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ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK OPENS BRANCH IN NIUE

Alofi, Niue – 25 July 2023 - The Asian Development Bank (ADB) announces the opening of its new branch in Alofi, Niue. The occasion marks a significant step for Niue since it became a member of ADB in 2019 and the Niue Government is looking towards enhancing economic growth and sustainable development for Niue.

ADB's Director General for the Pacific Leah Gutierrez is joined by ADB's Pacific Subregional Director Aaron Batten in the opening ceremony. In her opening remarks Ms Guitierrez stated, "The establishment of this strategic branch in Niue reaffirms ADB's commitment to fostering prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region and upholds its vision of an inclusive and resilient future for all and charting a path towards a prosperous and resilient future to the community and Government of Niue."



The Government of Niue receives technical assistance from ADB in the areas of public sector management, statistics, transport, and climate change. ADB's assistance will enhance the Government of Niue to develop its renewable energy sector in collaboration with the Government of New Zealand. ADB will also build resilience against economic foundations and offer support from the recovery of the pandemic. ADB has committed two public sector grants and technical assistance totalling \$4.3 million to Niue. Cumulative grant disbursements have reached \$500,000, as financed by ADB's special funds.

Hon. Premier Dalton Tagelagi said in his statement "The arrival of the Asian Development Bank is an innovative moment for the Government of Niue. We welcome the bank's support and expertise, which will undoubtedly strengthen our infrastructure, improve access to essential services, and efforts to achieve sustainable development goals. This partnership will create a brighter future for the people of Niue."

The ADB branch will be managed by newly appointed local coordinator Mrs. Angela Tuhipa.

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