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### **Police train on how to deal with different drug related crimes**

More than twenty officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) from Central Police Station (CPS) and the Police Prosecution Department have trained on how to deal with different drug-related crimes.

The training focused on strengthening the practical capabilities of RSIPF officers in anti-narcotics operations.

Assistant Commissioner (AC) of National Capital and Crime Prevention (NCCP) Mr. Simpson Pogeava said the training was facilitated by the China Police Liaison (CPLT) to give more insights to deal with different drugs.

AC Pogeava said, “The training modules included the classification of new types of drugs, an introduction to drug-related plants, methods of investigating and combating drug crimes, and the proper use of drug detection reagents.”

Mr. Pogeava said, “During the training, CPLT facilitators highlighted the serious harms that drug abuse poses to individuals, families, and our societies.”

“Drawing on China’s governance experience while aligning with the Solomon Islands’ legal framework and crime patterns, CPLT introduced an integrated ‘*Detection–Control–Awareness*’ model for combating drug-related crimes,” said Mr. Pogeava.

He said this approach resonated strongly with participants and effectively enhanced their understanding and response capacity. Police are also working collaboratively with relevant stakeholders to deal with gaps in Solomon Islands’ drug legislation.

Criminal Investigation Officer (CIO) CPS, Police Staff Sergeant (SSgt) Zachariah Salopuka said, “The rising incidence of drug crimes in the Solomon Islands has become a major threat to community safety.”

SSgt Salopuka said, “This training has significantly improved the professional skills of our officers and provided new perspectives for us in tackling drug-related crimes.”

This initiative represents a new milestone in the close cooperation between CPLT and RSIPF, aiming to jointly safeguard community security and contribute to building a drug-free Solomon Islands.

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