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Three women to contest for the General Election

By *Semi Malaki*



*Dr Puakena Boreham one of the three women contesting in Tuvalu General Election
Photo: Kuata Taumaheke*

THREE women in Tuvalu have the desire to contest for Tuvalu General Election on March 19.

Following the closing of nominations for candidates late last month, three women from two different electoral districts were nominated to contest this year's election.

They include Hilia Vavae from the Nanumea Electoral District and Dr Puakena Boreham with sitting MP Pelenike Tekinene Isaia from Nui Electoral District.

Ms Vavae is a retired civil servant who has been heading the Tuvalu Meteorological Service. She was also contested at the Nanumea bi-election in 2014 following the resignation of then sitting MP Willy Telavi from Nanumea constituency.

Dr Boreham was the Medical Superintendent at Princess Margaret Hospital and she resigned to contest against the other five candidates from Nui.

Mrs Isaia was sitting Member of Parliament from Nui. She joined Parliament after her husband the late Isaia Taeia passed away in 2011. She was elected in a bi-election and became Member of Parliament from Nui Island.

Ms Vavae is contesting against four men from the Nanumea Electoral District while Dr Boreham and Mrs Isaia are contesting against four men in the Nui Electoral District. ■

Nauti Primary School celebrates Commonwealth Day

Tuvalu High Commissioner to NZ presented credentials

By Semi Malaki

TUVALU High Commissioner to New Zealand is official recognized following the presentation of his credentials.

His Excellency Samuelu Laloni presented his credentials to New Zealand Prime Minister John Key late last month.

Laloni said he now could execute all the duties of a High Commissioner.

“Now that I have presented my credentials, I could make calls to Ministers and also High Commissions designated to Tuvalu and based in Wellington.”

HE Mr Samuelu Laloni is a graduate of the University of Otago and Victoria University. A former Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of Tuvalu, Mr Laloni has served as Tuvalu’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations and as Tuvalu Consul-General in Auckland. Mr Laloni is based in Wellington ■



Class 1 & 2 representing India and dance to a modern Indian pop-song
Photo: Semi Malaki

PUPILS of Nauti Primary School brave the heat of the sun by showcasing the dances of Commonwealth Countries as Commonwealth Day commemorated on Monday March 9.

The celebrations highlighted the theme ‘A Young Commonwealth’.

All classes adopted a Commonwealth country and showcase their dancing talents showcasing the culture and tradition of the country.

The celebration highlighted the important of young people of the Commonwealth.

Tuvalu is a Commonwealth Country and therefore observed a public holiday for commemoration

of Commonwealth Day.

“The Commonwealth theme for 2015 recognizes the capacity, contribution and potential of young people, who play a vital role at the heart of sustainable development and democracy,” said Commonwealth Secretary-General Kamalesh Sharma. The Commonwealth is also a family of dynamic countries at the forefront of innovation, growth and contributing global value.”

The Secretary-General added that, as a diverse and increasingly connected global network, the Commonwealth brings fresh perspectives and new ideas to the dialogue on development ■

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Six candidates vying for two seats from Nui constituency

By Semi Malaki

SIX candidates are vying for the only two seats in Parliament reserve for Nui Constituency at this year's election.

Nui electoral district was the last island to publish its candidates for the upcoming General Election at the Funafuti Kaupule Notice Board.

Secretary of Funafuti Kaupule Uluao Lauti said due to problems with communication on the island, but they managed to get an email from the island Kaupule with the list of candidates.

The six candidates include the current Members of Parliament Hon Leneuoti Peau Matusi and Hon Pelekeni Tekinene Isaia.

The other four candidates are Palamene Anelu, Hon Taom Tanukale and former medical superintendent Dr Puakena Boreham with businessman Mackenzie Kiritome.

Lauti said all the names of candidates for this year's election have been published at their notice board.

The total number of candidates contesting for this year's general election is 33.

Tuvalu goes to poll on Thursday March 19■

Regional training starts in Fiji

Source: Fiji Sun



THE 22 participants of the Regional Senior Government Officials Training are hoping to benefit extensively.

The two-week training was opened by Acting Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs Esala Nayasi at the Centre for Training and Development in Nasese, Suva on Monday.

This training is conducted under the South-South Co-operation Project funded by the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA), and is being attended by participants from Tuvalu, Kiribati and Christmas Island.

The training aims to contribute to human resource development through providing regional training for Fiji's neighbouring countries including Kiribati and Tuvalu.

Participant, Tiiuia Matatia, the assistant secretary of Kiribati's Ministry of Public Works, Utilities expects to upgrade her knowledge in leadership and administration.

"After this training, when we return to our countries, we are expected to implement whatever we've learned here into our ministries or departments especially in terms of customer service," Ms Matatia said.

Lorraine Taulima, first secretary of the Tuvalu High Commission, said participants from Tuvalu looked forward to learning about the Fijian Government's leadership skills and practices.

"The content of the workshop covers a lot of aspects of the Fijian Government's machinery and structure and the leadership practices it emphasizes and that is something we hope to learn and implement back home," Ms Taulima said■

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Staff of Tuvalu MET Service need further trainings

By Pua Pedro

STAFF at the Tuvalu MET office need more trainings to enable them deliver the best service to the public.

Training officer at the Fiji’s MET service Sosiceni Dumukuro told *Fenui* that during his visit to the MET office last week he found out that the staffs there need lots of

refresher training.

Dumukuro said that the staff need to be trained about the new technologies so that they can provide reliable and accurate information the public needs to know about the weather and especially when there are natural disasters approaching.

He said that the staff at MET are well trained, their performances at work is very good but it is best that they get themselves trained and to refresh their minds about their work.

“Under the new project by JICA for ten specific Pacific countries including Tuvalu, the project will conduct trainings every now and then within the four years of

the project.”

“At the end of the year, the project is conducting two week training in Fiji and will invite MET officials from the ten Pacific countries including Tuvalu to upgrade their knowledge and skills,” added Dumukuro.

JICA will continue to carry out such training not only to boost the understanding of MET officials in operating specific MET instruments but an opportunity to get new techniques and understanding they need to acquire.

Dumukuro will continue the same visit to the other Pacific countries under the project■

Climate change ‘threatens self-determination’ of citizens in island States

By Diana Semi

SENIOR UN officials joined high-level delegates from Pacific Island States that are on the frontline of the global battle against sea-level rise to examine the potentially devastating impact of climate change on human rights.

The President of Kiribati and the Prime Minister of Tuvalu were joined by Deputy UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Flavia Pansieri, who opened the discussion, telling the Geneva-based Council that human induced climate change is not only an assault on the world’s shared ecosystem but it also undercuts “the rights

to health, to food, to water and sanitation, to adequate housing and – for the people of small island states and coastal communities.

The spokesperson for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Rupert Colville, briefed the press on the discussions, saying that continued sea level rise at their current rate, could result in low-lying Pacific Island States, including Kiribati and Tuvalu being submerged within decades.

He noted that some citizens have already been forced from their homes, while the two Governments struggle to supply people with adequate supplies of food and clean drinking water.

Survival is one thing but if the islands of Kiribati and Tuvalu do disappear, the spokesperson said, gone with them will be all the trappings of a modern state – Government buildings, courts, hospitals and schools.

Their leaders will have to

find ways of reconstituting their States elsewhere, or persuade another government to provide their citizens with passports, welfare and protection. If they can’t do this, these “climate change refugees” will become stateless.

Colville is calling for human rights standards to be put front and centre of discussions on mitigating the negative impacts of climate change.

He says any action designed to limit climate change must have people’s rights at its core and this should be taken into account when the UN Climate Change Conference convenes in Paris later this year to draw up a new global agreement.

Tuvalu delegation to this one day discussion comprises caretaker Prime Minister and his wife Salilo Sopoaga, Tuvalu representative to the EU His Excellency Tine Leuelu a security officer Penivao Penete■

Taiwan Artist to highlight global warming at Venice Biennale

By Semi Malaki



Tuvalu Pavilion 2013 Photo: Vincent H

TAIWANESE artist Vincent J.F. Huang will again represent Tuvalu at the Venice Biennale this year, and highlight the issue of climate change with an art installation in

Tuvalu's national pavilion at the major international art exhibition.

Huang said he is working with Dutch-born curator Thomas Berghuis to put together Tuvalu's national pavilion at the exhibition that will run from May 9 to Nov. 22 in Venice, with a theme of "All the World's Futures."

It will be the second time for Tuvalu to participate in the biennial event.

Huang's art installation in a space of 300m will adopt ideas from the Taoist classic Zhuangzi, focusing on the concept of "man

and nature as one.

"The installation, titled Crossing the Tide, will address the issue of mankind's pursuit of economic and material gains in today's capitalist world and its impact on the natural environment."

"The pavilion's installation will create a scene with only the sea and the sky, in a reference to rising sea levels around the world caused by global warming."

It is the second time Huang has been commissioned by the Tuvaluan government to organize the country's national pavilion at the Venice Biennale.

Tuvalu and Huang also worked together at an official exhibition held in conjunction with the UN Climate Change Conference in Qatar in late 2012. ■

Need for more fisheries observers on purse seiners

By Semi Malaki

TUVALU Fisheries Department is looking at recruiting new observers for the Pacific Islands Regional Fisheries Observer program.

This week the department announced over radio that it is looking for interested applicants with a minimum age of 18 years old and mature enough to converse confidently with fishing vessel officers in difficult circumstances.

A screening test for new observers will be held on the 23rd of this month.

All interested applicants should have complete Form 6 or higher education and is able to

speak English and also willing to attend an Observer Basic Training for seven to nine weeks.

In previous interview with Director of Fisheries Samasoni Finikaso, he said that there is a grave need of local observers to employ under the program.

He said the department is exploring options of having an insurance company to insure local observers joining the program.

Those who wish to apply should have a clear police record with a history of strong socially acceptable ethical standards in the areas of honesty and public behavior.

The new observers should also physically and mentally capable of carrying out observer duties, able to pass a sea-going medical clearance certificate issued by an authorized medical practitioner. ■

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BRIEFS

TUVALU Met Service issued a Strong Wind warning on Friday evening March 6. The warning stated that it is in force for northern islands' open waters. Met Service reported that a trough remains slow moving over Tuvalu. Associated clouds, showers and isolated thunderstorms affect all atolls. The office is on the look out for cyclone as Tuvalu is going through its cyclone season of the year■

THE Pacific Leaders Meeting with Australia has been deferred indefinitely. In an official response, the Australian High Commission in Suva says the Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop have decided to defer the proposal to hold a Pacific Leaders' Meeting. According to the commission spokesperson, after consultations with regional leaders, it was clear that proposed dates in the first quarter of 2015 did not suit everyone■

POLICE Officers stationed at the Funafuti International Airport were frustrated towards member of the public who refused to obey simple matters regarding the safety of passengers traveling on airplanes. On Thursday March 5, as the inbound flight was about to make landing at Funafuti runway, a truck crossed the airfield despite warning sirens that the plane was about to land. The matter is now under investigation. Acting Director of Aviation Tutia Talitonu said that everyone need to take notice of the warning sirens when flights are landing and taking off at Funafuti airport because the safety of passengers and crews onboard are at risk when people fails to obey■

GOVERNMENT Ministries have been making use of the one-hour for physical activities every Friday afternoon. The activity was approved by cabinet last year for every civil servants to knock off at 3 pm to join a physical activity organized by their ministries. The move is to tackle Non-Communicable Diseases NCDs in the country. In the past weeks, there were few ministries involved in physical activities but this week *Fenui* witnessed that all government ministries in uniforms organized physical activities and fun games■

More opportunities for Tuvaluan seafarers offer by China Navigation Company

By Semi Malaki

FIVE local seafarers left the country early this month to attend a safety awareness training course in Suva, Fiji.

They will be joined by six other Tuvaluan seafarers residing in Fiji.

Alpha Pacific Navigation Ltd APNL says that after the training they will join the China Navigation Company's container ship 'Kiribati Chief'.

In a Press Release, it states that five of them will be leaving on the sixth of this month to board the ship at Nangsha, in the People's Republic of China and a few days later the remaining six will fly to Busan, Korea to join the same ship.

APNL reported that few weeks ago, eleven Tuvaluan seafarers joined the container ship 'Papuan Chief' in Fiji and currently the ship is berthing at Kiribati.

There are four Tuvaluans in other ships and at the meantime there are twenty-six Tuvaluans working for China Navigation Company and APNL hopes to increase the total number in the future.

Alpha Pacific Navigation Ltd is the exclusive manning agent in Tuvalu and other Pacific islands for China Navigation Company and its crewing company Swire Pacific Ship Management■

PSC Corner

Approval of Appointments:

- Maani Siale Petaia *Fisheries Officer Coastal Fisheries Management*
- Nelson Vaguna *Bio-Medical Technician (Princess Margaret Hospital)*
- Iunipa Siaeki *Computer Inventory Officer (ICT Department)*
- Lilly Moose *Assistant Auditor.*

Confirmation of Appointments:

- Nele Semu *Crown Counsel*
- Kaipati Vevea *Agriculture Extension officer*
- Faavae Lutelu *Agriculture Extension officer*
- Faoso Faleni *Staff Nurse*
- Laumalie Lito *Staff Nurse*
- Melelita Leuma *Staff Nurse*
- Telisa Tekapu *Staff Nurse*
- ALofa Niko *Staff Nurse*
- Lauefa T Van and Esther Maio Fili *Staff Nurses at PMH*

The next PSC meeting is scheduled to the 19th of this month.

QUICK TRACKS

◇ **Local youth** associations on the capital are working together with the TuAIP Project and the Solid Waste Agency of Tuvalu (SWAT) in clearing solid waste on the capital. The works started by Nui Youth at Tekavatoetoe with the removal of 11 car wreckages from Tevakatoetoe on the southern end of the island. Niutao Youth Association continued the work at areas from Vaiaku, Senala, Alapi, Fakaifou to the Island Supermarket. TuAIP project Director Mr Vitoli Iosefa says that this cleaning up campaign partnership is focus on removing bulky and hazardous wastes in the main settlement with the hope to send overseas for recycling■

◇ **President of** the Ekalesia Kelisiano Tuvalu and spouse were among the 500 guests gathered in Suva yesterday to mark the 50th birthday of the Pacific Theological College. PTC principal Reverend Professor Dr Feleterika Nokise said the school was established in 1966 to help Pacific students pursue higher education in Theology. Tuvalu students have been graduated from the school since its establishment. Tuvalu Congregation in Suva took part in the commemoration activities where they perform local *fatele*■

◇ **Local families** and individuals have been trained by the European Union, University of the South Pacific- USP Global Climate Change Alliance Project in maintaining and repairing of their water tanks. This is to make sure their tanks always have water. The training of locals was conducted by the project coordinator with the assistance of Kaupules. Project manager Ms Aliti Koro said the project runs for four years and it came to end in December 2014, but through the good work and the marvelous results that they received from the countries the EU has awarded a no cost extension phase from January to December 2015. The project benefited three island communities■

◇ **Tuvalu women** on the capital wear green and purple today to celebrate the achievements of women while calling for greater equality. Pasai Teafiula said purple and green have been identified as the colors to be worn on this day as they symbolized different meaning to the life of women worldwide. Purple symbolizes justice, pride and Self Respect while green is amongst other colors that are used for banners, flags, rosettes and badges to show solidarity. Commemoration activities started from last week with women sharing their achievements and life experiences and also encouraged each other to help development activities in Tuvalu■

Falekaupule Nanumaga looking at extension of project on the island

NANUMAGA Falekaupule praises the success of a climate change project that was implemented on the island in the past years.

The island opted for a project on energy security and the project provided some bio-gas units for vulnerable families that were identified.

The project is funded by the European Union and implemented by the University of the South Pacific in 15 ACP-Pacific countries including Tuvalu.

The In-Country Coordinator Teuleala Manuella says the project for Tuvalu was implemented on three islands; Nanumaga, Nukulaelae and Funafuti.

Nanumaga Island prioritized renewable energy and used its allocated \$22 000 for bio-gas unit.

Ms Manuella said that seven families were selected for the project and the Falekaupule witnessed the benefits of the project for these families-which used bio-gas from pig waste for cooking.

“Falekaupule is exploring opportunities from its savings to extend the project to other families on the island,” said Manuella.

Manuella presented her findings and updated stakeholders on the status of the project on the islands during the handing over ceremony of the project last week■

Tuvalu women wear green and purple to celebrate International Women’s Day

By Semi Malaki

TUVALU women on the capital wear green and purple today to celebrate the achievements of women while calling for greater equality.

International Women’s Day fell on March 8, and this Monday, the women gather at the Vaiaku Falekaupule for their commemoration activities.

Make It Happen is the 2015 theme encouraging effective action for advancing and recognizing women.

Pasai Teafiula said purple and green have been identified as the colors to be worn on this day as they symbolized different

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Christian Women Fellowship joined hands and prayed for Bahamas women

By Semi Malaki

THE Christian Women in Tuvalu came together in a fellowship on Friday night March 6 to reaffirm their faiths and pray for women in Bahamas, in the Caribbean.

This year, World Day of Prayer in Tuvalu was hosted by Lofeagai Women Congregation, and women from all EKT congregations on the capital and Catholic Women fellowship gathered at Koa-Taunu chapel for the service.

Sulufaiga Uota from the EKT Women Fellowship said the day is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer.

“World Day of Prayer is observed on the first Friday of March every year. This is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions including Tuvalu.”

“It brings together

women of various races, cultures, and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding, and action throughout the year,” Uota said.

Through World Day of Prayer, women around the world affirm their faith in Jesus Christ and share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs.

Uota said this year they prayed for women in the Caribbean island of the Bahamas.

“The prayer service we organized on Friday, we encouraged women to become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation. This year we pray for women of Bahamas-sharing their achievements and sufferings.”

“Every year the movement chooses a country and therefore we pray for the sufferings of women and children,” Uota added. ■

MKH School thanked the Ministry of Education for the donation

By Pua Pedro

THE Mareta Kapane Halo MKH General Typing and Computing School is very thankful to Government mainly the Ministry of Education for the donation.

Principal of the School Mr. Halo Tuavai said that the donation has received by the School including ten chairs and ten desks.

“The donation was made following a request by the School during the 37th graduation function towards the end of last year which was put forward by one of the School’s executive members.”

“After the request was made, Honourable Maani which was Chief Guest of the occasion said that he will look into that although time of the Government then was running out,” said Mr Tuavai

He said that according to Honourable Maani, he will look into more assistance for the School especially computers if he makes it in the election.

The donation according to Tuavai is very important and helpful because there is not enough tables and chairs for students.

Fifteen students are currently studying at MKH this first semester which is expected to complete in June mid year. ■

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meaning to the life of women worldwide.

Purple symbolizes justice, pride and Self Respect and the other color Green is amongst other colors that are used for banners, flags, rosettes and badges to show solidarity.

On the capital, commemoration activities started from last week with women sharing their

achievements and life experiences and also encouraged each other to help development activities in Tuvalu.

At the Vaiaku Falekaupule, 13 women were honored for their outstanding contribution to the development of their communities, islands and Tuvalu as a whole.

They include:

Nanumea- Asipau Siose, Itagia Tu- mau, Malologa Valo, Melita Hauaia, Moatea Tekapu, Pisila

Telii Samuelu, Sunema Makatui. Nui-Vaovao Niu, Sepoima Komo- lo.

Vaitupu-Feiloaiga Leuelu, Tiale Sokotia Funafuti-Senitelela Tapumanaia, Lady Sualua Lauti.

They were presented with Certificates of Recognition for their hard work in shaping their families, communities and Tuvalu for the betterment of women and girls in Tuvalu. ■

Commonwealth Day 2015: Message from Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth

One simple lesson from history is that when people come together to talk, to exchange ideas and to develop common goals, wonderful things can happen. So many of the world's greatest technological and industrial achievements have begun as partnerships between families, countries, and even continents. But, as we are often reminded, the opposite can also be true. When common goals fall apart, so does the exchange of ideas. And if people no longer trust or understand each other, the talking will soon stop too.

In the Commonwealth we are a group of 53 nations of dramatically different sizes and climates. But over the years, drawing on our shared history, we have seen and acted upon the huge advantages of mutual cooperation and understanding, for the benefit of our countries and the people who live in them.

Not only are there tremendous rewards for this cooperation, but through dialogue we protect ourselves against the dangers that can so easily arise from a failure to talk or to see the other person's point of view.

Indeed, it seems to me that now, in the second decade of the twenty first century, what we share through being members of the Commonwealth is more important and worthy of protection than perhaps at any other time in the Commonwealth's existence. We are guardians of a precious flame, and it is our duty not only to keep it burning brightly but to keep it replenished for the decades ahead.

With this in mind, I think it apt that on this day we celebrate 'A Young Commonwealth' and all that it has to offer. As a concept that is unique in human history, the Commonwealth can only flourish if its ideas and ideals continue to be young and fresh and relevant to all generations.

The youthfulness and vitality that motivate our collective endeavours were seen in abundance last year in Glasgow. They will be seen again in a few months' time when Young Leaders from islands and continents gather to make new friendships and to work on exciting initiatives that can help to build a safer world for future generations. And last November in India, talented young scientists from universities and research institutes conferred with eminent professors and pioneers of discovery at the Commonwealth Science Conference where together they shared thoughts on insights and inventions that promise a more sustainable future.

These are stirring examples of what is meant by 'A Young Commonwealth'. It is a globally diverse and inclusive community that opens up new possibilities for development through trust and encouragement. Commonwealth Day provides each of us, as members of this worldwide family, with a chance to recommit ourselves to upholding the values of the Commonwealth Charter.

It has the power to enrich us all, but, just as importantly in an uncertain world, it gives us a good reason to keep talking.



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Good Governance, Economic Growth & Stability, Social Development, Falekaupule and Outer Islands, Private Sector and Employment, Education and Human Resources, Natural Resources, Infrastructure and Support Services.

The selection process will be based on the Secretariat of the Pacific Board for Educational Assessment (SPBEA) Assessment and Ranking Report. Interviews will be conducted for those shortlisted for both PUBLIC and OPEN candidates. A shortlist of eligible applicants will then be produced for consideration by the Joint Scholarships Selection Committee (JSSC) represented by the Government of Tuvalu, Australia and New Zealand.

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TASNOC is under new leadership

By Kuata Taumaheke

THE Tuvalu Sports Association and National Olympic Committee TASNOC is under new leadership following the electing of its new president in an extraordinary meeting on Thursday last week the 5th of March.

The main purpose of the meeting was to elect the new TASNOC President as the position was made vacant on resignation of the former president – Ms Esealofa Apinelu.

TASNOC Secretary General Isala Isala said three people were nominated for the position by their respective sports federations.

“The trio include Ampelosa Tehulu from the Tuvalu Basketball Sports Federation, Uluao Lauti from the Tuvalu Weight lifting and Power Lifting Federation and Pepetua Latasi from the Tuvalu Volleyball Federation.”

Isala revealed that Mr Tehulu who was one of the TASNOC vice presidents was elected by members as the new President for TASNOC.

He said there will be another election in early April this year for two executive board positions namely for the TASNOC Treasurer and the Vice President.

The new TASNOC President said that he looks forward to work in his new position and to have a full executive board after the elections in April.

TASNOC is currently working with national sports federation in their preparations and registrations for the upcoming Pacific Games in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea in July this year ■

Sepetaio Willie Tuvaluan Football Player of 2014!

IN the first two weeks of February, 2015 almost 650 people voted during the first ever election for the Tuvalu Football player of 2014.

With 40% of all votes the winner is Sepetaio Willie and according to the Tuvalu Football Fans he is the Tuvalu Football player of 2014.

Other nominees were Nelesone Kaio and Mau Peninsula. Nelesone is one the most promising talents of Tuvalu at this moment, Mau is record-international, is 35 and still going strong. Nelesone and Sepetaio were both part of the National team that visited the Netherlands in 2013.

The president of Dutch support Tuvalu about Sepetatio: “He is a hard working and skilled player in the field who never gives up. It made him the most valuable player of the 2013 Tuvalu National team squad. Sepetataio is a true

enforcement for the Tuvalu National football team and role model to the Tuvaluan football in general.”

Sepetaio Willie in a first reaction said “I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to first and foremost The Dutch Support Tuvalu Foundation for enabling me to showcase my experience and passion for football in the Netherlands. With this opportunity I have been awarded the Tuvalu football player of 2014 and for that I am forever grateful to the Dutch Foundation, the talented Tuvaluan team I played alongside with and of course my family who have supported me since day one. I would like to dedicate this achievement to my beloved Grandparents Kilita and Nokisi as well as my Nauti brothers. Fafetai lasi!”

Sepetaio is very aware of what it takes to become a successful football player.

Being part of Waitakere City FC for three years now made him career wise the most successful Tuvaluan football player in it's history. Sepetaio Willie proofed to be a real ambassador to the nation Tuvalu ■

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