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Renbel School gets timely support from CBSI

The Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI) Board of Directors have donated twenty thousand dollars' to the New Place Provincial Secondary School (PSS) in Tingoa, Renbel Province following their visit to the school on Monday early this week.

CBSI Governor Denton Rarawa, along with several members of the CBSI Board, management and staff paid a short visit to the school, as part of the Board Meeting program, which took place in the province throughout the week.

Led by Governor Denton, team CBSI met members of the New Place PSS staff and their students, and saw first-hand the state of Renbels' main provincial school. The visitors were very concerned about the school but also inspired by the staff and students show of resilience and commitment towards gaining education.

"Thank you for allowing us to come and visit your school this afternoon", Governor Denton said.

"We are mainly here in Renbel to have our board meetings, but also want to see and meet people of the province. Thank you for giving us an opportunity to see your school and to discuss and share with you information about the work of Central Bank in our country", Governor Denton added.

"On behalf of the CBSI Board and officers, please accept this donation as a form of support to the school, especially in helping assist with any of the current needs of the school".

When handing over the donation, Governor Denton also encouraged the students to work hard in their school.

"In spite the many challenges you face, I encourage you to work hard in your studies" Governor Denton highlighted.

"I also call on you staff members to continue pushing to provide education to our children".

The New Place PSS is Renbels' only school located right in the center of Tingoa headquarter. The school has been serving the province for more than twenty years, and continues to face increasing difficulties over the past decade. Most of the school buildings have deteriorated, a dormitory damaged by fire, and school resources remain limited. There is a rise in demand for education and even greater need for trained teachers for the province. Despite the very slow support from the national and provincial government level, the New Place school authority remains positive in continuing with their school programs and are encouraged when support is coming from few community leaders, donors, other stakeholders and non-government groups

Deputy School Principal Ms. Meli Teno was on hand to receive the donation on behalf of the school and she was very gracious for the donation.

She thanked CBSI for their timely support and acknowledged the presence of the CBSI Board and staff for their visit, and further assured everyone that the donation received will meet some of the schools immediate needs.

Team CBSI also had a courtesy call with the Rennell and Bellona Provincial Government members led by Premiere Collin Singamoana, and later in the week visited Lake Tengano communities. CBSI also held financial literacy workshops and presentations for men and women in Tingoa headquarter.

The CBSI Board of Directors completed their provincial meeting program and returned on Thursday to Honiara.

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