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“48th PIF Leaders Meeting wraps up in Apia”

The 48th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting ends on 8th September 2017 in Apia with a retreat for heads of governments from around the region.



Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Retreat group portrait, at the Taumeasina Resort in Apia, Samoa.

The week-long summit provided opportunities for Tonga's delegation to conduct bilateral meetings with various countries and organizations.

Tonga's delegation met with the Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland, the Prime Minister of Samoa, representatives from the International Organization for Migration, the Governments of Japan, China, Turkey, Estonia, India, United Kingdom, Indonesia and the European Union.

The Prime Minister of Tonga Hon Samuela 'Akilisi Pohiva also signed a MOU with the Australian Government for pharmaceutical supplies assistance.

The agreement aims to identify a framework for the improvement of the quality of certain therapeutic goods used in Tonga and to also facilitate the testing of samples of certain therapeutic goods by Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration focusing on those that treat non-communicable diseases.

Three other Pacific Islands nations which included Nauru, Kiribati and Tuvalu also signed MOU with the Australian Government.



Bilateral Meeting with Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat- Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland (2nd from Left) with Tonga's delegation (L-R: CEO MEIDDECCC, Paula Ma'u, Minister for Agriculture, Food, Forests and Fisheries, Hon. Semisi Fakahau and the Chief Secretary and Secretary to Cabinet, Dr. Palenitina Langa'oi.)



Bilateral Meeting with the Government of Estonia



Bilateral Meeting with the High Commissioner of India to Tonga.

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