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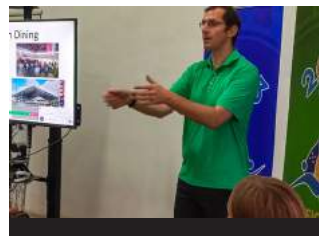
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The National Hosting Authority (NHA) and the Games Facilities Committee (GFC) have accepted the preliminary design in a signing ceremony between the Jiangsu Provincial Construction (JPC) and NHA with the SINU Property Manager present.

The Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Solomon Islands Government (SIG) signed the implementation agreement in September 2021. This is for PRC to fund a 216 room Games Village for the 2023 Pacific Games and will be gifted to SINU as its dormitory to accommodate the university students.

Jiangsu Provincial Construction (JPC) firm was awarded the contract by PRC to design and build the 2023 Pacific Games Village Project. Its engineers arrived into the country in February 2022 and had completed the preliminary design.

The NHA's Project Manager on behalf of the National Hosting Authority (NHA) and Games Facilities Committee (GFC) have accepted the preliminary design in a signing ceremony between the Jiangsu Provincial Construction (JPC) and NHA with SINU Property Manager present, JPC will now proceed to complete the detailed construction

Construction of PG2023 SINU dormitories to commence by May

design for construction to commence around mid-May 2022 and is expected to be completed in 17 months. UXO works plus other site preparatory ground works are currently being carried out at the two construction sites at SINU Kukum Campus, east of Honiara.

JPC will construct three new dormitory buildings that will house up to 900 athletes and officials during Sol2023

Pacific Games. The new dormitories are built for the Solomon Islands National University (SINU) but will be repurposed for the Sol2023 Pacific Games as a Games Village. This is a NHA driven project that is funded by the People's Republic of China Government for the 2023 Pacific Games Village that will leave a legacy for the Solomon Islands National University.



Games Facilities ready by July 2023

All sports facilities for the Pacific Games in Honiara will be completed and ready by July 2023, Chairman of the National Hosting Authority (NHA), Dr Jimmie Rodgers, has revealed. There will be a total of eight sports venues including Lawson Tama, HCC, the National Stadium Complex at KG VI east of Honiara, Friendship Hall at the SINU Panatina Campus field, the SIFF Football Academy, Maranatha Hall, Don Bosco Hall and DC Park. The running track at KG VI will be ready

for handover to the Solomon Islands Government by mid-April while the grass inside the pitch will take up to three months to grow. The Futsal Court at the Friend Hall funded by Indonesia will be handed over later this year while all facilities funded by the People's Republic of China (PRC) will be delivered next year. SIFF Football Academy will be completed by May to June 2023. By July 2023 all Facilities should be ready.

Community fields upgraded as training venues

Community fields owned by the Honiara City Council are currently being upgraded to act as training venues for athletes during the 2023 Pacific Games. The upgrade of these community fields will be completed by July or August later this year. UXO work is now completed, and the civil work is being brought up to scratch to ensure that the seeding and the growing end can commence. The seeding and the growing end takes about 3-4 months depending on the



weather so it is estimated that these fields are going to be available by July – August. These are going to be standard pitches

Games Mascot



The 2023 Pacific Games Mascot has been decided. Once preparations are in place it will be announced and released. Linked after the revealing of the Mascot is a naming competition to name the Mascot.

The Sol2023 Organizing Committee will then embark on a nationwide tour of the Mascot. Details about the Mascot and its touring program will be revealed in the not too distant future.

Sports Federations encouraged to practice good governance

As part of the legacy benefits of the 2023 Pacific Games, the Games Organizing Committee (GOC) is encouraging National Sport Federations (NSFs) to strengthen their governance and capabilities in preparation for 2023 and beyond. To achieve this, the GOC in December 2021 launched a funding program for NSFs with the aim to support the functionality, enhancement and capability of NSFs to engage with the GOC in delivering their respective sport competitions at the 2023 Pacific Games in Honiara.

GOC's Senior Sport Delivery Manager, Mr. Adrian Tuhanuku reiterates that GOC's mandate is to deliver a successful Games for all participating nations in 2023.

"While national federations and other responsible bodies in the country focuses on developing Team Solomons, there is also a legacy component of this as the GOC looks beyond 2023 in our efforts to support the development of sport federations in the country," Mr. Tuhanuku said. "We focus on their governance and other technical areas like referee, umpires and sports volunteers who will not only assist us in delivering the sports program at the 2023 Games, but also support capacity building for locals who will participate," he added. As part of the criteria, the National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands (NOC SI) and the National Sports Council (NSC) will determine each Federations' governance standing before they are eligible to sign an MoU with the GOC.

Under the MoU, Federations will receive SBD50,000 which among other things will go towards office equipment and settling of outstanding and affiliation fees with NOCSI, NSC and their respective International Federations (IFs) up until 2024. "By doing this, Federations will be able to access services, support programs



GOC's Senior Manager Sports Delivery, Adrian Tuhanuku (left), President of the Solomon Islands Netball Federation (SINFED), Joy Kere and SINFED General Secretary, Doris Dolaisi after a MoU signing ceremony.



Solomon Islands Basketball Federation (SIBF) President, Cyril Rachman and SIBF General Secretary, Uriel Matanani with a copy of their MoU with the GOC.

and even funding from local bodies they are affiliated too and their respective IFs which we hope will assist in our aim to strengthen the functionality of these Federations," Mr.

Tuhanuku said. Monitoring systems will be in place to assess whether or not the funds granted to Federations are properly utilized as intended and to ensure the effectiveness of the funds provided.

Legacy Benefits the 2023 Games will have on local businesses



After the 2023 Games, Solomon Islands will be able to showcase a range of venues it has which have the capacity to attract future major events and in turn be able to provide economic development. Pictured here, the Multi-Purpose Futsal Stadium for the 2023 Games which covers an area of 90 metres by 50 meters and will host three full-size futsal courts and can accommodate all other indoor sports.

Like any other major event around the world, the 2023 Pacific Games is expected to leave behind long term benefits for local businesses in the Solomon Islands as part of the legacy benefits of hosting the biggest sporting event in the Pacific region.

This was highlighted in a presentation to members of the business community on Wednesday 16th February as the 2023 Games Organizing Committee (GOC) continues on its engagement with key community partners and stakeholders.

Some of the long-term benefits includes the capacity building of the

local workforce, capacity building of local businesses, infrastructure improvements, promotion of Solomon Islands for business opportunities, promotion of local businesses, business to business facilitation, streamlining government processes and attraction of hosting future events.

GOC Chief Executive Officer, Peter Stewart stressed that the Games has a unique ability to build the capacity of the workforce within the country.

"Thousands of people will be involved in the delivery of these Games and through that process they will get training, get experience, opportunity to grow within

their careers and we know from experience from other Games that the capacity of the workforce greatly improves by their involvement in these sorts of events," he said.

Linked to capacity building for the local workforce is the opportunity to also build the capacity of businesses.

"Local businesses often need to upskill, buy new equipment, need to build relationships with other organizations so that they can form joint partnerships to be able to deliver the requirements that we need for global level events such as this. So the capacity building of

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- **Capacity building of workforce**
- **Capacity building of business**
- **Infrastructure improvements**
- **Promotion of SI for business opportunities**
- **Promotion of SI businesses**
- **Business to business facilitation**
- **Streamlining Government processes**
- **Attraction of future events**

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businesses will be significant in the next two years,” Mr. Stewart said.

Infrastructure improvement which are of great benefit to business is always a legacy for the Pacific Games.

For Solomon Islands, as a result of hosting the Games it would lead to improvement of roads, improvement to the country’s international airport, improvement to various venues which will all provide an opportunity for businesses to be able to prosper into the future.

The Games, particularly through the presence it has throughout the Pacific, gives an enormous

opportunity for business in Solomon Islands to be promoted together with the promotion to external companies about coming to Solomon Islands and doing business.

Mr. Stewart said through the relationships that the GOC developed during the Games and the approach that it takes, there is a lot of business to business facilitation.

“We will work closely with the local Chamber of Commerce (SICCI) to ensure that businesses are talking to each other and working together to be able to provide the services that we need during the Games process.

“Because of the very huge

involvement of Government, you tend to find that this helps to streamline Government processes and give a level of understanding to Government ministries about how they can support major projects of this nature and that therefore obviously provides a benefit to businesses in the long term as well,” he said.

When Solomon Islands successfully delivers the 2023 Pacific Games, as a country it will be able to showcase a range of venues it has which have the capacity to attract future major events and in turn be able to provide economic development to Solomon Islands and the businesses associated in country.

2023 GAMES INFORMATION SHEET!!

The first Pacific Games in Solomon Islands

From 19 November, 2023 Honiara will welcome 24 countries from around the Pacific region including Australia and New Zealand to compete across 24 sports.... all in just 14 days of action.

DATE

19th November to 2nd
December, 2023

WHAT ARE THE GAMES AND HISTORY?

The Pacific Games (formerly known as the South Pacific Games) is a continental multi-sport event competing Olympic sports, with participation exclusively from archipelagic countries around the Pacific Ocean. It was renamed the Pacific Games in 2015 the inclusion of Australia & New Zealand. It is held every four years and began in 1963.

SOME STAGGERING FACTS!!



5,000 Athletes



15,000 meals per day



3,000 Volunteers



Bus Fleet (250 vehicles)



1,000 Contractors



Car Fleet (50 vehicles)



3500 Bed Hotel



**60 Tonnes of waste
per day**

2023 GAMES INFORMATION SHEET!!

24 Countries, 24 Sports

SPORTS



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



Pacific Games to **create opportunities** for local businesses



2023 Games Organizing Committee (GOC) Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Peter Stewart delivering a virtual presentation for members of the business community on Wednesday 16th February, 2022.

Businesses in Solomon Islands will be looking to get in on the action as preparations continues for the 17th Pacific Games in Solomon Islands in 2023.

The Games will be held in Honiara from 19th November to 2nd December 2023.

The Games Organizing Committee (GOC) in partnership with the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) on Wednesday 16th February hosted an online session where GOC's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Peter Stewart delivered a virtual presentation for businesses.

The presentation gave an overview of the 2023 Games and an explanation on how businesses can benefit and engage with the GOC.

The GOC is committed to working closely with SICCI and its members and businesses in general to achieve

the best outcome for businesses from the first ever Pacific Games to be hosted in Solomon Islands.

Games CEO, Mr. Stewart says GOC certainly needs to work in partnership with businesses to be able to deliver this event.

"The 2023 Pacific Games will be the largest project to date to ever ran in the Solomon Islands and it is on a scale and scope that has never been seen previously. As such, it is important that we give some information on how businesses can be involved in the Games because we want local businesses to take every opportunity and to be able to grow as a result of the Games," he said.

The Games is expecting to welcome over 5000 athletes and officials from 24 Pacific Island nations with over 3000 volunteers and contractors.

It's an opportunity for businesses

to further strengthen the relationships that they've had or find new partnerships with overseas businesses for goods and services.

In order to deliver a successful Games, the GOC will require a range of goods and services provided by businesses with the main expenditure expected in technology, services, professional fees, maintenance and repairs, hospitality, consumables and accommodation.

The biggest business for the Games by far is in catering as the GOC will be looking at providing 15,000 meals per day for the two weeks of competition and have already started a process of engaging with potential local caterers to meet this demand.

"The way we are going to the market is very open and transparent

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because we want everybody to have an opportunity to be involved and have a chance of being able to bid on services and goods we are going to use for the Games," Mr. Stewart said.

The GOC has established a partnership with SICCI, as the peak body representing private sector in the country, to ensure businesses, particularly those in the Solomon Islands, have the opportunity to be involved.

Meanwhile, the Chief Executive Officer of SICCI, Ms. Natalina Hong, on behalf of the SICCI Board and its members, thanked the GOC for an insightful presentation to businesses.

"We greatly appreciate the time and effort put into ensuring our members are knowledgeable and understand the expectations and benefits for businesses engaging in the Pacific Games 2023.

We look forward to working closely with the Games Organizing Committee leading up to the Games," SICCI CEO, Ms. Hong, said.

The purpose of this week's initial presentation to businesses was also to set some level of expectations as well. For businesses to understand where the opportunity is and where they can become involved.

"We are running a project that will eventually lead up to the two weeks of competition, for this reason guaranteed delivery is something we take very seriously and we are looking for companies that can show a commitment to the Games," Mr. Stewart said.

Engaging with potential local Caterers

On Thursday 17th February our Senior Venues & Operations Manager, Jack Smith hosted a public information session for locals in the Catering sector.

The biggest business for the 2023 Games by far is in catering as the Games Organizing committee (GOC) will be looking at providing 15,000 meals per day for the two weeks of competition and this is the start of a process of engaging with potential local caterers to meet this demand. The Catering Services at the Games includes the:

MAIN DINING

- 123,000 total meals athletes and officials
- Two Meals a day (lunch and dinner)
- 21 days of Operation

GAMES VILLAGE DINING

- 62,000 total meals athletes and officials
- One Meal a day (Breakfast)



Senior Venues & Operations Manager, Jack Smith deliberating his presentation to local Caterers during the Information Session.

- 21 days of Operation

VIP CATERING

- 14,000 total people
- 500 people for Opening/Closing Ceremony

- 14 days of Operation

We are excited for this event and what it will do for the country as a whole. And the support from the community is the most important thing to hosting a successful event.



SINIS & Universities form Sports Association

The Solomon Islands National Institute of Sport (SINIS) High-Performance program is partnering with national education institutions to re-establish the Solomon Islands Tertiary Association of Sport (SITAS). Currently, a constitution has been agreed and reviewed after an Interim Committee was nominated and put in place. SITAS' 2022 Calendar is being developed with key sport cluster days each term and the annual Tertiary Games in December while any recognized institutions are welcome to become a member including Rural Training Centres (RTC).

"We aim to create a strong membership base of tertiary institutions and ensure that we have strong communication and links with the committee and members. We will be conducting a range of programs including the sport cluster days aligned to



The SITAS interim committee.

key international dates along with some talent identification programs leading towards the emerging talent scholarships," SITAS Interim President and SINIS Executive Director, Aaron Alsop explained.

Available opportunities include; Talent Identification, Multi-Sport Cluster days, on-campus programs and international events. Its executive formal representation is to forward needs, requirements, concerns and wishes of its member bodies to national and international

institutes, with guidelines of International University Sports Federation – FISU and that will also acquire assistance from SINIS for tertiary sport development towards Pacific Games 2023 and beyond. SITAS Vice President and active member representing the Solomon Islands National University (SINU) Patrick Miniti stated that the set-up of SITAS bids a significant role, as a focal point in organizing tertiary sports competitions.

Telehealth Programs continue

The SINIS High-Performance program and the Australian Catholic University (ACU) has continued with the significant delivery of telehealth consultations.

In February ACU staff and students provided one on one Physiotherapy consultations for athletes, supported by SINIS High – Performance Physio & Rehab Coaches and staff from the Solomon Islands National

University (SINU) Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program.

"Continuous collaboration with such highly regarded Sports Physiotherapists and Physio students from ACU continues to add value to the SINIS staff as service provision for athletes and coaches begin," SINIS High-Performance Physiotherapist Hephzibah Karibule stated. She continued that telehealth is vital to ensure athletes and coaches receive the services needed to

improve their performance. SINIS calls on National Federations with athletes who are preparing for the upcoming Commonwealth and Pacific Mini Games to contact the sport medicine and physio team with names of athletes who are requiring any injury management support due to new or existing injuries from their training.

This support is provided for free through the MOU with the NFs.



SINIS Outdoor field upgrade



ABOVE & BELOW.....HILT construction works on the SINIS multi outdoor field is progressing well on schedule.

Solomon Islands National Institute of Sport (SINIS) High – Performance multipurpose outdoor field upgrading and construction is progressing well.

The 4 lanes 60-meter running track and field, 4500sq meters field under to cater for all field sports include touch rugby, hockey, rugby league and other outdoor conditioning sessions is scheduled to complete in two (2) months.

According to the Happy Isles Landscape & Turf (HILT) Construction, the undertaken of the initial phase and installation of synthetic grass has been processed accordingly, since their commencement in mid-December 2021.

"We are now six (6) weeks into work, and so far, progress to mark out the field as constructed has been progressing well as expected. We have required an overall of twelve (12) weeks of construction, and now we are into the maintenance and repairing stage following its basework and grass germination process," HILT Turf Specialist Assistant Drake Chow detailed

"We are on track. Only the issue being the lockdowns has forced minor delays



on the maintenance work on certain parts on the turf. We continue to make sure the grass grows getting rid of the local weeds and repairing until that stage where athletes can use it. Meanwhile, SINIS Executive Director Aaron Alsop stated that this is a key facility for outdoor field-based sports to have access to a safe training location for national teams. "For far too long, there has been limited field training space for national programs. This field will ensure that National teams can access a quality

training field, along with the 60m running track, all under lights with changerooms. Not to mention the other training facilities onsite at SINIS such as the gym, indoor space and sport medicine clinic. We are really a one stop shop for all sports" When complete, the High – Performance facility is expected with quality lightings, fencing and security. Provided with a safe training environment for both male & female athletes from all sports.

STAFF FEATURE



“

I share everyone's passion in making sure we deliver a successful Games in 2023.

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Meet Trisha Tenaha, a single mother of three children from Bellona Island in Rennell & Bellona Province, one of the most remote provinces in Solomon Islands.

A former ECE Teacher, Trish is delighted to be part of the Sol2023 Team where she is part of the House Keeping team at the Games Headquarters in the capital Honiara.

“When I first heard the Pacific Games was coming to Honiara I was very keen to be part of it.

“So I applied for a job and eventually become part of the housekeeping team.

“The Games have given me a job and also a rewarding experience to be surrounded by a good team and group of professional people busy preparing for the Games every single day,” she said.

Trish is happy to support a successful delivery of the Sol2023 Games in her own way.

As she explains, this is more than just a job to her.

Trish comes from a sports background and used to play Netball and Touch Rugby.

She was actually part of the Solomon Islands' Women's Touch Rugby team at the 2019 Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa.

“This is why I share everyone's passion in making sure Solomon Islands hosts a wonderful event next year.

“I have seen the joy in the faces of people and athletes from around our region in Samoa and I hope to see this again in Honiara in 2023,” she said.

Trish's story is already a motivation for the Organizing Committee as we look to have more Solomon Islanders get involved with the Games in one way or the other.

STAFF FEATURE



Hilda says working with the 2023 Pacific Games Organizing Committee is a whole new level of experience for me personally.

"Because this is a multi-million-dollar National Project and the outcome of this project is and would be a National Pride.

"Hence, the pressure to be able to deliver an outstanding outcome for this project is a huge challenge that each and every single staff of this office is facing," she said.

Hilda personally enjoys the challenges that she

encounter each day as it drives her to do better.

"I have also learned a lot of skillsets and knowledge from the in-house trainings that were being conducted by our Supervisors which I personally find to be enriching for my career path.

"Sometimes it's challenging working with people from different races, ethnicity and background but the reward of building a loving and beautiful working environment outshines the challenges," she said.

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I personally enjoy the challenges that I encounter each day as it drives me to do better.

Hilda Ahikau
GOC Office Coordinator



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