



Official toktok blong Head Of State long opening blong last  
ordinary session blong parliament ~11 December 2017

- Hon. Charlot Salwai Tabimasmas, Prime Minister blong Vanuatu
- Hon, ESMON SAIMON, Spika blong Parliament
- Chief justice, Your Lordship, Mr. Vincent Lunapek
- Ol Ministers blong Government
- Leader blong Opposition
- Ol Hon. Membas blong Palement
- Dean mo Members blong Diplomatic Corps long Vanuatu
- President blong Malvatumauri
- Lidas blong ol churches
- Lord Mayor blong Port Vila, Santo mo Tanna
- Ol chiefs
- Ol man mo woman
- Ol yuth
- Pipol blong Vanuatu

Mi gat bifala hona blong givim toktok tudei, long opening blong last  
Ordinary Session blong Paliament blong 2017.

Hemi festaem blong mi tu olsem niufala elected President blong  
Republic blong Vanuatu long manis July tis year blong kam mekem  
fes toktok blong me long Parliament.

Bifo mi save mekem statement blong mi infront long tis Honarabol  
House ia mo iko long nation, mi wantem sharem appreciation mo  
heartfelt tankyu blong mi mo family iko long yufala mo sam narafala  
members blong Electoral College blong gat trust mo electem mi ikam  
President blong Republic after passing away blong former late  
President Baldwin Lonsdale long June tis yia 2017..

Hon. Spika, Country blong yumi Vanuatu, ikam long wan longfala  
rod mo yumi mas talem bigfala thankyou long God long goodness



blong hem we hem I save kipim yumi save kasem yia ya 2017, mo “Yumi mas putum hem first time long every samting”, follem preamble blong constitution blong Republic blong Vanuatu we hemi based long Traditional Values, Faith in God mo Christain Principal

- *One Minute Silence blong remember former member blong Parliament mo Former Head of State*
- Yumi kam before God long Prayer

#### 1. *Stability hemi catalyst blong Growth blong Country*

Hon Speaker, Hon Prime Minister, Hon Leader blong Opposition mo ol Hon Members blong Parliament, “STABILITY HEMI CATALYST BLONG GROWTH BLONG VANUATU hemi theme blong toktok blong mi tudei.

Mi tekem opportunity ia blong congratulatem yufala ol membas blong Palement, particularly Prime Minista mo Leader blong Opposition long stronger Leadership blong yutufala blong mekem sua se ikat Political stability long country ia.

Wetem political stability we istap, imekem se yumi witnessem fulap development istap tekem ples truaot long kantri especially long major centres blong yumi long kantri. Hemia ol economic development long saed blong infrastructure olsem ol roads, Air Ports, Wharf, sporting Complex, School buildings, Health, beautification project long ol towns mo ol narafala projects.

- \* Fulap long ol economic development ia hemi kam follem consistency mo stability long policy blong Gavman. Economic Development ia ikam tu follem Stronger Development Cooperation yumi gat wetem lo key Development Partners blong yumi. Yumi tallem tank yu iko long ol tradtional partners blong yumi olsem; Chinese Government, Japanese Government, Franis Government, Australian Government, New Zealand Government mo ol narafala partners includem Regional mo International Organisations.

Honorable Speaker tru long stability I mekem Government I save completem good work blong Korman Sport Stadium hemi redi blong Vanuatu isave hostem namba 10th South Pacific Mini Games. Hemi wan bigfala project we Chinese Government I just completem mo yumi tallem tankyu long Pipol mo Gavman blong China long financial assistance toward project ia. While yumi appreciatem completion



blong Korman Sport Complex, hemi important blong Gavman tru long key development patnas oli completem gud full plan blong sport complex ia blong yumi save hostem ol bigfala sporting event long fiuja. *sitting on sides.*

People blong Vanuatu I luk save commitment blong unity blong ol members blong parliament tru long ol achievements blong ol bigfala projects ya.

Hon Spika, while yumi appreciatem construction blong ol bigfala infrastructure projects ia, wetem fulap economic benefits ikam long kantri blong yumi, yumi ol lidas mo pipol blong Vanuatu imas karem responsibility blong lukaotem gud ol projects ia. Cost blong maintenance bae igo bigwan sipos yumi no save lukaotem gud.

Yumi gat responsibility blong beautifyem ol surroundings mo environment we ol projects ia istap mo no sakem ol rabis or toti olbaot blong pollutem gudfala environment blong yumi.

Yumi everiwan igat responsibility blong teachem gud ol pikinini long home mo long ol schools blong kam wan gud citizens blong karem responsibilitiy blong lukaotem gud environment blong yumi.

Wetem ol roles mo responsinlitiy blong yumi ol lidas blong kantri, yumi save wok tugeta blong createm wan clean environment we yumi everiwan isave live long safe mo pisful environment.

Hon. Spika, tankyu bigwan iko long Gavman mo ol Development Patnas, ol Jiojes, Organisations, Provinces, Private Sector mo ol business houses mo ol individuals we ol ibin help assist long fulap way towards pipol blong yumi long Ambae long taem blong eruption blong Manaro Volcano.

## 2. Stability mo Security

Hon. Spika, wan long ol important priority blong Vanuatu olsem wan strong pillar blong Stability long wan smol country long region, yumi mas lukluk bak long strength blong security blong nation ia.



Mi andastan se issue blong security concernem ol force member's blong yumi hem bin raised by former late President long last Ordineri session blong Parliament long early long yia ia finis.

Hon. Spika, in order blong yumi hollem taed stability blong promotem economic development blong country ia, yumi mas increasem security personnel mo putum in ples wan strong capacity building program blong enhancem strength blong security long kantri. Mi tallem tankyu iko long ol Development Patnas long institutional strengthening project blong Security long kantri mo mi askem yumi Gavman mo key patnas blong addressem strength blong security ikam mo strong blong mitem nid blong growing population tudei.

Hon. Spika, last strategic review blong Police Force I been stap over 17 years ago (long yia 2000). Today while Government I stap mekem mass retirement long ol olfala police man, I need blong Government I lukluk bak blong reviewem structure blong givem strength blong security force blong yumi bakeken, blong mekem stability I stap oltaem.

### 3 **Stability mo Judiciary**

Hon Spika, Justice system blong Vanuatu hemi strong mo effective blong ensurem se everiwan igat justice oltaem.

Gavman blong Republic blong Vanuatu hem igat duti mo responsibility blong mekem sua se ol mechanism oli stap oltaem blong mekem sua se justice hemi operate andapa long hem.

Wan long ol key factor blong Justice Isave work more effectively hemi wan gudfala court house building we yumi stap kollem se new hall of justice.

Hon. Spika, Mi stap koll iko long Gavman blong act quick taem blong addressem need blong Justice long kantri blong yumi.

### 4 **Stability mo Leadership**

Hon. Spika leadership role hemi wan challenging role taem wan man hemi tekem ap role blong leadem pipol. Mi congratulatem Prime Minister mo lo Gavman Ministers mo MPs long leadership role blong



olgeta blong unitem<sup>mo</sup> blong hollem taed stability long kantri blong yumi.

Mi congratuletem Leader blong opposition mo ol members blong opposition long fashen we yufala very critical long Gavman long fashen we yumi managem welfare blong pipol mo resources blong yumi long nation.

Mi congratuletem Jioj lidas, Chiefs, Woman lidas, Yut mo civil society long support mo prea blong yufala blong mekem sua se Vanuatu hemi stable mo pipol oli unite oltaem.

Hemi impoten se information sharing mo exchange long ol ideas hemi mas gat oltaem long level long ol lidas blong yumi long kantri follem Chapter 7, Article 39 (2) blong National constitution.

Yum mas toktok fulap mo allowem pipol blong sharem tingting blong olgeta olsem we istap long constitution.

Hon. Spika, hemi impoten se exchange blong ol ideas hemi kol for wan united stand long policy tingting blong deepenem reform long everi sectors blong economy.

Tudei yumi glad mo tallem tankyu long Gavman blong gat policy long saed blong access to information long Gavman institutions.

- \* Tudei tu yumi tallem tankyu long Gavman long process blong improvem system blong decentralisation blong allowem bottom up approach iwok blong karem mo sharem information long ol rural areas blong yumi.

Mr Spika, tudei yumi witnessem fulap progress long development long kantri. Tudei yumi still gat challenges mo problem blong services iko long pipol blong yumi long rural areas.

- \* Hemi importen blong ol lidas oli wok mo closely mo effectively mo efficiently among pipol blong yumi blong encouragem stable growth blong society blong yumi. Mi askem yumi ol leaders mo responsible people blong yumi wok tugeta blong yumi save impruvum lively hood blong ol pipol blong yumi long Vanuatu.



Hon Spika, focus blong toktok blong mi hemi base long Stability ~~mo~~<sup>we</sup> mi tajem finis. Bambae mi base long theme ia be mi tajem helpet long sam key issues ~~we~~<sup>in</sup> belief se stability hemi givem opportunitites blong Gavman mo pipol blong nason ia isave wok blong addresssem long name blong stability.

Olgeta issues ia, igat;

### 1. Land, people mo economy;

Hon. Spika, Land hemi wan stampa resource blong yumi long kantri. Land hemi wan main pillar blong struggle blong ol founding fathers blong yumi save karem independence blong yumi long 1980.

Yumi tallem tankyu iko long Gavman tru long past Ministers blong Lands mo current Minister blong Lands long ol had wok blong bringem about fulap changes long land policies, laws mo improvem governance mo strong relationship wetem ol land ona long hao yumi save managem land long kantri long wan fair, transparent mo sustainable way.

Hon Spika, while yumi appreciatem fulap wok istap tekem ples long sector blong graon, igat fulap issues istap yet wetem ol customary lands long ol islands blong yumi. Land hemi wan resources we yumi man yumi rely long hem blong live, tefo wetem growing population hemi putum mo<sup>a</sup> pressure long use blong land long kantri.

Taem yumi nogat stret system mo process blong deal wetem graon, bae yumi gat raorao long graon, bambae hemi affectem opportunities blong investment mo development.

Mi andastan se igat fulap land cases blong bifo istap yet wetem Court blong mekem decision. Mi stap askem Gavman mo judiciary blong act quick taem blong mekem decision blong<sup>ol</sup> fast trackem long long outstanding land cases ia forom se hemi affectem process blong investment mo development long kantri.

Hon Spika, hemi impoten se Malvatumauri hemi mas move quick taem blong completem ol wok blong hemi wetem ol provinces, islands, area councils, village nakamal blong completem process



blong mapem aot ol customary land boundaries long ol islands blong yumi.

Mi stap kol long Gavman blong allocatem mo financial resources blong helpem Malvatumauri blong karem aot wok long saed blong land management long kantri.

## **2. Government and the Private Sector partnership**

Government mo private sector partnership hemi very important. Long taem blong reform long 1997/98, yumi introducem private sector led growth policy.

Hon spika, blong wan economy hemi grow ikam antap, yumi nidem close mo strong patnasip between Gavman mo ol business houses. Befo yumi stap gat business forum, hemi wan opportunities blong Gavman mo Private Sector oli gat dialogue long key issues, challenges mo findem best practical approach blong groem investment long kantri.

Wan clear example blong ~~mo~~ raisem long tis Honarabol House hemi impotens blong beef indastri blong yumi long kantri. While yumi appreciatem quality blong beef long kantri, yumi still rely long imported can beef long stoa blong yumi. Wehem vila meat, wehem santo meat, new canned beef factory blong Mr wong long Santo, wehem future blong beef indastri blong yumi?

Hon Spika, yumi no baodaon long trade agreement blong mekem gud name blong Vanuatu be, indastri, pipol mo economy blong yumi ino save benefit long hem.

Tudei igat fulap young pipol oli graduate long university mo long ol technical training institutions, mo hemi wan challenge blong yumi hoa oli save absorbed olgeta iko long work force long kantri.

Yumi mas tok fulap long impotens blong diversification long production, import substitutions, value adding mo processing imas happen long kantri, blong yumi witnessem mo opportunities blong investment long kantri.

## **3. Productive Sector mo creation of Employment**



Hon Speaker wetem ol honourable memba, Me tekem chance ya too blong expressem ting ting blong mi Igo towards productive sector blong economy we itajem fulap sectors blong economy be mi narrow daon ikam long Agriculture (Agriculture, fisheries, Forestry, Bio security)sector we hemi mainstay blong pipol blong yumi.

Wetem growth long tourism indastri long kantri tudei, hemi save givem growth long agriculture and ol narafala sector blong eoconmy.

Mi tallem tankyu iko long Gavman tru long Ministry blong Agriculture, Indastri, trade mo Tourism long fulap wok istap tekem ples long productive sector blong economy. Hemi only avenue blong createm moemployment opportunities blong ol young pipol blong yumi long kantri.

#### **4. Rights to Citizenship**

Citizenship hemi wan sovereign right hemi no isi blong karem. Yumi ol Ni Vanuatu ikam citizen tru long constitution we igivem independence long yumi mo yumi kollem yumi Ni Vanuatu.

Tudei yumi gat citizenship Act we hemi spellem aot stret fashen blong wan man long nara country isave karem citizen blong Vanuatu.

Igat programme blong awardem honorary citizenship iko long<sup>ol</sup> key investors we oli interest blong pem honorary citizenship mo kam invest long kantri blong yumi.

Hon Spika, mi tallem tank yu iko long Gavman long investment opportunitites ia be,semtaem tu mi cautionem yumi long fashen mo hao yumi managem ol process ia blong wan man isave obtainem citizenship without jeopardisem soverign rights blong yumi ol citizen blong kantri ia.

#### **5. Social and Media;**

Follem toktok ya mi wantem yumi considerem too National radio more media blong yumi. National radio mo social media network emi ~~now ya~~ wan bigfala influence long lifestyle blong people long country blong yumi. Social media network hemi givim yumi man ples bigfala



advantage blong expressem right blong freedom of speech blong yumi. Wetem tinktink<sup>ia</sup> yumi like blong stressem out importance blong mekem sure ol reports, news, articles mo statement we yumi putum out emi proper follem policy mo law blong media mo hemi promotem Christian principle long motto blong yumi, "Long God Yumi Stanap."

\* Thankio long spak men + women / mo pipol we long vanuatu long sapot blong olgeta.  
\* Yumi nid blong taitien tankio from Medel i stap kam atuap long 5 ples.

Hon spika, Hon Prime minister, Honourable leader blong opposition, olgeta Honourable Members blong Parliamen, mi wantem tekem opportunity ia blong tallem tankyu long wok blong Gavman, mo Opposition mo everi MPs long gudfala wok blong yufala long yia ia...<sup>Prea</sup> 2017. Mi wishim yufala blessing blong God long ol wok blong yufala mo ol decisions we bai yufala isave karem aot insaed long tis Parliament sitting.

Mi gat honour ya blong announcem olgeta bills we bai tis parliament session isidaon blong lukluk long hem;

1. Bill for the Tax Administration Act No. of 2017
2. Bill for the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act No. of 2017
3. Bill for the drainage Act of 2017
4. Bill for the Appropriation (2018) Act No of 2017
5. Bill for the Parliament (Members Expenses and Allowances) (Amendment) Act No of 2017
6. Bill for the Supplementary Appropriation (2017) Act of 2017
7. Bill for the ratification of certain conventions Act No of 2017
8. Bill for the Maritime (Convention) Act No of 2017
9. Bill for the National Youth Council (Amendment) Act No of 2017
10. Bill for the Privately Financed Airports Infrastructure Project (Amendment) Act No. of 2017
11. Bill for the Vanuatu Copyright Management Society Act No. of 2017
12. Bill for the Utilities Authority (Amendment) Act No. of 2017

Wetem olgeta bill ia, mi tekem hona ia blong talem out se, last miting blong 2017<sup>which</sup> last ordinary session blong parliament hemi<sup>how</sup> officially open.

Since yumi stap go long wan festive season, mi wishem yu Hon Spika blong Parliament, everi Members blong Parliament mo Pipol blong Vanuatu wan safe Christmas celebration mo Blessed New Year 2018.



*Special prayer blong Parliament*

Thank you tumas.

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