

ICT Day Celebration 2017 highlights in Tanna & Luganville, Santo

Luganville Celebrations

2017 Pacific ICT day celebration in Luganville was another remarkable event. Over 300 people in Luganville were part of the celebrations including the Senior Government Officers, Luganville Lord Mayor and his team, Business stakeholders, Women Leaders, chiefs, disable people, students and general public.

The Audience for the celebration were fortunate to listen to the official Key note speech delivered by the Honourable Minister of the Climate Change & Adaptation, Hon. Ham Lini Vanuroroa, who was also the Acting Prime Minister at that time through Live stream (over internet).

The Video from the ITU Secretary General was also presented to audience for the day.



(Luganville Mayor leading booth tour visiting TVL's booth)

(Audience enjoying the booth tours during Luganville ICT Day celebrations 17 May, 2017)



Tanna Celebrations



(Official Guest taking a booth tour in Tanna)

For the very first time, the same celebration took place in Tanna and was another successful event. Over 300 people have attended this important celebration.

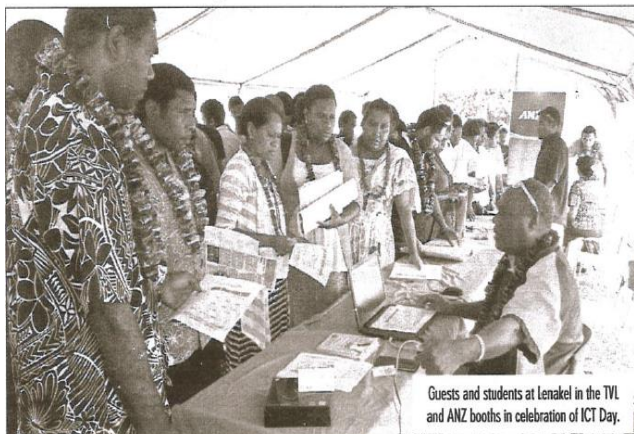
The main highlight of the celebration was the display of the booths by the business organisations such as ANZ Bank, Tourism Operators, Telecom Operators and more other Government Departments.

The Audience also had chance to enjoyed and followed up with activities happening in Port Vila via Live streaming link that was provided.

Yet another highlight of the event includes arrays of Presentations and Panel session. A handful of them were based in Tanna as local business houses, and the discussion was the impact and importance of ICT for business operations.

The celebration in Tanna was a history as they finally become part of these Technological celebrations in Vanuatu after its birth in 2012.

Lenakel joins Port Vila and Luganville with ICT Day



Guests and students at Lenakel in the TVL and ANZ booths in celebration of ICT Day.

By Esau Iaruel

FOR THE FIRST TIME TAFEA Province has joined its colleague provinces, Shefa

and Sanma to celebrate the Information Communication Technology (ICT) Day.

Over 300 students from the secondary and primary

schools on Tanna, came together Wednesday morning at Lenakel Presbyterian College to celebrate this day.

The celebration included

government officials, representatives from government organizations, NDMO, teachers and the two main sponsors to this celebration, Telecom Vanuatu Limited (TVL) and the ANZ bank.

Those attending the event were told that Prime Minister Charlot Salwai said the government is doing its part to develop policies and establishing regulatory frameworks that ensure Vanuatu will continue to embark on technologies as a driving force to achieve the national vision.

The Government of Vanuatu also initiated the Right to Information Unit to implement the national right to information policy that was

approved in 2013. This policy means that any person has the right to request and obtain access to information held by the government but also personal information that may be held by public and some private bodies.

Meanwhile, the president for Tafea Province, Jeffery Kout in his speech said ICT has become the vulnerable tool for boosting growth in the local economy.

He said ICT provides economic opportunities to both urban and local residents and makes the market work more efficiently. For example, retail shops in Lenakel may now order their cargo from the wholesalers in Port Vila through the use of mobile phones and arrangements of the shipments of the cargo to

be shipped to Lenakel.

"This process has impacted on the reduction of costs of the process to bring in goods and provides opportunities for more savings.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the operators, both TVL and Digicel for providing that service in Tafea Province," said President Kout.

President Kout said it is through the telecommunication networks that Tafea can connect globally.

The students, guests, teachers and participants enjoyed this day as they visited different booths for more explanations on this important day.

The celebration on Tanna ended at 4pm.