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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **OFFICIAL: PRC WILL FUND PG2023 AND IT IS A GRANT.**

The Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) has officially confirms its 'grant' fund assistance towards the 2023 Pacific Games.

This was during the official signing and Exchange of Notes made between the Foreign Affairs Minister Hon. Jeremiah Manele, MP on behalf of the Solomon Islands Government and Counsellor Yao Ming on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China.

The Exchange of Letters signed today confirmed the PRC's government's commitment to assist the Solomon Islands Government to successfully host the 2023 Pacific Games by way of grant funding.

In his remarks after the ceremony, Hon. Manele expressed his gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of China.

According to Hon. Manele, the PRC government will finance and build substantial infrastructure for the games including:

- The national stadium with a sitting capacity of between 10,000 – 11,000 people,
- The aquatic centre to host swimming competitions
- The tennis centre



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- A hockey field
  - A new replacement track & field with 4 practice lanes to be used when the current track and field is closed to give way to the national stadium later this year,
  - A large new multi-purpose hall,
  - An Office & Administration block to be used at the games

“The signing executed today of the Exchange of letters will help expedite processes on both sides of Governments to fast-track what is possible to do, while waiting for COVID-19 to settle”, Hon. Manele stated.

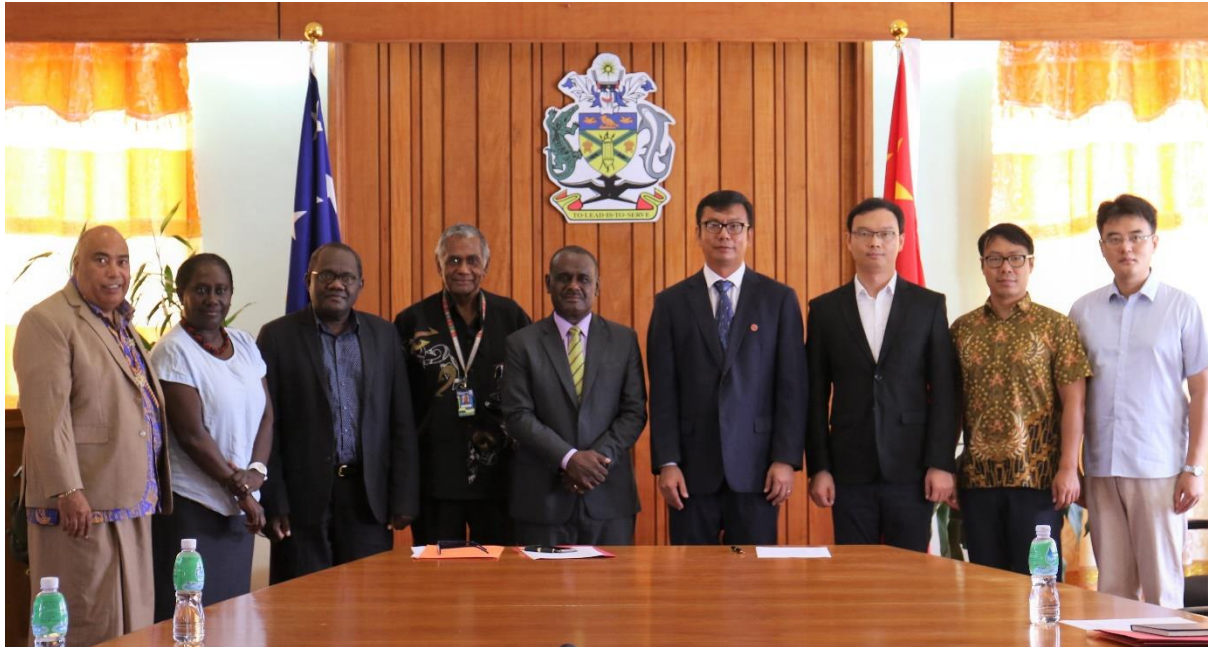
Whilst 80% of all the facilities needed for the 2023 Pacific Games will be funded and constructed by the PRC Government, a multipurpose futsal court will be built by the Government of Indonesia.

The ceremony was also witnessed by Secretary to Cabinet, Mr. James Remobatu, Chairman of the National Hosting Authority and Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr. Jimmie Rodgers and other senior officials from both Governments.

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**Foreign Affairs Minister Hon. Jeremiah Manele, MP and Counselor Yao Ming during a photo opportunity with other senior officials and representatives from both governments.**