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GOVERNMENT OF NIUE RECOGNIZES AND BIDS FAREWELL TO OUTGOING NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NIUE HER EXCELLENCY HELEN TUNNAH

Alofi, Niue – 18 December 2023 - The Government of Niue takes great pride in acknowledging the outstanding contributions of Her Excellency, Helen Tunnah who has successfully concluded her term as the High Commissioner of New Zealand to Niue and departed Niue on Friday 15th December 2023. The government commends High Commissioner Tunnah for her exceptional service in strengthening the diplomatic ties between Niue and New Zealand.

Her Excellency Tunnah assumed her role in July 2020, and during her tenure, she has been an advocate for strengthening the diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties and regional security between Niue and New Zealand. Her commitment to fostering cooperation and understanding has helped shape the robust relationship between the two nations. Her tireless efforts have not only strengthened the bonds of friendship but have also contributed to the sustainable development and growth of Niue.



Her commitment to fostering cooperation, understanding, and mutual respect has significantly elevated the diplomatic engagement between the two nations, bringing about positive outcomes for both Niue and New Zealand.

The Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi expresses his deepest appreciation for High Commissioner Tunnah's dedication to her role as High Commissioner. During her term, she played a pivotal role in the Covid-19 pandemic and the relationship and assistance provided by New Zealand, she actively supported community initiatives, promoted economic development, strengthened Niue's relationship with New Zealand Police and Defense Force, and achieved key milestones which also included the repaving of the Hanan International Airport runway, Maritime Surveillance and Covid-19 vaccinations.

"Her Excellency Tunnah will be missed by the Niuean people and those who have worked closely with her. The Office will miss the fortnightly catch ups and I greatly appreciated her support during my first state visit to New Zealand after becoming the Premier. I wish you and your parents a safe Christmas and a Joyous New Year" said Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi.

As High Commissioner Tunnah transitions to new endeavours, the Government of Niue extends its best wishes for her continued success. Fano a koe mo e monuina to liu ke feleveia.

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