



Director Operations of the MSG Secretariat, Mr Jean Pierre Nirua hands over official endorsement of the Leaders' decision to establish the scholarship fund to Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu, Hon. Moana Carcasses Katokai Kalosil in Port Vila, Republic of Vanuatu.

MSG to roll out first step of MSG Silver Jubilee Scholarship Fund in Honor of Fr Walter Hadye Lini

The Melanesian Spearhead Group Secretariat has officially announced the formal endorsement

of the decision of the Leaders of the MSG members namely FLNKS of Kanaky, New Caledonia; Republic of Fiji; Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and the Republic of Vanuatu in establishing the MSG Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme in honor of one of the founding fathers of the MSG late Fr Walter Hadye Lini at the MSG Leaders' Summit in June 2013.

On behalf of the Director General of the MSG Secretariat, Mr Peter Forau, the Director for Operations Division, Mr Jean Pierre Nirua made the announcement at the 15th year anniversary of late Lini at the end of February 2014.

Mr Nirua explained that the formal endorsement in June 2013 by the Leaders of the MSG now brings us to the launching of the scholarship fund to roll out the first step of the scholarship scheme.

The MSG Secretariat also further explained that the objective of the scheme is to provide equal opportunity to citizens from the five members to excel in studies to enhance and promote the growing human resource population of Melanesia.

The official handing over the decision by the Leaders' of the MSG by the MSG Secretariat was presented to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu Hon. Moana Carcasses Katokai Kalosil who then presented the decision to Mrs Mary Lini who received the honor on behalf of the Lini family on the commemoration ceremony of the 15th year anniversary of the passing of late Lini on 21 February 2014 in Port Vila, Republic of Vanuatu.

The MSG Secretariat has informed that procedures for the applications for the scholarship fund will soon be announced to the region for interested applicants.

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