



Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening



2022 Christmas Greetings and 2023 New Year Wishes

From: The Minister
Hon. Rollen Seleso, MP & family
The Permanent Secretary, and Staff of the MPGIS & their families

To: The Governor General & family
The Prime Minister, & Cabinet Ministers & their families
The Speaker of National Parliament & family
All the Members of Parliament & their families
Reps of Diplomatic Corps & Partners
Provincial Premiers and their Executive Members & their families
All the Members of Provincial Assemblies & their families
All Provincial Staff Members & their families
Chiefs and Community Elders & their families
Church Leaders & their families
Women, Youth and Children & their families
And the people of Solomon Islands

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

I on behalf of my Ministry, wish my good people of the 9 Provinces, and Honiara City, warmest blessings and greetings of Christmas 2022.

We sailed through the year amidst challenging and bitter circumstances around us – but through God’s Grace, Peace and Love, we transpired to deliver, a better Solomon Islands to those, whose trust we hold as leaders.

My good people, the reality of Christmas is, it can be “messy” – as it began from the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. It is, in the reality-lived experience, of “mess,” that God meets us in his son, Jesus, Emmanuel – God with us.

I wish to salute and challenge all of us with leadership roles, of our responsibility as stewards, of our people and this nation.

That, we work as kindred partners, in ensuring a holistic development, of our people and country in 2023 onwards.

My prayer is that we all celebrate this Christmas as Solomon Islanders and Partners, with the gifts we receive from the birth of Jesus: *peace, love, hope, promise, mercy, and above all, knowledge that Jesus, is with us in every moment of our lives.* No law, no government, no power on earth can cancel the wonder of that birth.

A very Merry and Joyous Christmas and a Blessed and Prosperous new year 2023.

God Bless Solomon Islands and its people.