blong lida blong olgeta.

Antap long hemia, Vanuatu hemi wan nasen we ibiliv bigwan long practice blong Christianity, therefore yumi accepteni of teachings mo principles blong bible. Taem yumi lukluk gud long hem, of principles ia oli formem basis blong Constitution blong Republic blong yumi Vanuatu. Yumi save luk tu se ol unda lying principles ia ibin operate long system blong government we of traditional chiefs blong yumi oli bin usum bifo ikam blong save maintainem pis, oda mo uniti long society blong yumi.

Ol principles ia oli providem finis mechanism blong igat accountability long any memba blong society stad long lida igo daon, mo igat scrutiny long ol events insaed long society mo tu, igat oversight blong protectem society ia. Therefore idea blong gud governance hemi no wan niu samting long ol society blong mankind.

However wetem modem world we yumi faenem yumi long hem tedei, mo wetem of rapid changes we istap tekem ples long structure blong society blong yumi, igat nid blong yumi re-enforcem standard blong gud governance oltaem insaed long governing blong nasen blong yumi.

Mi biliv tu se ol experience blong yumi long last 21 year blong independence, hemi talem clea long yumi nid blong impruvum gud governance. Therefore lgit nid blong impruv long exercise blong role blong Parliament mo of members blong Parliament, blong save reenforcem mo bringim ikam antap level blong gud governance we yumi wantem mo nidim long kantri. Sam provisions istap finis long of existing laws blong yumi, we ishud allowem yumi blong save mekem of impruvmen ia, and mi biliv se wokshop blong yufala isave givim sam guidance long direction ia.

Cud governance hemi impoten tumas long stability mo prosperity blong nasen. Wetem trend we istap tedei long region blong yumi, especially ol ethnic tension we sam Melanesian brata kantri blong yumi ofi go thru long hem, hemi wan serious warning long yumi se gud governance hemi shud be wan priority aria blong yumi adressem.

Challenge we istap wetem yumi tedei long region long saed blong stability hemi bigwan. Lukluk blong mi se yumi long Vanuatu olsem wail memba blong Melanesian block MSG, yumi bearem wan impoten role mo responsibility blong upholdem stability within MSC mo region as a whole. Hemi wan strong challenge, be cost long yumi as a nasen mo region hemi bigwan tuma~ and yumi nosave afford blong lusum stability from excuse blong poor governance.

Olgeta honourable members mi wantem endem short toktok blong mi blong talem olsem se mi gat trust long yufala se tugeta yumi save mekem sam gud impruvum mo setem wan gud example long region and may God ihelpem yumi long ol efforts blong yumi.

Mi wishim yufala everiwan wan saksesful wokshop and may wanem yufala igainem long wokshop ia bringing sam niu excitement mo drive long wok blong Parliament mo yufala ol honourable membas long service we yufala imekem long nasen.

Wetem ol toktok mi glad blong talem se Wokshop blong yufala long Gud Governance hemi open.

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