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## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

# MORC NEWSLETTER



## INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY 2020

This year the International Customs community's focuses on the contribution of Customs towards a sustainable future where social, economic, health and environmental needs and recognising that these are at the heart of our actions.

This vital role played by Tonga Customs and other Customs administrations worldwide, has been exemplified under the slogan of International Customs Day 2020 "*Customs fostering sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet*".

Key in this message is the role that Customs plays in **servicing its People** by building secure and safe societies. Customs stands to play an important role in fighting transnational organised crime by taking action against illicit drugs networks, illegal importation of weapons, money laundering and other serious offences. There is also the responsibility of **ensuring Prosperity** by reducing trade barriers for just and inclusive societies This can only be achieved through streamlining border processes to reduce time and cost of moving goods across our borders, improving border effectiveness by strengthening governance and stability as well as taking strong action against fraud and tax evasion to ensure that government is not

critical revenues needed to fund public infrastructure and services

For years Customs has been a key partner of environment protection agencies in ensuring sustainability for future generations by protecting our borders against entry of ozone depleting substances, harmful and hazardous materials, ultimately contributing to **protecting the Planet**.



*Hon. Minister of the Ministry of Revenue & Customs Mr. Tevita Lavemaau and the CEO Mr. Kelemete Vahe.*



*The Ministry of Revenue & Customs Heads of Department and Senior Officers.*

*Left to Right: Mr. Esafe Tokai, Mr. Leslie Palavi, Mrs. Teisa Cokanasiga, Mr. Michael Cokanasiga, CEO - Mr. Kelemete Vahe, Hon. Minister Tevita Lavemaau, Mr. Maamaloa Fotofili, Mr. Taniela Sila, Mr. Kilifi Heimuli, Mrs. Letisia Moli, Mrs. 'Ana Fifita, Mrs. Telesia Ma'asi.*

# Retreat : Corporate Plan 2021 & Budget.

The Ministry of Revenue and Customs conducted a retreat on Corporate Plan 2021 & Budget including guest speakers from the other Ministries to empower Teamwork :

1<sup>st</sup> Presentation: Ms. Tinalasa Vunipola (Health Promotion)

She stressed the :

\* importance of eating healthy, exercising and going through health tests regularly because they can help identify potential problems at an early stage.

\*Health Promotion can train a few staff on how to conduct aerobics to rest of the Ministry.

2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation: STRESS MANAGEMENT: Mr.Mapa Puloka and Pita Pepa [Ministry of Health]

Dr. Puloka thoroughly explain the meaning of stress, he called it in Tongan "Kulukia e Fakakaukau". He mentioned that stress leads to non communicable diseases, stress is a silent killer, it can cause a sudden death.

Delay acting on your urges to smoke

- Deep Breath
- Drink Water
- Do something else

3<sup>rd</sup> Presentation: PSC Team: Dr. Lia Maka, Miss. Salote Vuki, Mr. Moleni Ika  
Importance of unity, service and heart.  
"Work smart, with our Hearts!"

Coaching and mentoring  
Flowcharting & Cascading; link TSDF – CP – AMP – Divisional Plan - and from it to an individual's Job Description [the whole idea is to be able to identify each individual's contribution to AMP)

At the end of this retreat the CEO Mr.Kelemete Vahe urged to minimize some internal behavior for this year's journey and closed by a closing prayer by the DCEO Mr.Maamaloa Fotofili.



CEO PSC -Dr. Lia Maka conducted a presentation.



Closing Speech - CEO MORC Mr. Kelemete Vahe .



Monthly Due Dates.

28<sup>th</sup> – Consumption Tax Return & Payment.

28<sup>th</sup> PAYE

Return & Payment

Quarterly Due Date.

28<sup>th</sup> October – Tax Return & Payment.

28<sup>th</sup> January - Tax Return & Payment.

28<sup>th</sup> April - Tax Return & Payment.

Annual Due Dates.

31<sup>st</sup> October- Personal Income Tax Return & Payment.

31<sup>st</sup> October – Company Tax Return & Payment.

31<sup>st</sup> October – PAYE Annual Return



# IMPORTANT NOTICES



## TONGA CUSTOMS HOTLINE

### HELP US PROTECT THE KINGDOM OF TONGA!

Have you noticed something unusual on or around the coastline, aircraft, vessel, container or a person WITHOUT Customs Knowledge in Tonga? As a member of the community it's our role using our local knowledge to identify anything that is unusual or suspicious. Please do report us any suspicious activity to our 24-hour hotline number free-of-charge at any time regardless how minor it is.

# 0800123

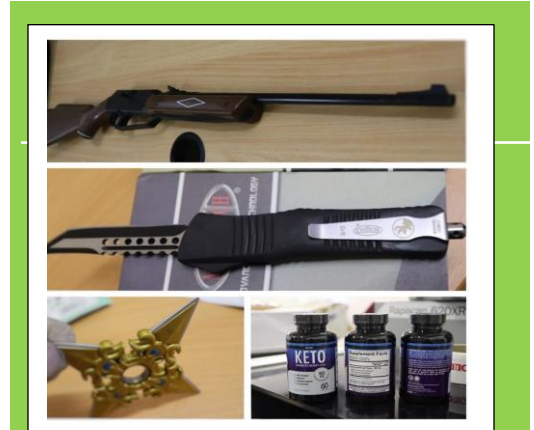
Your safety is in our hand, Your Identity will be protected

#### HOW DO I REPORT SUSPECTED SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES TO CUSTOMS?

If you see, hear or know of any person, aircraft, vessel, containers or goods coming into or leaving Kingdom of Tonga WITHOUT Customs knowledge, call our Hotline number free-of-charge.



The threat of trade in illegal goods such as illicit drugs through our Tongan waters is real! Have you noticed something unusual on or around the coastline in Tonga? As a member of the community it's our role using our local knowledge to identify anything that is unusual or suspicious in our coastline. Please do report us any suspicious activity to our 24-hour hotline 0800123 at any time regardless how minor it is. <http://www.revenue.gov.to/Article.aspx?ID=1902>



Hey...! Before travelling to the Kingdom of Tonga or overseas please read this handy chart to make sure you are eligible with your belongings for your travel. This would be a handy tips to double-check you are good to go. For enquires please contact us for more details or checkout our websites in the link below

<http://www.revenue.gov.to/Article.aspx?ID=1907>



We are also pleased to inform the public that the Ministry is willing to conduct trainings for anyone who requires it on any tax related issues  
Should you have any queries or require assistance with any training arrangements, please contact our office @ 26432 for Client Services assistance or email us at: [cst@revenue.gov.to](mailto:cst@revenue.gov.to)