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2022 CHRISTMAS AND 2023 NEW YEARS GREETINGS MESSAGE



From: The Minister, Hon Samuel Manetoali, Permanent Secretary Peter Mae, Deputy Secretaries and Staff of the Ministry of Traditional Governance, Peace Ecclesiastical Affairs (MTGP&EA) Head Office in Honiara and on Guadalcanal, Malaita, Choiseul and Western provinces.

To: The Governor General, Sir David Vunagi and Lady Vunagi, Prime Minister, Hon. Manasseh Sogavare and Madam Sogavare, Members of Cabinet, Speaker of National Parliament, Chief Justice, Leader of the Opposition, Leader of Independent Group, Members of Parliament, Provincial Premiers and Members of Provincial Assemblies, Development Partners, Heads of State-owned Enterprises, Heads of Private Sector entities, Non-Government Organisations, Church leaders, Chiefs and Traditional Leaders, Women Leaders, Youth Leaders, stakeholders in peacebuilding and all people of Solomon Islands.

Joyous and Blessed Christmas 2022 and Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year 2023.

The event of Christmas is our time of rejoicing and reflection. We rejoice in the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace, whilst reflecting also in our Christian commitment and ideals as we journey in our Christian faith.

As we travel to our various provinces, communities and villages during this festive season, let us jointly remember and pray for the unfortunate ones in

our societies including our inmates in all Correctional Centers and the sick ones in the hospitals of our country.

Let us remember our elderly and those who have lost their loved ones in 2022. Let us offer our support and care during this festive season to one and all. The greatest goodness we can offer to each other is to celebrate this Christmas and New Year season with "Peace, Love and Unity".

Christmas in this regard reminds us of God's Gift to humanity when Christ was born in this world as part of God's master plan to save mankind, and leaving us the examples to follow and to emulate his good deeds and take on his teachings to serve others. To lead is to serve leadership provides benefit for the least, and as well the greatest within all levels of our society.

As we celebrate this Christmas season, let us exercise restraint in all we do, whilst reminding ourselves to take every necessary care for each other so that our celebrations will be meaningful.

This year 2022 still, remains a challenging year for the Government and all peoples of this nation as a whole. The lingering effects of covid-19 and its continuous persistence still inflicts the social and economic endeavors of our country including our citizens let alone the national recovery efforts from the November 2021 riots.

Despite all these, the Government through my Ministry consistently endeavors to deliver its 2022 key national peacebuilding development programs and activities towards fostering social harmony, cohesion and long lasting peace in our beloved country, Solomon Islands.

Further to this given, we sought to commend and recognize our peacebuilding partners, stakeholders and institutions whom in many ways have rendered their leadership and support to the ministry in 2022. These representatives and institutions have played pivotal role in jointly assisting the government's national efforts in building and maintaining peaceful and harmonious environment in our communities.

We extend our special festive greetings to all, and sincerely hope that your celebration during this Christmas and New Year festive season will be one of great rejoice and happiness.

**Happy Christmas and New Year's
Celebrations 2023
and May God Bless Solomon Islands**

