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Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) Secretariat signs MOU with the USP Law Students Internship Program

The Law Students Internship Program has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) Secretariat to enable law students from the University of the South Pacific School of Law to undertake internships at the Secretariat.

The MOU cementing the partnership was signed on Friday 14th February 2014 at the MSG Secretariat in Port Vila, Republic of Vanuatu by the Director General, Peter Forau and the USP Administrator of the Law Students Internship Program (LSIP), Mr. Arthur Faerua.

After the signing of the MOU, Mr. Forau expressed MSG's pleasure in becoming the 13th Host Office of this USP Program, saying the Secretariat wants to congratulate the proponents of this great initiative which will become a source of further learning for final year law students especially with respect to the work environment.

He said the MSG Secretariat will do its best to meet whatever commitments it is responsible for under the MOU to ensure the program is successful going forward. "It is a great initiative deserving of all round support by every worthwhile corporate citizen," Mr Forau said.

As part of the MOU, MSG will support the program by not only providing workplace experience for successful law student interns, but will also apply its office rules on the student interns; nominate one of its officers to become the Contact Point in the office of MSG as well as to directly provide supervision of the student interns.

Mr. Faerua from the USP LSIP expressed LSIP's appreciation of MSG's support and commitment. He thanked the Director General and his office for accepting the invitation and for ensuring the MOU was signed in time for the 2014 academic year commencement.

He said it is hoped that this Internship Program will be in line with the future plans of the MSG to create internship and secondment places in its Office to allow professionals and experts from the Region to be based in the MSG Secretariat and assist the work of the MSG.

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