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NIUE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WELCOMES TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS TO STRENGTHEN GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Alofi, Niue – 24 January 2024 – The Niue Public Service Commission announces the appointment of Honorable Fisa Pihigia and Mr Fapoi Akesi as Commissioners. Both Commissioners commenced their roles on the 22nd January 2024, they will provide leadership skills and expertise to further enhance the Commission's commitment to good governance and public service excellence.

The newly appointed Commissioners bring a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to public service. Their appointments reflect the Commission's dedication to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, transparency, and accountability.



Hon. Pihigia recently returned to Niue after completing his term as the Niue High Commissioner to New Zealand. With a remarkable career spanning over 60 years in various government roles such as Member of the Niue Assembly for the village of Tuapa and diplomat. Hon. Pihigia's strategic vision and institutional knowledge will undoubtedly strengthen the Commission's ability to navigate challenges and drive positive change.

Mr Akesi is a respected leader and a former Director of Community Affairs who worked for the public service for over 40 years. His extensive government knowledge, active participation in the employee's association, and post-retirement roles as an accountant and consultant make him well-positioned to contribute valuable insights and guide the Commission in fulfilling its crucial role in public administration.

The Niue Public Service Commission recognizes the importance of a diverse and skilled leadership team in achieving its mission to uphold the highest standards of public service delivery. The new Commissioners will play a vital role in shaping policies, fostering innovation, and promoting a culture of excellence within the public service.

The Chairperson of the Niue Public Service Commission, Mrs Ida Talagi Hekesi, expressed enthusiasm for the new appointments, stating, "We are delighted to welcome Hon. Fisa Pihigia and Mr Fapoi Akesi to the Commission and Secretariat Office. Their diverse expertise and dedication to public service will undoubtedly strengthen our ability to fulfill our mandate and serve the people of Niue."

The Commission extends its gratitude to former Commissioners, Mrs Victoria Posimani Kalauni who completed her term in June 2023, and Mr Jerrard Hekau who completed his term at the beginning of January 2024 for their valuable contributions and looks forward to working collaboratively with the new Commissioners to address the evolving needs and challenges facing the public service.

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