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THE GOVERNMENT OF NIUE WELCOMES THE 16TH OFFICIAL QUEENS BATON RELAY TO FALE FONO

Alofi, Niue – 03 March 2022 – The Government of Niue (GON) today welcomed the 16th official Queens Baton Relay at Fale Fono II, Halamahaga. The Queens Baton is continuing its global journey around the 72 Commonwealth nations and territories before concluding at the opening ceremony of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games on 28 July 2022.

The Queens Baton was carried to the Fale Fono by the Niue Island Sports Commonwealth Games Association (NISGA), President Maru Talagi.

The Speaker of the Niue Assembly, Hon. Hima Douglas, received the Queen's Baton on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, who then presented the Baton to the Minister of Sports, Hon. Sauni Tongatule.

"We are excited to see the active participation of the community with the Queens Batons arrival to Niue. We hope that the young people participating in the Baton relay are inspired by this special occasion to represent Niue in future Commonwealth Games," says Minister Tongatule.

Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi, an athlete in the Glasgow 2014 and Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, received the Baton on behalf of the Government of Niue.

"We are delighted to have the Queens Baton visit our new Fale Fono II this morning, as this will be one of many Batons that will be received in this Fale Fono".

"The Baton Relay has been an essential part of the Commonwealth Games for over 60 years and celebrates communities from across the Commonwealth during the run-up to the Games. Niue is honoured to host the Baton halfway through its 269-day journey".

The Batons arrival to Fale Fono was attended by several key GON and NISGA officials to welcome the Baton to Fale Fono.

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For more information on the Queen's Baton Relay and to follow the Baton's journey, visit www.birmingham2022.com/qbr

ABOUT

The Queen's Baton Relay is the traditional curtain-raiser for the Commonwealth Games. It began when the Baton, containing a message from The Queen, departed from Buckingham Palace on 7 October 2021. The 16th official Queen's Baton Relay is an epic journey covering the entirety of the Commonwealth as it will travel to all 72 nations and territories, covering a distance of 140,000 kilometres. For 269 days, the Baton will travel to Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania, the Caribbean and the Americas, before it embarks on the final stretch of its journey across England for 25 days. The global journey will conclude at the Birmingham 2022 Opening Ceremony.