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Helo Olketa

Helo long yumi evriwan bakegen mo gritings blong wan niufala yia 2026.

Palemen blong Ripablik blong Vanuatu i glad blong presentem namba 5 edisen blong Newsletter blong hem.

Fes kwata(quarter) ia i fokas long ol fes aktiviti we i happen insaed long Palemen, blong statem yia 2026.

Mifala i glad tumas blong sherem ol storian blong mifala wetem yu mo biliv se bambae yu faenem sam gudfala infomesen long edisen ia.

Newsletter ia hemi wan niufala initiative blong institution mo bae hemi kamaot long wan quarterly basis (evri 3 manis).



“Parliament may make laws for the peace, order and good government for Vanuatu”

Constitution of the Republic of Vanuatu - Chapter 4 Article 16, sub-article (1)

Institutional Updates - Informations institutionnelles

Réouverture du Parlement

Le Parlement du Vanuatu a rouvert ses portes le 14 janvier 2026 pour reprendre les travaux de l'année, après une fermeture des bureaux pendant dix jours.



Pendant cette période, le Président du Parlement, l'Honorable Stephen Dorrick FELIX MA'AU MALFES, a également assuré l'intérim de la Présidence de la République en raison du voyage médical à l'étranger de Son Excellence Nikenike VOROBARAVU.

Le Chef de l'État par intérim a procédé à la réouverture des bureaux et au lancement des travaux parlementaires par un court



programme de prière qui a réuni le personnel du Bureau d'État, le cabinet du Président du Parlement et le personnel du Secrétariat du Parlement.

Standing Committees' Work Launch



On **13 February 2026**, Parliament **officially opened** the work of its committees through a formal half-day programme at Parliament House in Port Vila.

Parliamentary Committees, which **play** a critical role in legislative scrutiny, government oversight, and promoting accountability, transparency, and good governance, **began** their activities for the year with this event. The programme **was opened** by the Speaker of Parliament, followed by a keynote address on the importance of committees.

Key national oversight institutions **presented updates**, including:

- **DSSPAC** on the National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP)
- **Office of the Ombudsman** on governance and integrity
- **Office of the Auditor General** on strengthening oversight through audits

Civil society also **contributed**, with a presentation on women and disability inclusion in parliamentary processes, emphasizing inclusive participation in decision-making.

The event **brought together** Members of Parliament, committee leaders, government officials, oversight institutions, civil society representatives, and development partners, reinforcing collaboration and shared commitment to effective oversight.

The programme **was supported** by the UNDP through the SLIP and PPEI initiatives, with funding from Japan and New Zealand. Parliament **acknowledged** these partnerships as vital to strengthening parliamentary institutions, particularly committee work.

Overall, the opening **reaffirmed** Parliament's commitment to inclusive governance, effective oversight, and alignment of committee work with national development priorities.

Secrétariat des Commissions Parlementaires

Voici l'équipe du secrétariat des commissions parlementaires, composée de son chef et greffier adjoint par intérim de la Division des commissions, Mr. Jason Daniel



MATARIKI, Mme Nirose SILAS, Mr. George BAGE, Mlle Milenka CALO, Mme Marie Estelle ROSBONG, Mr. Giscard KAVIK, Mme Andrianna TARI BURU et Mlle Marie-Jeanne MOLSIR.

Cette équipe, au Parlement de la

République de Vanuatu, œuvre aux côtés des commissions parlementaires.

Serving as Acting Head of State



Spika blong Palemen Hon. Stephen Dorrick FELIX MA'AU MOLFES(MP) , long taem we hemi bin Acting Head of State long absens blong His Excellency Nikenike VUROBARAVU Molinavanua, Presiden blong Ripablik blong Vanuatu folem wan medical trip ovasi, i bin oganaesem wan combined devotional service bitwin ol staff blong Palemen mo ol staff blong State Office mo bifo period blong Acting role blong hem i finis, cabinet blong hem wetem Secretariat blong Palemen i oganaesem wan get together bakegen blong ol staff blong tufala hae ofis blong markem unity, mo talem tankiu long sapot we hemi risivim

long tuketa saed blong helpem hem i get through long period ia wetem ol roles mo duties of high importance we hemi carry out long tuketa ofis.



Combined devotional service ia i inkludim tuu prayer insaed long Chamber blong Palemen,main ples we ol desisen blong gavenans blong kaontri is tap tekem ples long hem.



Eviwan i sherem wan lunch tuketa long fare blong State Office folem wetem wan photo shoot.



Celebrating 44 years of Vanuatu–China Relations



The Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu hosted a distinguished ceremony celebrating the enduring friendship and cooperation between the Republic of Vanuatu and the People’s Republic of China.

The event was graced by the presence of His Excellency Nikenike VUROBARAVU, President of the Republic of Vanuatu, the Speaker of Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu, the Right Honourable Prime Minister Hon. Jotham NAPAT, state ministers, Members of Parliament, the Ambassador of the people’s republic of China to Vanuatu, Excellency Li Minggang and other resident heads and representatives of diplomatic missions, and representatives of civil society.

Adding historical significance to the occasion was the attendance of Barack Tame SOPE MAU TAMATE, former Member of Parliament, Prime Minister, and state minister, who was a key figure at the time of the establishment of Vanuatu–China relations in 1982. His presence underscored the continuity of this important partnership across generations of leadership.

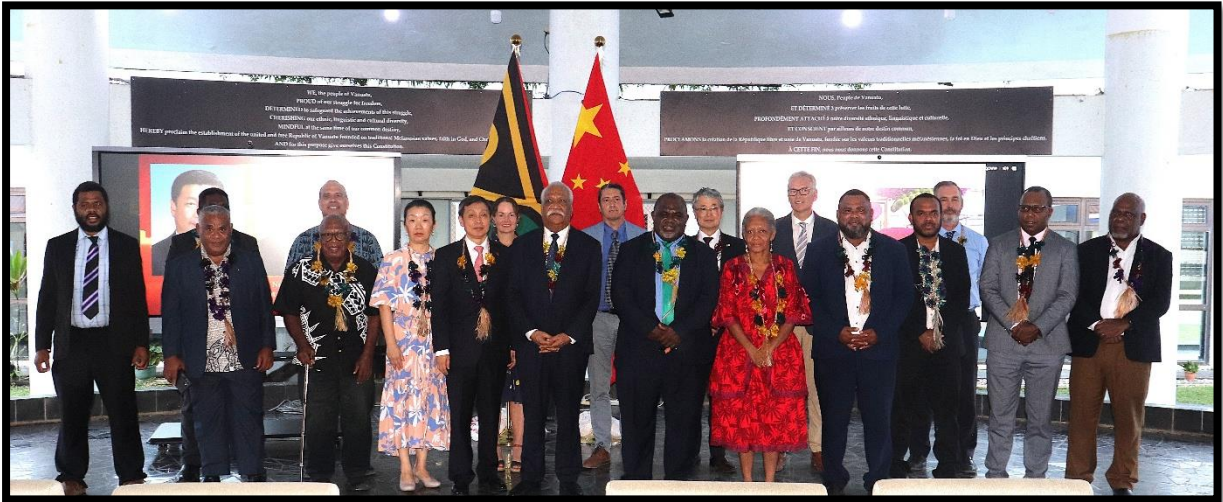
The ceremony featured speeches reflecting on the journey of bilateral ties, a ceremonial cake cutting, a group photo, and a buffet dinner that fostered fellowship among leaders and guests.



Since the establishment of diplomatic relations on March 26th, 1982, Vanuatu and China have built a strong and strategic partnership. China has been a vital development partner, supporting infrastructure projects, education, health, and climate resilience initiatives. For Vanuatu, this relationship represents not only economic cooperation but also solidarity in global forums, particularly on issues of sovereignty, sustainable development, and climate change.

The celebration at Parliament highlighted the depth of this partnership, blending history, diplomacy, and shared aspirations for the future. It reaffirmed Vanuatu’s commitment to strengthening ties with China and recognized the contributions of leaders past and present in shaping this enduring relationship.





Tankiu tumas

Wetem storian blong 44 yia aniversari blong China-Vanuatu bilateral relations hemi tekem yumi kam long end blong fes edisen blong niusleta blong Palemen blong ripablik blong Vanuatu.

Mifala i trastem se yu bin kasem sam niufala infomesen mo mifala luk fowod blong lukim yufala bakegen long nekis edisen blong niusleta blong mifala.

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