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NIUE JOINS PACIFIC LEADERS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Alofi, Niue – 22 May 2022 – The Premier of Niue, Honourable Dalton Tagelagi is currently in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea where he met with Pacific Leaders and attended two high level summits, the first being the 3rd India-Pacific Islands Cooperation Summit (FIPIC III) followed by the United States (U.S) Pacific Islands Forum Meeting at APEC House, Port Moresby.

Niue appreciates the generous hospitality of the host country Papua New Guinea and His Excellency James Marape, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea for the warm welcome to the country. Honourable Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India joined Pacific leaders for the summit where Pacific leaders were able to openly dialogue and share their national priorities with India.

Whilst co-chairing the summit, the Indian Prime Minister announced a 12-step programme to propel India's partnerships with Pacific Island countries.

Premier Hon. Dalton Tagelagi said, “We welcome the support, of the vision that we have that will help the Blue Pacific Continent and its people. India is a genuine partner who shares our vision and protects what keeps us alive; the oceans and the environment.”.

U.S President Joe Biden was unable to attend the U.S.-Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Dialogue due to domestic reasons. Instead, U.S Secretary of State Anthony Blinken attended the meeting in Papua New Guinea to demonstrate the renewed U.S. commitment to the Pacific Island.

Premier Tagelagi said “Niue welcomes renewed U.S engagement with Niue and the Pacific region and using the regional mechanisms that we have in place for such engagement. We look forward to a genuine partnership and deepening our relationship based on mutual respect and shared interests”.

“Overall, the discussions were fruitful and beneficial in continuing our united Pacific efforts to build systems of sustainable development throughout the region and in support of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.”

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