



The launching. Commissioner Da Rin (2nd from left) with Minister Nirua and senior education officials

# Policies launched for education sector

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**THREE NATIONAL POLICIES FOR** the Vanuatu education sector have been launched this week.

These are the: Post School Education and Training (PSET) Policy, Post School Education and Training Implementation Plan and the National Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) Framework.

The realization of these strategies is an important step to ensure people in Vanuatu have access to relevant training and skills development services that will increase employment opportunities and livelihoods, said the Australian High Commissioner to Vanuatu, Jenny Da Rin.

The High Commissioner

unveiled the policies with the Minister of Education and Training (MOET), Jean Pierre Nirua.

Minister Nirua said surveys have revealed numeracy and literacy rate in Vanuatu to be very low among young people and adults.

"It's about time we (Vanuatu) do something about it.

"The LLN framework is a guide to measure the level of literacy and numeracy of individuals across all sector, making sure they participate meaningfully in work places and communities," he added.

LLN framework was developed between the MOET and the Australian Government funded Skills for Economic Growth Program (TVET).

It will assist teachers and trainers to adjust the language

level of their training and materials and where they may need to develop and provide specific support for particular LLN skills.

The Commissioner of Labour, Lionel Kaluat, attended the launch and emphasized on linking PSET policy with the National Sustainable Development Plan.

PSET Policy provides an overarching framework for the continuing development of the skills development and tertiary sector in Vanuatu.

PSET Policy Implementation Plan, on the other hand maps out the priority actions needed to achieve objectives of PSET policy.

It is a guide for education institutions giving a clear understanding of their roles

within the skills development and tertiary sector.

According to the Skills for Economic Program, both PSET Policy Implementation Plan and LLN Framework are developed through wide range of in depth consultations with stakeholders across the education and training sector, productive sectors, community groups, national and provincial level.

The Australian Government was applauded for its continuous support towards the education sector, through the Skills for Economic Growth Program.

Australia has been investing in education in Vanuatu for the last 20 years and its work with the MOET remains its largest contribution to developing Vanuatu, Commissioner Rin added.