



Improved learning conditions for students from the National University of Vanuatu and the Vanuatu Institute of Technology

Port-Vila, Vanuatu – 18 August 2022: On 18 August 2022, the National University of Vanuatu (NUV) and the Vanuatu Institute of Technology (VIT) signed an agreement to support the VIT Learning Resource Center in purchasing tables, chairs and French textbooks, refurbish and equip two VIT classrooms. The two new classrooms will be co-used by the NUV and VIT learners. The agreement was possible thanks to the *Fonds de Solidarité pour les projets innovants, les sociétés civiles, la francophonie et le développement humain* (FSPI) between the French Embassy in Vanuatu and the NUV signed on 2 July 2022.

The implementation of the activities will be monitored by the NUV Facilities Manager and the Deputy Principal Corporate Services who is responsible for Facilities Management at VIT. For the year 2022, the amount of NUV's contribution to carrying out the actions stated in article 1 is four million vatus (4 M VT). The agreement was signed by the NUV Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Jean-Pierre Nirua, and VIT Principal, Mr. Wade Evans.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Vanuatu, Mr. Pascal Michon, said "The National University of Vanuatu (NUV) is proud to sign this agreement with the Vanuatu Institute of Technology. We are optimizing the investment by creating a co-space that will benefit both the National University of Vanuatu and VIT. We are supporting each other development to provide a better education to people in Vanuatu".

The Principal of VIT, Mr. Wade Evans, said "VIT is excited to sign this grant agreement. We want to respond to the needs of our students. Studies show that a good learning environment encourages students' learning. Both VIT and NUV students will be able to benefit from those improvements".

The development of the NUV is aligned with Vanuatu People's Plan and the Vanuatu Education and Training Sector Strategic Plan. It is expected that new professional programs and courses will be offered in 2023 through the NUV School of Science which will complement the current offer.



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About the National University of Vanuatu

The National University of Vanuatu was established by the Act n°34 of 2019 adopted by the Parliament on the 17th of December 2019 and officially published on the 24th January 2020.

The purpose of the University as stated in its article 3 is “to provide higher education advancement and lifelong learning through academic and professional excellence by way of training, teaching and learning, in both the English and French official languages, research and international cooperation”.

Based on the Act, the NUV is authorized to offer the current Bachelor Programs and to develop collaboration with new partners on the implementation of other Bachelor and Master programs.

The Act also paved the way for merging existing Vanuatu PSET training into the NUV over time, and under the overall supervision of the MoET, including the following institutions which are approved to deliver accredited degree level courses according to Vanuatu Qualifications Framework (VQF): Vanuatu Institute of Teacher Education, Vanuatu College for Nursing Education, and Vanuatu Agriculture College. Inclusion in the NUV will require meeting high quality tertiary education and trainings standards and accreditation requirements in accordance with the laws of Vanuatu.

The National University of Vanuatu works in collaboration with several international universities, which support the development of the institution by issuing internationally recognized diplomas.