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Press Release

Niue joins Pacific Leaders at meeting in Japan

Alofi, Niue, 16th January 2017: Niue will join Pacific Leaders this in Tokyo Japan for the Third Ministerial Interim Meeting (MIM3) of the Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM).

The Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM) takes place every 3 years and started in 1997. In order to forge closer cooperative relations between Japan and Pacific Island countries, Ministerial and Senior Officials meetings occur annually.

It is expected the meeting on the 17th will discuss the outcome of PALM7, which was held in May 2015 as well as various views towards the PALM8 scheduled for 2018.

Niue established Diplomatic Relations with Japan on the 4th of August 2015.

The Acting Premier Honourable Pokotoa Sipeli and Secretary of Government Richard Hipa are representing Niue at this meeting.

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