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## Honourable Minute Alapati Taupo Will Be Deeply Missed

The PNA and staff of the PNA Office express their great sorrow on the passing of the Honorable Minute Alapati Taupo, late Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Fisheries and Trade of Tuvalu, and send their deepest condolences to his family, friends, Fisheries Ministry staff and the people of Tuvalu.

Late Honourable Minute made a huge contribution to the PNA and to fisheries in the region over many years, leading Tuvalu delegations initially as Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Natural Resources, Lands and Environment, and then as Minister of Fisheries and Trade. He was always committed to the welfare of the people of Tuvalu and to working together with others.

Minute was a gentle and thoughtful leader and colleague to all. Although he's moved on, his memory will continue to live on in the hearts of his family, his friends and those who were lucky enough to have known him, like us here at the PNA Office, said Dr. Sangaalofa Clark, the PNAO CEO.

He will be deeply missed.

Dr. Sangaalofa Clark, CEO of the PNA Office, in a tribute to the late Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Fisheries and Trade, Honorable Minute Alapati Taupo, expressed her deepest sadness and sincerest condolences to his family, friends, Fisheries Ministry staff and the people of Tuvalu on behalf of the PNA and the PNA Office.

Permanent Secretary (PS) for the Ministry of Natural Resources, Lands and Environment...

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May he rest in peace

Dr. Sangaa Clark, CEO of PNA Office, in a tribute to the late Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Fisheries and Trade Honorable Minister, Minute Alapati Taupo expressed her utmost condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of the late Hon. Taupo.

Dr. Clark wrote to convey her sincerest condolences to the Fisheries Permanent Secretary of the Fisheries and Fisheries Collogues in Tuvalu upon learning of his untimely loss of the Honorable Minister, Minute Alapati Taupo.

Dr. Clark humbly requested to pass the Office's condolences to his wife and family.

Dr. Clark said that although Honorable Minute has moved on, his memory will continue to live on in the hearts of his family, friends and those who were lucky enough to have known him, like herself and her colleagues at the PNA Office.

Late Hon. Minute played a very important role within the Fisheries and Tuvalu's cabinet, leading his delegation into the Fisheries Regional Meetings. She recognizes the tremendous loss not only in Tuvalu Fisheries but in the PNA Region and the Pacific as a whole.

May his soul rest in peace.