

MOU signed to improve ICTs in schools



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A MEMORANDUM OF
Understanding (MOU) was

signed between the Ministry
of Education and the Office
of the Government Chief

Information Officer (OGCIO)
marks again another mile-
stone towards the develop-

ment of improving education
in Vanuatu through Infor-
mation and Communication

Technologies (ICTs).

The MOU signed shows the commitment of the Ministry to the effective use of information and communications technologies (ICTs) in all aspects of education in the classrooms and educational administrations.

The Director General of Education, Jesse Dick noted that it is important to recognise the importance of the potential role of schools in serving learning, information, and communication needs of the surrounding communities, especially in the rural areas, and are committed to strengthen this role.

Key elements of the MOU includes the two parties are committed to "dramatically increasing the use of ICTs in the classrooms and in the teaching of students, in encouraging students and teachers to use ICTs for research, school projects, independent learning and reaching out to schools elsewhere in Vanuatu and in the world.

Another focus will be on "developing the understanding of ICTs as a subject in itself, among the teachers, students and administrators" of the schools. A key element of the program will be improved "internal management information systems to gather and disseminate information about MoE operations, for better decision making.

And finally, the role of schools as Community Learning, Information and Communication Centers, especially in the rural communities, will be strengthened.

The 14-page MOU outlines the roles and responsibilities of the two agencies, in developing Vanuatu's human capacity to meet the demands of the knowledge-based ICT-driven economy and society. The signatory, Chief Information Officer, Fred Samuel acknowledged that Education is the crucial factor in improving the lives of our children and their children after them. "ICTs can bring world-class knowledge and instruction into the schools to help us improve the future of Vanuatu", Samuel added.