



From

The Minister, Honourable Nestor Giro, the Permanent Secretary, Dr. Christian Ramofafia, Management and staff of the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources.



To

The Governor General, His Excellency Sir David Vunagi, the Prime Minister, Hon. Manasseh Sogavare, the Speaker of National Parliament Patterson Oti, the Chief Justice Sir Albert Palmer, Leader of Opposition Mathew Wale, Leader of the Independent Group, John Dean Kuku, the Lord Mayor of Honiara City Council, Cnr Eddie Siapu, Members of Diplomatic Missions, Church Leaders, Chiefs, Elders and Community Leaders, Business houses, Aid donors, NGOs and all Good People of Solomon Islands.

It is with great pleasure to convey our sincere greetings to you all, both at home and abroad as we celebrate our country's 44th Independence Anniversary. We thank our God Almighty for the many blessings so richly bestowed upon us and for bringing us safely to yet another year of celebration.

May the occasion of this Independence celebration resonate as a time of reflection and reassurances of the successes our country had achieved and challenges we overcome as a nation since the attainment of self-determination on 7 July 1978, and looking ahead to more opportunities.

The Covid19 global pandemic has brought many challenges and hardships. Families struggled daily to meet their needs and wants.

However, from these challenges we are able to develop resilience and for that we thank God for his many blessings. It is through his mercy and grace that we are able to see out the challenges and now will be celebrating our country's nationhood.

God has blessed Solomon Islands with abundant marine resources and ecosystems to sustain our livelihoods. And with that, gives us the sole responsibility to be good stewards of these resources. With the growing population we have, we must better manage and use our resources sustainably to benefit us now and into the future.

May we continue to seek God's wisdom and strength to sustain our beloved nation to bring prosperity, unity and peace and our aim must be to create a united and vibrant Solomon Islands into the future.

As the Ministry mandated to manage our fisheries and marine resources, we will ensure to address the Government's priority areas both short and long term for the benefit of our people.

The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources will continue to provide effective and efficient services to facilitate sustainable management and development of our fisheries and aquatic resources for the benefit of our nation.

Happy 44th Independence Anniversary

May God bless our country Solomon Islands from shore to shore.

“Iumi Tugeda for a Stronger and Peaceful Solomon Islands”