



# LOCAL NEWS

## Choiseul Bay school welcomes timely assistance from CBSI



Gov speaks to teachers and students of Choiseul Bay P.S.S.



Gov hands over donation to Principal and teachers of Choiseul Bay P.S.S.

THE Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI) led by Governor Dr Luke Forau made a special visit to the Choiseul Bay Provincial Secondary School last week, and donated \$10,000 along with economic resources (reports) to support the school and its students.

Mr Forau, who is on his first ever provincial tour as Governor, made the visit to the school on Tuesday.

During his presentation to the school, Forau explained that although the visit was short, CBSI wanted to use the opportunity to support the school through a small donation, mainly to help school management especially during the current covid-19 crises.

“Please accept this donation, especially during this

difficult time where we are faced with a lot of uncertainties as a nation,” Forau highlighted.

“We hope the school can make use of this donation to support its students in their learning environment, as they try to finish off this academic year.”

Choiseul Bay PSS Principal, Mr Murray Rotoava in his response thanked Governor Forau for the donation, and expressed his gratitude on behalf of the school. He said cash flow was one of the main difficulties faced, and such a donation from CBSI was timely, and will help the school in many ways.

Governor and his team also used the opportunity to give a brief talk about CBSI functions and operations, and briefly explained

about the current state of the nation’s economy.

The presentation was completed with a short Q&A session before the team returned to the provincial capital, Taro.

The Governor of CBSI had led a small team to Choiseul and Western provinces last week mainly to formally open one of the first nation-wide consultations currently undertaken to develop the governments first ever National Digital Economy Strategy (NDES 1) and the third National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS 3).

The consultations were carried out with local stakeholders and participants from within the provincial government. From Choiseul Province, the Governor also visited Gizo on Thursday, before returning to Honiara on Friday.

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Gov and team led by Principal of C.B.P.S.S to the school hall.jpg

## Archaeology finding amid covid-19

DESPITE the pandemic fear of covid-19 German Archaeological Institute in partnership with Solomon Islands National Museum-Archaeology research programme continues.

Although the research team from German Archaeology research institute are not able to come due to covid19, the team of local archaeologist from SI National Museum lead by the Senior Archaeologist Mr Lawrence Kiko travelled to Maramasike Passage in East Are’Are to investigate a suspect ancient lithic site at Nu’usi Island.

The project is part of the ongoing research project that began way back in 2011 on a search for a lithic site in East Are’Are. A very interesting finding on early human settlement is recorded

from a site called Apunireha at Maniaha Village East Are’Are and several human remains are found at the rock shelter at Ria Cave at Makaura Village. However all research result will be exhibited on a proposed plan exhibition on all the findings at the museum in 2021. According to the team leader Lawrence Kiko, the recent identification of Nu’usi Island ancient lithic site opens a new chapter of archaeology research in the eastern region of Malaita. Nu’usi Island is on a strategic location where many ancient activities can taking places according to the team leader Lawrence Kiko. On our recent visit to Nu’usi Island, it was discovered that chert stone with numerous nodules and flaking from some knapping activities from chert cores are

found all over the island. According to our lithic specialist Dr Johannes Moser, the cherts can never be deposited in the island without human as the source of carrier. The fact that the chert is found on the island, is an evidence of a larger activities made by an organized community many thousands of year ago.

We wish to thank the Malaita Provincial government on the protocol procedure to allow such research work to be done in the province. Thanks to Mr Obed Hou representing Nu’usi Island owner for the hospitality and big thanks goes to German Archaeological Institute through a research cooperating partner Dr Johannes Moser for financial support rendered towards the research project.

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### INVITATION TO TENDER

Solomon Islands National University calls **Request for Tender, SINU-RFP 003/20 — Supply of Desktops and Wi-Fi Access Point and Supply and Installation/Commission of UPS System at FAFF Students’ Computer Lab at Kukum Campus, Honiara, Solomon Islands.**

Hard copies of Tender documents are available from the Chairman of Tenders Board, phone: +677 42600 or email: [tender.board@sinu.edu.sb](mailto:tender.board@sinu.edu.sb) A soft copy of the same is available on SINU Website: <http://www.sinu.edu.sb/hrd/tenders-eoi/>

The Tender closes at 16.30 hours, **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020** (Solomon Islands time). Late entries will not be considered.

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