

6 bungalows and 1 restaurant to open in Port Olry

6 bungalow businesses and 1 restaurant will be officially opened in Port Olry and receive national accreditation by the Department of Tourism, having reached the national tourism quality standards.

The businesses will be officially opened on the 4th of March 2014, in the presence of the Australian High Commissioner, Mr Jeremy Bruer, after 3 years of participating in an integrated training and coaching program focusing on range of tourism and business management skills provided by the Australian Government funded TVET Program in Sanma province.

“These local business men and women are to be applauded for taking their destiny into their own hands and bringing prosperity to their community. The Vanuatu Tourism Office (VTO) is delighted to have 7 new Ni-Vanuatu tourism products to market internationally”, stated the Chairman of the VTO, Philip Malas, who was also in attendance at the launch event.

“I believe this is just the beginning and I am looking forward to working to develop Port Olry to become a leader in quality, environmentally friendly tourism products operated by Ni-Vanuatu”, said one of the bungalow owners.

Although Port Olry is arguably one of the most beautiful sites in Vanuatu, before the partnership between the Department of Tourism and the TVET Program, there were no formal tourism operators and no effective tourism development.

The TVET Program has also facilitated a Memorandum of Understanding between families and landowners to ensure that there is coordination, harmony and environmental respect in the development of the official Port Olry Tourism Zone.

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