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NIUE CELEBRATES 52 YEARS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT: BEYOND THE CROSSROADS, SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Alofi, Niue – 19 October 2026 - The Government and people of Niue today proudly celebrate the 52nd anniversary of Self-Government in Free Association with New Zealand, marking more than five decades of nation-building, resilience, and progress since the historic decision made by the people of Niue in 1974.

Speaking during the Constitution Day commemorations, Prime Minister Hon. Dalton Tagelagi reflected on the significance of the milestone and the responsibility carried by each generation to shape Niue's future.

“The Constitution gave us the authority to govern ourselves. Our responsibility is to use that authority wisely for those who follow.”

Under the 2026 Constitution Day theme, "Beyond the Crossroads, Shaping Our Future," the Prime Minister highlighted the nation's continued focus on strengthening renewable energy, water security, digital connectivity, critical infrastructure, environmental protection, and community development.

The Prime Minister emphasized that true progress is measured not only by projects and policies, but by the wellbeing, opportunities, and confidence experienced by the people of Niue.

“Progress cannot be measured only by the projects we complete or the policies we announce. It must be measured by whether our people experience greater security, stronger opportunities and renewed confidence in Niue’s future.”

A central message of the celebration was recognition of the people whose dedication continues to sustain and strengthen the nation. The Prime Minister paid tribute to public servants, health workers, teachers, village councils, churches, community organisations, businesses, growers, fishers, volunteers, and families across Niue and abroad.

“Niue’s strength is found not only in its institutions, but in the commitment of its people.”

The Prime Minister also acknowledged Niue's elders for their enduring contribution to preserving the nation's language, culture, values, and identity, while encouraging younger generations to remain connected to their heritage and play an active role in shaping the country's future.

As Niue celebrates 52 years of self-government, the occasion serves as both a reflection on the achievements of the past and a renewed commitment to the opportunities ahead.

“Let us move forward together, proud of who we are and confident in where we are going. The crossroads are behind us. The road ahead is ours to shape.”

The Government of Niue extends its sincere gratitude to all Niueans, both at home and overseas, whose service, resilience, and love for their homeland continue to shape the nation's journey.

Kia Monuina e Pule Fakamotu. Kia Monuina a Niue. May God bless Niue.

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