



## GOVERNMENT OF NIUE

### MEDIA RELEASE

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Alofi, Niue, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The Government of Niue announced the appointment of Honourable Fisa Igilisi Pihigia as Niue's new High Commissioner to New Zealand. Honourable Fisa Pihigia will commence his new post as Niue's High Commissioner, in Wellington, New Zealand, in early April 2017.

Honourable Fisa Igilisi Pihigia worked many years as a public servant, and was appointed to the senior position of Collector of Customs before entering the political arena. Hon Pihigia has served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the village of Tuapa for over 27 years and is well versed with political matters locally, regionally and internationally affecting Niue. He is also the current Ulumotua (Head of Deacons) for the Tuapa Ekalesia Niue and have served as Ulumotua for many years.

Honourable Fisa Pihigia will succeed Niue's High Commissioner, Her Excellency O' Love Jacobsen who will conclude her term in office on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The Hon Premier and the Government of Niue would like to thank Her Excellency O'Love Jacobsen for her excellent services as Niue's High Commissioner to New Zealand and her appointment as Dean of the Diplomatic Corp which was a highlight. The Premier and the people of Niue are extremely proud of her achievements. The Niue Government at the same time, congratulates Hon Fisa Pihigia in his appointment as Niue's High Commissioner to New Zealand.

Alofi, Niue 13 Mati 2017. Ku a fakailoa he Fakatufono Niue ko e Lilifu ko Fisa Igilisi Pihigia ko e Komisina Tokoluga a Niue ki Niu Silani. Ku a amanaki e Lilifu ko Fisa Pihigia ke kamata haana a gahua ko e Komisina Tokoluga he mataulu mahina Apelila 2017.

Ko e Lilifu ko Fisa Pihigia, loga haana a tau tau gahua ma e Fakatufono Niue (public servant) ti pulou e ia e kotofaga tokoluga ko e Collector of Customs, to fifili e ia ke tuku haana higoa ke he viliaga Ekepule. Kua katoatoa e uafulumafitu (27) e tau tau gahua ko e Ekepule ma e maaga ko Tuapa, Uhomotu, ti kua pulotu foki a ia ke he tau gahua politika nakai ni ke he motu ko Niue, ka e pihia ke he atu pasifika mo e lalolagi. Pulou foki he Lilifu ko Pihigia e kotofaaga ko e Ulumotua ma e Ekalesia Niue he maaga ko Tuapa ke he loga he tau tau ti hoko mai ke he magaaho nai.

To matutaki e ia e tau gahua ko e Komisina Tokoluga ka okioki mai e Lilifu ko O'Love Jacobsen mai he kotofaaga ko e Komisina Toikoluga a Niue ki Niu Silani he aho 17 Mati 2017.

Ku a manako e Lilifu Palemia Hon Toke Tufukia Talagi mo e Fakatufono Niue ke fakaue ke he Lilifu ko O'Love Jacobsen ke he haana a tau gahua mitaki he magaaho ne fakafekau ai ke he kotofaaga, ko e Komisina Tokoluga a Niue ki Niu Silani. Ku a fougou e ia e kotofaaga tokoluga ko e Dean of the Diplomatic Corp, ti matalahi mo e fiafia ai e Lilifu Palemia Hon Toke Talagi, Fakatufono mo e tau tagata Niue ke he tuaga tokoluga mo e mahuiga ia.

Manako foki e Fakatufono mo e tau tagata Niue ke tuku age e tau fakamonuina ke he Lilifu ko Fisa Igilisi Pihigia ke he kotofaaga ko e Komisina Tokoluga a Niue ki Niu Silani.

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