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AUSTRALIA LAUNCHES CENTRAL ISLANDS PROVINCE TOURISM HUB

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Australia is scaling up support for tourism to Central Islands Province to bring even more tourists to the region. Australia has partnered with Nugu Beach Resort, Raiders Hotel and Dive, Savo Sunset Lodge, Star Point Accommodation, Vanita Restaurant & Motel and Tulagi Tours & Travel, as part of a new tourism hub designed to grow visitor numbers and create economic opportunities for communities across the province.

Australian High Commissioner to Solomon Islands, His Excellency Jeff Roach, said the hub would benefit tourists and communities.

“Tourists will have better accommodation and more activities to enjoy and will create more jobs for Solomon Islanders who can sell their products and crafts, and earn more money for their family and household,” Mr Roach said.

The Solomon Islands – Australia Partnership is partnering with each partner to build new climate resilient seawalls, expand tourism activities like diving and boost online marketing. In partnership with the with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, these tourism operators and guides will participate in hospitality, first aid and tour guiding training, further enhancing the visitor experience for tourists.

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Mr Bunyan Sivoro, acknowledged the continued partnership between the Ministry and Australia in strengthening tourism development.

“Through this collaboration, tourism operators are receiving much-needed support in infrastructure improvements, business development and training that directly contribute to a stronger tourism industry,” said PS Sivoro. “We look forward to continuing this partnership with Australia.”

The partnerships reflect the approach to improve tourism products and services in beautiful tourism destinations. This has already been rolled out in Munda, Auki, Marovo, Gizo and now Central Province.

This partnership is another example of the Solomon Islands – Australia Partnership partnering with indigenous businesses to create more jobs and boost incomes for Solomon Islanders.

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Photos & Captions

Photo 1



Caption 1: Australian High Commission Economic Counsellor, Emily Flahive, and Ministry of Culture and Tourism Permanent Secretary (PS), Barney Sivoro with Owner of Nugu, Zaccheus Sago cutting the ribbon to symbolise the opening of facilities under this #SIAusPartnership.

Photo 2:



Caption 2: Bernard Kemakeza of Savo Sunset Lodge with the team from the Australian High Commission, PS Barney, and Strongim Bisnis during a recent trip to visit Central Province partners.

Photo 3:



Caption 3: Economic Counsellor, Emily Flahive observing progress of Star Point Accommodation with Michael Salini, owner of Star Point Accommodation in Tulagi.

Photo 4:



Caption 4: Teams from the Australian High Commission, Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Australia's Strongim Bisnis with Yvonne Delaiverata of Vanita Motel.

Photo 5:



Caption 5: Signing of the #SIAusPartnership with Raiders Hotel in Tulagi.