

# SMART Sistas gearing up for challenge in Mexico

By Fern Nepevent

**THE SMART SISTAS ARE NOW IN** Mexico City, preparing for the opening of 2018 First Global Robotic Challenge.

Chairman of the SMART Sistas committee, Rodney Phillemmon said the opening will take place on Thursday (Mexico time) and the competition starts on Friday.

"The SMART Sistas have arrived safely, they did their practice on Wednesday where judges inspected their robots, excursions and are now gearing up for the competition," he said.

"They are expected to be back in Vanuatu on August 21."

The Utilities Regulatory Authority has joined other sponsors to support the SMART team with a cheque of V\$50,000.

"As the authority responsible

for regulating electricity and water services in Vanuatu, we believe our participation in such

events demonstrates the social responsibility the Authority has towards maintaining gender equity in Vanuatu while at the same time promoting the nation's targets and global challenge on the shift from reliance of commonly used fossil fuels to environmentally-friendly renewable sources of energy," CEO John Obed Alliee said.

"We also acknowledged one of our staff who is actively assisting your committee on



(l) Chairman of SMART Sistas Committee, Rodney Phillemmon and Lizias Govan, URA Chief of Staff, Pheasantara

this important project, for the opportunity to be recognized as a sponsor and wish and committee all the best for the upcoming Global Robot Challenge."

URA Manager ECCD, Romney Marum is a mentor of the SMART Sistas.

SMART Sistas committee Secretary, Doreen Lango conveyed their appreciation to the URA management.

"The girls are so blessed with the sponsorship of more

corporate companies in town such as URA who have come to be part of the development of our girls," she concluded.

Meanwhile, the 3rd Girl ICT Camp will end today (Friday) at the Grand Hotel. The Girl ICT camp took place for a week with girls and their guardians attending sessions and workshops.

Each of them will be given with a laptop to help them continue with what they have learned from the ICT camp.