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1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The National Library of Vanuatu has gone through some tough times but has just achieved its long term mission of a new National Library Building to house the National Library & Archives and its Collections. The Library now can gather for over 60 library users and has a safe and secure area for its stacks. This has been a major milestone in the development of the National Library of Vanuatu.

2. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT

The National Library of Vanuatu currently operates under the Vanuatu Cultural Centre which comes under the Ministry of Internal Affairs. It works closely with Government Departments to ensure that all copies of publications around the country are submitted to the National Library. It's functions are mandated by the Copyright and Related Rights Act, the Vanuatu National Cultural Council Act; Archives Act; Deposit of Books Act; and Copyright and Related Rights Act.

3. KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS

Again the achievement of a new building has assisted the Library in developing its Collection. The Collection is now housed in a safe, secure and pest free environment which is very essential for the Collections security. More new accessions were recorded since the opening of the building which has proven that this major development has developed the Library's Collection.

5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MANAGING COLLECTIONS

The new building has played a major role in the management of the library's Collections. The Collections are now located in a bigger and secure space which makes it easier for access and storage.

6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

Since the opening of the new building access to the library's Collection has become more efficient and very secure. Staffs are proud of this achievement and so are our library users.

7. EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND OTHER NATIONAL COLLECTING INSTITUTIONS (LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS)

The National Library has a very good relationship with other libraries in Vanuatu such as University libraries, school libraries, public library and other small library. We have been a member of the Vanuatu Library Association for over ten years and this network has assisted in building the library's Collection and user services.

The National Library of Vanuatu is now providing service to over 100 users weekly and is enjoying the new space. On behalf of the National Library management we would like to send best wishes to all fellow libraries and welcome every librarian to visit our library whenever you come to Vanuatu.