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PRIME MINISTER RECEIVES LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS FROM AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE

Alofi, Niue – 17 October 2026 - The Prime Minister of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi, received the Letters of Credentials of His Excellency Melih Karalah, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Türkiye to Niue, during a formal presentation ceremony held on Friday, 16 October 2026.

His Excellency arrived in Niue earlier that day and will join celebrations commemorating the 52nd Anniversary of the Constitution of Niue, marking an important occasion during his first official visit to the country.

The presentation of credentials reaffirms the commitment of both Niue and Türkiye to maintaining the friendly relations established in 2014 and to exploring opportunities for cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

Ambassador Karalah is a senior career diplomat who has served in a number of overseas postings and leadership positions within Türkiye's Ministry of Foreign Affairs since joining the Ministry in 1995.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Karalah expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to him upon his arrival in Niue. He reaffirmed Türkiye's commitment to strengthening its friendship and cooperation with Niue and conveyed his anticipation of welcoming Prime Minister Tagelagi to Türkiye for COP31. The Ambassador also highlighted opportunities for greater collaboration on shared priorities, including oceans, climate adaptation, coastal resilience, climate finance, and enhanced regional and international cooperation.

Prime Minister Tagelagi welcomed Ambassador Karalah to Niue on his first official visit and noted the significance of his visit during the commemoration of the 52nd Anniversary of the Constitution of Niue.

The Prime Minister acknowledged Türkiye's ongoing engagement with Pacific Island countries and welcomed its support as preparations advance towards COP31. He also recognised Türkiye's commitment to working with Pacific nations to strengthen and elevate the COP31 Action Agenda, particularly on issues of importance to the region, including ocean conservation, climate adaptation, coastal resilience, and access to climate finance.

The ceremony marks another milestone in the growing partnership between Niue and Türkiye, reflecting a shared commitment to friendship, cooperation, and collective action on global and regional priorities.

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