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THE INDIA-NIUE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CEIT) OFFICIAL PROJECT HANDOVER AND CELEBRATED ITS FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY

Alofi, Niue – 22 September 2022 – A special ceremony was held at the Tāoga Niue Auditorium on 15 September 2022, marking two very special occasions; the first being the official handover of the India-Niue Centre of Excellence In Information Technology (IN-CEIT) from the Government of the Republic of India (GOI) to the Government of Niue (GON) under the Secretariat of the Niue Public Service Commission and its first graduation ceremony.

The President of Ekalesia Niue, Rev Nukanuka Tauevihi, opened the ceremony followed by statements by Mr Pappu Kapgate on behalf of the GOI and Hon. Sauni Tongatule for the GON.

Acting Premier of Niue, Hon. Sauni Tongatule acknowledged the GOI for the significant investment in establishing the “India-Niue Centre of Excellence in Information Technology and the support initiated during the time of the late Sir Toke, who signed the project document on behalf of Niue.

Hon. Tongatule also acknowledged “the assistance of the Office of the Secretary to Government and External Affairs, Secretariat of the Niue Public Service Commission and the University of the South Pacific” to ensure the successful establishment of the IN-CEIT in Niue.

“We acknowledge the acceptance of the support initiated during the time of the late Sir Toke, who signed the project document on behalf of Niue”.

The ceremony was extra special, acknowledging the first-ever graduates of the IN-CEIT for 2021 and 2022, with 22 graduates in various courses; Certificate in Office Automation, Certificate in Information Technology, Certificate in Business Computing and Certificate in Database Management.

Hon. Tongatule expressed his congratulations saying, “You have done the Government proud in getting your certificate”.

“Learning is a lifelong skill; we never stop learning, and especially with technology, we can continue beyond our school years,” said Hon. Tongatule.

Acting Premier also acknowledged CDAC on behalf of the GOI, Pappu Kapgate, for his dedication to seeing the project completed and seeing the official handover of the IN-CEIT.

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