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NEW AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO THE PREMIER OF NIUE AND CABINET

Alofi, Niue – 14 November 2023 – Today, the new Australian High Commissioner to Niue, Her Excellency Catherine (Katy) Jane Stuart, presented her credentials to the Premier of Niue and Cabinet.

The presentation of credentials ceremony took place in the Premier's Office at Fale Fono II, Halamahaga which marks the formal commencement of High Commissioner Stuart's tenure as the 3rd resident Australian High Commissioner on the Island. She takes over from former High Commissioner Louise Ellerton who departed our shores in August.

Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi welcomed High Commissioner Stuart and expressed appreciation for Australia's ongoing support and partnership with Niue.

The Australian Government is confident that High Commissioner Stuart will play a pivotal role in fostering increased cooperation and understanding between Australia and Niue during her tenure.



Ms. Stuart is a career officer in the Australian Public Service, serving as Assistant Director, Northern and Central Europe Section, DFAT before taking on the role of Australia's High Commissioner to Niue. She has extensive experience both domestically and internationally, including roles with the United Nations in East Timor. Ms. Stuart has held key positions in various divisions within DFAT and AusAID, as well as the Queensland Department of Education. Overall, Ms. Stuart brings a wealth of experience and expertise to her current role.

"We warmly welcome High Commissioner Stuart to Niue and look forward to deepening the bonds of friendship and collaboration between Niue and Australia," said Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi. "Together, we will continue to work hand in hand to address challenges, seize opportunities, and foster a resilient partnership for the benefit of our peoples and the wider Pacific community," said Premier Tagelagi.

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