

Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

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PRC I-24/7 Interpol Communication System handed over to RSIPF

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) Interpol office in Honiara will be boosted after the official handing over of I-24/7 Communication System from China Police Liaison Team (CPLT) on 12 August 2022.

The I-24/7 Communication System cost SBD 1.4 million which consists of two *virtual private network* (VPN) security gateways, five branch VPN security gateways, six network switches, five laptops, three computers, a Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) and a cabinet.

During the handing over program, Commissioner Zhang Guangbao, Leader CPLT said the I-24/7 Communication System provides real-time and reliable services for law enforcement agencies cooperation and combat transnational crimes.

Commissioner Guangbao said the I-24/7 Communication System is accessible to all countries including Solomon Islands. It can facilitate RSIPF to extend I-24/7 to other Islands and Provincial Police Stations.

Mr Guangbao said the VPN gateway has the function of link load balancing which can effectively improve the quality of bandwidth and reliability when there are multiple links at the headquarters and branch offices.

In a response during the official handover, Deputy Commissioner (DC) National Security and Operation Support Mr Ian Vaevaso said today the NCB Honiara is fortunate to receive this assistance project from the People's Republic of China (PRC) to enhance the Interpol communication system and office. This is unprecedented.

DC Vaevaso said the NCB function is vital in terms of standing united with all Interpol member countries in the face of growing threats to global security. The NCB connects to 195 Interpol member countries, using a secure communication system called the I-24/7, a new generation of dedicated, VPN based, computer network and information system.

Deputy Commissioner Vaevaso said though all NCB are connected to the I-24/7 system some countries demand further extension of the system to their domestic law enforcement agencies and this is where this support comes to help Honiara NCB connect to local law enforcement agencies in protecting Solomon Islands.

Mr Vaevaso said the RSIPF and the Government of Solomon Islands wish to acknowledge with deep gratitude this assistance project from PRC to see this need to improve the Interpol I-24/7 Communication System that will definitely improve the capacity of Honiara NCB in its operational function and coordination with the 195 Interpol member Countries and the Central Command Centres and as well locally on matters pertaining to global peace and security.

His Excellency, Chinese Ambassador to Solomon Islands Mr. Li Ming attended the handover ceremony and signed the handover certificate with Deputy Permanent of the Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services Mr. Trevor Unusu.

Captions:

- Image 1: Commissioner Zhang Guangbao Leader CPLT present his remarks during the handing over ceremony
- Image 2: Deputy Commissioner (DC) National Security and Operation Support Mr Ian Vaevaso present his remarks during the program
- Image 3: Deputy Secretary National Security and Planning Mr Trevor Unusu (right) signing handing over documents with People's Republic of China's (PRC) Ambassador to Solomon Islands, His Excellency Mr. Li Ming
- Image 4: Deputy Commissioner (DC) National Security and Operation Support Mr Ian Vaevaso (right) have a talk with His Excellency of PRC to Solomon Island Mr Li Ming during the handing over program
- Image 5: CPLT provide a small show to the guests who present during the handing over program at Rove
- Image 5: A group photo after the handing over of the I-24/7 Communication System

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