

Sanma Province witnesses Tourism Products launch

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MILLENNIUM CAVE GUEST HOUSE and Nakamal, Sanma Call Centre and the Port Olry's six bungalows and one restaurant were the tourism products officially launched this week by the Vanuatu Government representative, Australian High Commissioner, Jeremy Bruer, New Zealand Development Counsellor, Ms Mikaela Nyman, Tourism Director, George Borugu, Sanma Province President, William Malon, his Secretary General, Zacariah Daniel, tourism staff, TVET staff and other stakeholders inside Sanma province.

The delegates enjoyed an opening of a business surrounded by a tropical rain forest, another one within the hub of Luganville town and ending the day on a scenic view of crystal blue water and white fine sandy beach.

Arriving at the Parking expanse

of Vunaspev Village where the famous Millennium Cave is situated all the delegates were greeted and supported with the help of tour guides trekking down the slippery and locally made footsteps across a bamboo bridge, up the hill and into Vunaspev which is very isolated and surrounded with forests and coconut palms.

The trek was a good experience for all the leaders to see with their own eyes the real geographical features of Millennium Cave.

Keynote speeches were delivered by different prominent leaders before the official opening of the Guest House and Nakamal. Australian High Commissioner Jeremy Bruer said Millennium Cave Tours indeed is an excellent example of how Australia's aid program helps people of Vanuatu.

He acknowledged the work of Sanma TVET Centre and said

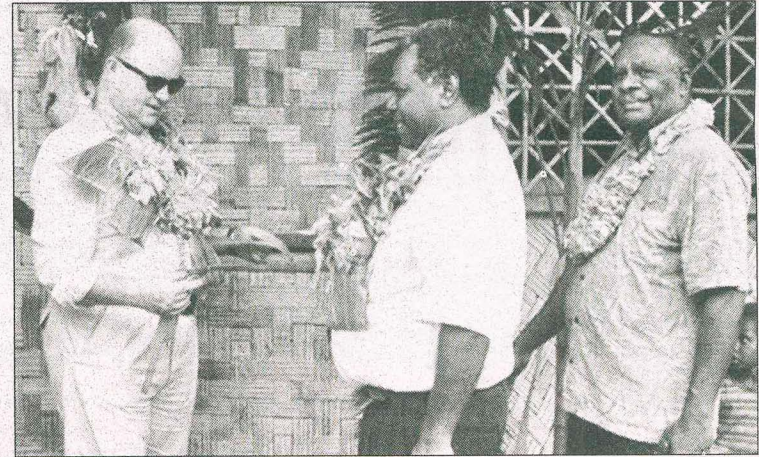
they have played a key role in Millennium Cave Tours astonishing development.

Director of Department of Tourism George Borugu thanked all Partners for the good cooperation and said, "Tourism in Vanuatu can grow if we work together like this".

The official opening of the Guest house and Nakamal commenced with handing over of 12 certificates to 12 tour guides including the unveiling of a plaque in front of the Nakamal.

The team returned to Luganville for the opening of the first Sanma Province Call Centre. The Call Centre is based on the success story of Malampa Call Centre located in the hub of Luganville Town and will provide immense support especially for all tourism tours around Sanma Province, Luganville and Torba Province.

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Australian High Commissioner Bruer and Sanma President Malon cutting the ribbon of the new Nakamal of Millennium Cave Tours while Director Borugu looks on.

Understanding (MOU) was signed between TVL and Vanuatu Tourism Office to work in collaboration in making sure the Office continues to operate to provide essential services to the people of the Northern Provinces. Daily Post is aware inter-

net and phone services are available.

The team ended the day at Port Olry to launch the bungalows and restaurant. The first impression was a smile on everyone's face as they came out from the vehicles.