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RAGOMO ENLIGHTENS PM OF FUTSAL'S CONTRIBUTION TO NATION BUILDING

Futsal Star and Captain, Elliot Ragomo has shared his vision for futsal and how the code can contribute towards nation building when he met Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare in Honiara yesterday.

He said futsal has a bright future and has the potential to develop young people into healthy, disciplined and dedicated citizens.

He added that futsal is a highly discipline and fast code of football which if encouraged and developed at a young age will positively shape youth behavior to become law abiding citizens.

Ragomo said the code is gaining popularity in Honiara despite inadequate facilities but he is excited with the huge interest by school-aged children.

He wished that the code is spread to all provinces with proper facilities and training programmes.

"It is my dream that our country will continue to develop our young people in this code of football so that we develop a future of a united Solomon Islands just like the united spirit of the Kurukuru National Futsal team," he said.

The Kurukuru are the Oceania champions since 2008 and has represented the region at four consecutive world cups.

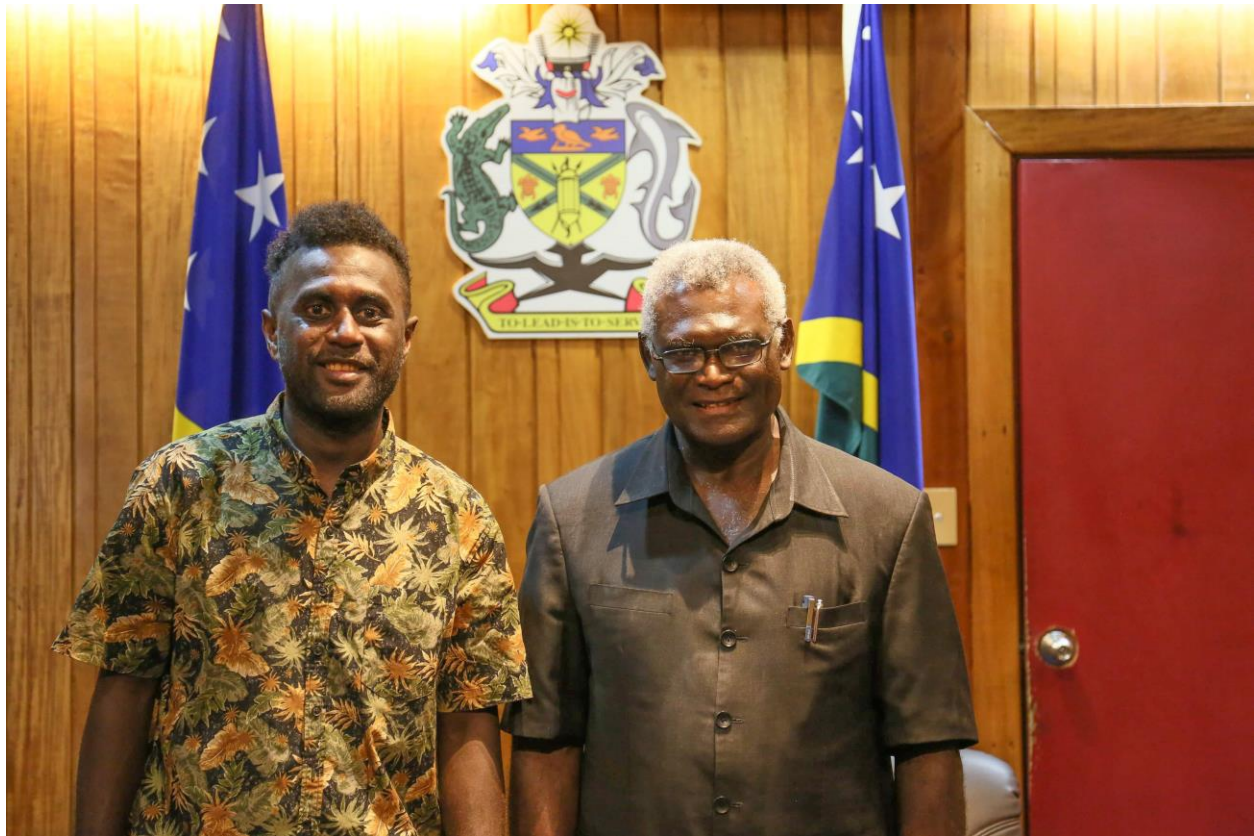
The team has raised the Solomon Islands flag and has placed the country's name on the world map during all their international matches.

Prime Minister Sogavare praised the efforts and sacrifice made by Ragomo and his colleagues in flying the country's flag in the regional and international arena of sports.

He acknowledged Kurukuru's performances in Futsal as one that sets the benchmark for other countries in the region to try to reach and he re-emphasized the importance to support the National Futsal team in enhancing their standard of performances to reach greater heights.

Hon. Sogavare acknowledged that the Kurukuru's Futsal team has reached the highest level of competition in Futsal and it is important that ongoing support and further development is achieved in order to continue to strengthen the level of the team.

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Elliot Ragomo and Prime Minister Sogavare