

THE MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING & SURVEY
47TH INDEPENDENCE MESSAGE



Hon. Polycarp Paea

From:

The Minister of Lands, Honourable Polycarp Paea
The Permanent Secretary Mr. Stanley Waleanisia, the Deputy Secretaries, Commissioner of Lands, Members of Land Board, Head of Departments, the Staff and their families.

To:

- His Excellency the Governor General, His Excellency Reverend David Kapu and Lady Kapu,
- The Honourable Prime Minister. Hon. Jeremiah Manele and Madam Manele,
- Hon. Deputy Prime Minister Frederick Kologeto and all Ministers of the Crown,
- Leader of the Opposition Group,
- Leader of the Independent Group,
- Honorable Members of Parliament,
- Heads of various Diplomatic Corps,
- Mayor of Honiara City and Councilors,
- Premiers and Members of Provincial Assemblies,
- Constitutional Appointees and Chairman of Constitutional Commissions,

- Secretary to the Prime Minister and Permanent Secretaries,
- Heads of Statutory Authorities and State Own Enterprises, Development Partners and Stakeholders,
- Media, Private Sector and Non-Government Organizations,
- Heads of Religious Denominations – (SICA & SIFGA)
- Leaders of all Communities and organizations,
- Public Servants and all workers,
- Women, Youths and Children, Farmers and Fishermen,
- SIBC Management and Staff, Sick Patients in Hospitals and Rural Clinics,
- People living with Disability,
- And all Solomon Islands Citizens living abroad.

As we mark the 47th Anniversary of our Independence, I warmly extend our heartfelt greetings to all. This momentous occasion reflects our shared spirit of unity, peace, and resilience as a nation. We pay tribute to our founding leaders, whose foresight and sacrifice laid the foundation for the rich legacy and opportunities we cherish today. With profound gratitude to Almighty God, we look ahead with optimism and resolve to safeguard our environment and uphold our enduring reputation as a peaceful nation. Let us reaffirm our steadfast dedication to “Unity and Stability for Transformation and Prosperity,” as we continue building a stronger and more unified Solomon Islands.

As we commemorate 47 remarkable years of nationhood, may the boundless love, enduring peace, and uplifting joy of our Lord fill our hearts and homes. Let this anniversary be a time for gratitude and reflection, as we gather with our families, friends, and communities across the beautiful and vibrant isles of Solomon Islands. May our shared celebration strengthen the bonds of unity and fellowship among us, reminding us of the values and faith that continue to guide our journey as a sovereign nation. Together, let us give thanks for our progress, pray for continued harmony, and renew our commitment to a future marked by shared prosperity and national pride.

Warmest greetings to all as we joyfully celebrate the 47th Anniversary of our nation’s Independence. May the blessings of Almighty God continue to grace our people and our beloved Solomon Islands—from shore to shore, from our highlands to our coasts, across all villages and provinces.