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CBSI Board provides support to Isabel Province entities

(Honiara 31.10.17) - The Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI) donated a total of sixty thousand dollars' to Buala Hospital, Garanga Vocational Training Center and to the newly established Isabel Senior Secondary School in Isabel Province during their provincial board meeting held in Buala last week.

CBSI Governor and Chairman of the Board, Mr. Denton Rarawa handed over the donations when travelling with the CBSI board members on their tour of Buala and surrounding areas on Thursday 26 October.

During their courtesy call on the Isabel Provincial Government, Governor Rarawa informed Isabel Premier Mr. James Habu and his provincial Ministers that the main purpose of their trip to Isabel was to hold the CBSI Board meeting in Buala, and to use the opportunity to witness the various economic and social developments taking place in the province.

"It is a practice that we usually aim to meet at least once a year in the provinces so that our board members can see for themselves the impact of important decisions they make in the interest of the country", Governor Rarawa highlighted.

The CBSI Board visit on Thursday included Buala hospital, Buala Telekom office, the Gozoruru Virgin Oil mill, Garanga Agriculture Research Training Centre, Isabel Senior Secondary School construction site and the Garanga Vocational Training Centre.

During the visit to Buala hospital, Principal Dental Officer Dr. Fred Hopkins expressed sincere appreciation and acknowledgement on behalf of the hospital, especially for the timely support and donation given by CBSI.

Elated staff and students of Garanga Vocational TC made a special welcome ceremony for the visiting CBSI Board members and used their time to exchange important information during a question and answer session held at the training center hall. The center residents were overwhelmed by the support given and acknowledged the presence of the Board members particularly amongst rural vocational students.

The final donation by CBSI was made to the Isabel Senior Secondary School and was formally received by Mr. Rueben Dotho Jr. Rueben, the current Chairman of the school fundraising committee and PEO Inspector of the Ministry of Education in Isabel Province. In his response, he thanked and acknowledged the donation from CBSI and assured the Board that all the funds donated will go towards building of the school staff houses and hall.

“We humbly accept this donation and thank CBSI for acknowledging our efforts in providing educational facilities for our children in Isabel Province”, Rueben Doth Jr said.

According to Rueben Jr, the Isabel Senior Secondary School (triple S) will fully commence in 2019 and will serve to cater for senior Form 6 and 7 students. The triple S committee are currently working towards doing more fundraisings and appeals in order to raise funds to make the vision of their founder, Retired Bishop Richard Naramana, a reality.

The CBSI Board members and team returned to Honiara on Friday.

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