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THE HONOURABLE MITITAIAGIMENE YOUNG VIVIAN – TO BE A COMPANION OF THE NEW ZEALAND ORDER OF MERIT

The GON congratulates Honourable Mititaiagimene Young Vivian, who will be a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) in the New Years Honours List 2023.

30 December 2022 - Alofi, Niue – The Government of Niue (GON) welcomes the announcement this morning of a former Premier of Niue, the Honourable Mititaiagimene Young Vivian in the New Year Honours List 2023. He is to be a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) for Services to Niue.

Hon Young Vivian is a proud son of Fineone, Hakupu Atua and joins former Premier, the late Honourable Frank Fakaotimanava-Lui, CNZM who is also a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

Notable achievements highlighted in Honourable Vivian's biographical note include:

- One of the architects of the Niue Constitution in 1974;
- Premier of Niue for just over 6 years (December 1992 - March 1993; May 2002 - June 2008);
- A school teacher for many years before elected to represent Hakupu village as a Member of the Niue Legislative Assembly for 48 years;
- Held a number of ministerial posts since 1969 including Finance, Economic Development, Agriculture, Police, Tourism, Justice, Lands and Survey;
- Director-General of the South Pacific Commission (SPC) based in New Caledonia from 1979 to 1982;
- Chairperson of the Niue National Commission for UNESCO;
- Advocate for youth employment programmes such as the Young Farmer's Project, the Niue Pig Farming Initiative and the Vanilla and Nonu Organic Farming Project;
- Oversaw the response to the destruction caused by Cyclone Heta 2004 including the construction of the Niue Fooo Hospital in 2006;
- Ulumotua (Head Deacon), a Senior Elder and lay preacher in the village of Hakupu;
- Inaugural recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal in the Niue National Awards 2020.

The Honourable Dalton Tagelagi, Premier of Niue acknowledged that the Hon. Young Vivian played an important part in Niue attaining self-governance and the Niue Constitution 1974 which Niueans are proud of and celebrate to this day.

“This honour is well deserved by one of the founding fathers of Niue becoming a nation. I am beyond pleased that Papa Young's contribution, hard work, dedication and service to Niue and her people have been recognised in the New Year Honours List 2023. He is well known and cherished by the Niue people.” says Premier Tagelagi.

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