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NIUE DEEPENS BILATERAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS

Alofi, Niue – 08 June 2025 – The Prime Minister of Niue, Honourable Dalton Tagelagi, has concluded a successful official visit to the People’s Republic of China, where he led Niue’s delegation to the 3rd China Pacific Island Countries Foreign Ministers Meeting and participated in a series of bilateral engagements to deepen diplomatic, cultural, and economic ties. The visit underscored Niue’s commitment to strengthening partnerships that support sustainable development, regional cooperation, and global connectivity.

The Ministerial Meeting was held in the city of Xiamen, Fujian Province, from 28–29 May 2025, and chaired by Hon. Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs. Leaders and representatives from across the Pacific participated, alongside the Deputy Secretary-General of the Pacific Islands Forum.

The forum provided a timely platform for in-depth dialogue in China–Pacific relations and shared regional priorities. Prime Minister Tagelagi reaffirmed the strength of Niue’s diplomatic partnership with China and expressed gratitude for China’s continued support in areas such as climate action, sustainable ocean management, and resilient infrastructure.

“Niue values its enduring partnership with China and welcomes the opportunity to deepen cooperation in areas critical to our future, such as climate change, marine protection, tourism, infrastructure, and cultural exchange,” said Prime Minister Tagelagi. “We are committed to working together to build a resilient and prosperous Pacific.”

Following the Ministerial Meeting, the Prime Minister was honoured to visit a number of key locations across Fujian Province, including Donghai, the Jinjiang Experience Hall, Kelme Co. Ltd, Quanzhou Normal University, CQC Crew Manning Company, the Quanzhou Maritime Museum, and Kulangsu Island. These visits provided insight into China’s advancements in education, maritime industries, cultural preservation, and international cooperation.

The Niue delegation then traveled to Zhuhai City in Guangdong Province under the framework of the Sister City Agreement between Zhuhai and Alofi South. The delegation was joined by prominent members of the Alofi South community: Mr. Robin Hekau, Village Council Member and original signatory of the Sister City Agreement; Mrs. Mana Talagi, President of the Alofi South Women’s Club and respected village elder; and Ms. Nivelosa Hekau, 2024 Dux of Niue High School and Youth Representative.

Mr. Robin Hekau, Village Council Member and part of the Alofi South delegation, shared: “On behalf of the people of Alofi South, we are honoured to visit our Sister City, Zhuhai, and to strengthen our shared commitment to long-term collaboration. Our discussions focused on urban planning, infrastructure, and technical exchange—key areas to support sustainable growth in our community.

We look forward to deepening mutual understanding and creating new opportunities for our youth, students, and wider community through cultural exchange and grassroots cooperation. Kia tumau e tau Matutakiaga mo e Monuina e tau Fakafetuiaga.”

The delegation received a warm welcome from Mr. Yang Chuan, Member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee and Executive Vice Mayor. The programme included visits to the Zhuhai Planning Exhibition Hall, Gu Yuan Art Museum, and the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge and East Artificial Island showcasing regional innovation, sustainable development, and connectivity.

A formal meeting was held with Mr. Chen Yong, Secretary of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee, followed by a visit to the Zhuhai Yung Wing Academy, Niue High School’s official Sister School. Discussions focused on educational exchanges, youth leadership, and long-term institutional partnerships.

“Our visit to Zhuhai has been a meaningful reflection of the value of people-to-people connections,” said Prime Minister Tagelagi. “The hospitality and shared vision for cooperation we experienced here reflect the strength of our sister city relationship and the potential it holds for future generations.”

The delegation then continued to Foshan City, where they were hosted by Mayor Mr. Bai Tao. The visit included tours of Foshan GS Housing Group, NationStar Optoelectronics Company, and the historic Nanfeng Kiln—highlighting Foshan’s leadership in advanced manufacturing, energy-efficient technologies, and traditional craftsmanship. A formal meeting with Mayor Bai Tao focused on identifying potential cooperation opportunities in housing innovation, renewable energy, and community infrastructure.

“This visit has deepened our mutual understanding and opened new pathways for collaboration in education, culture, and sustainable development,” said Prime Minister Tagelagi. “We look forward to continuing this meaningful partnership with our friends in China.”

The visit also reinforced Niue’s strategic priorities: promoting sustainable economic development, supporting youth and educational exchanges, building climate resilience, and strengthening ties with trusted international partners. As Niue looks ahead, the Government remains committed to building enduring partnerships grounded in sovereign rights, mutual interest and respect, cultural exchange, and shared aspirations for a sustainable and prosperous Pacific future.

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