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Education Department launch two editions of Vagahau Niue Journals

Alofi, Niue, 19th August 2016: The Niue Education Department launched two editions of the Vagahau Niue journals at their head office on Thursday 18th September 2016 witnessed by a number of Government officials and the public.

The Eight sets of journals are chronicles of short stories and poems targeting students of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students were penned by historians and educators as well as contributions from the general public. The illustrations contained in the journals were the creations of Department of Education, Production Officer, Ms Susannah Sionetuato.



(Journal samples launched at Halamahaga)

Director of Education Birtha Togahai said the journals embraced the Niue history through distinctive storytelling by a number of educators and the general public.

She said there is a lack of Vagahau Niue resources and the journals are great learning tools for the Niue High School to develop students love and appreciation of Vagahau Niue.

The oral accounts of stories transitioned to the recorded and printed methods in recent years and the latest collection will add to the rich history captured by the Education department.

A representative from the Department said the accomplishment of the journal is a great achievement for the department since the project started in 2007. The publishing of the journal has been funded by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Apia, Samoa.

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