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Ground-Breaking of Isangel Loop & launch of the Imanaka Bridge

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- Tankyu tumas long Gavman blong Vanuatu mo Ministri blong Infrastructure mo Pablik Utiliti blong important event ia.
- Afta ova 40 yia patnasip, tete yumi selebretim wan bigfala maelston wetem graon breking blong Isangel Loop Rod Projek mo lonjing blong Imanaka brij.
- Ostrelia-Vanuatu Patnasip I kontinu blong mekem impak long laef blong evri Ni-Vanuatu.
- Olgeta rod projek blong yumi I stap konektem ol pipol I ko long ol seveses, mo mekem wan difrens, speseli, long ol laef blong olgeta we I valnerebol, olsem ol pipol wetem disability, ol woman, ol yut mo ol olfala.
- Ostrelia I komited long patna wetem Vanuatu blong sapotem ol projek we I provaedem komuniti akses long medikol kea, edukesen, ol gavman fasiliti mo ekonomik opotuniti.
- Konektiviti I minim opotuniti blong ol pipol blong Vanuatu. Wan rod hemi wan invesmen long gudfala helt, edukesen mo o ekonomik aotkams we Ostrelai I glad blong mekem long fiuja blong Tafea provins
 - Isangel Loop projek bae I mekem se ol pipol long Tanna I gat akses long ol gavman seveses tru aot long yia, inkludum ol time blong hevi ren.
 - Ol rod wok ia oli bin awodem long wan lokol kontrakta – wan impoten elemen blong patnasip blong mifala wetem Vanuatu long saed blong infrastrukja – wetem hemia yumi no provaedem ol sot tem emploimen opotuniti nomo, be yumi bildim kapasiti insaed long lokol konstraksen indastri mo mekem sua se oli save mentenem ol rod blong ol generesen we I stap kam long fiuja.

- Folem ol jalenjes we Vanuatu I stap fesem rekula saeklon mo ol weta events, projek ia yusum Fibre-reinforce concrete, wan hae kwaliti, klaemet resilien material we I rikwaerem smol mentenens nomo
- Ostrelia I stanap wetem Vanuatu blong rispon long ol praeoriti nid, mo helpem Vanuatu blong diliva ol strong aotkams mo sapot long ol provinces.
- Strong patnasip ia I mekem tufala kandri I wok klosap tugeta – long ol gudfala time mo long ol time blong kraisis.
- Tete, yumi lonjem tu ol wok blong putumbak Imanaka brij – we I bin destroy long time blong twin saeklon Judy mo Kevin las yia.
 - Niufala brij ia oli bin disaenem blong mitim ol komuniti nid, naoia mo I ko long fiuja, blong alaoem ol pipol blong Tanna blong gro mo develop long wan sastenebol wei.
 - Brij ia bae I longfala mo I bigwan mo bae I inkludum wan futpat blong alaoem ol man mo ol trak blong oli travel sef oltaem
 - hemi klaemet mo saeklon resilien, we bae I stap strong long ol time blong hevi renfol long ol yia we I stap kam
 - bae I rikonektem eapot mo Lenakel taon mo plante long ol turis eria long Tanna, mo mekem I isi blong praevet sekta I ran gud mo groem ol bisnis blong olgeta mo sem time impruvum laef mo prosperiti long ol pipol blong Tanna
 - Tenda dokumen I finis mo mifala expektum wok blo Imanaka Brij bae I stat later long yia mo mi hop bae I komplit early nekis yia.

- Ostrelai I kat wan longfala histri blong sapot ol rod wok long Tanna.
- Lukluk bak long fesfala rod invesmen program 15 yia ia pas, ifala I bin:
 - Investem long Tanna rod netwok we yumi bin apgradem mo mentenem 23.4 kilomita blong ol rod inkludum konstraksen blong ova 8.4kilomita blong ol highly resilien konkrit pevmen mo klosap 70 long ol drainage strakja inkludum ol konkrit drifts, culverts mo ol headwalls.
 - Mifala I bin sapotem pevmen mo equipmen trials blong givim ol best aotkams long unique envaeromen blong Tanna mo mifala I bin sapotem developmen blong rod konstraksen, monitoring mo ol mentenens system mo proses; mo
 - Mifala I bin provaedem trening mo kapasiti bilding sapot long ol smol scale kontrakta long Tafea blong mekem se oli karemaot ol wok gud mo tu blong ol site inspekta long Tafea Pablik Woks Dipatmen blong oli givim gud ovasaet long ol wok mo mekem sua se wok I gat kwaliti.
- Tete, mi gat honor tu blong hand ova ki blong wan Zuzuki Jimni I ko long Tafea Pablik Woks Dipatmen (PWD) blong asistim ol divisional enjinia, ol supavaesa, mo ol site inspekta blong oli manejem ol past mo ol fiuja rod wok long Tanna aelan
 - Trak ia bae I mekem sua se I gat kwik respons long ol komuniti rikwes, mo bae I asistim PWD mo ol staff blong hem long field, taem we oli stap supavaesem ol lokol kontrakta.
- Isangel Loop projek mo Imanaka brij I kontinu long term komitmen blong Ostrelia blong sapotem development blong Tanna mo Tafea provins.

- I in line wetem strategic development goals insaed long Pipols Plan mo Pablik Roads Strategy blong silim ol urban roads mo too re-establishim konektiviti afta long wan disasta.
- Funding blong Imanaka brij hemi pat blong wan pakej we Ostrelia I provaedem olsem sapot long response blong ol damej blong twin saeklons las yia
 - Olgeta funds ia oli stap reperem ol skul mo ol helt fasiliti, mo tu riplesem ol skul curriculum material, mo ol medikol equipments we I bin lus long taem blong saeklon mo bildim bak ol laeflihud blong ol pipol.
- Mo tu, las wik long Santo wetem Honourable Praem Minisita, mi announsem wan additional pakej blong sapot blong Tropikol Saeklon Lola rikavari
 - Ol mani ia bae I saportem skul fee rilif, skill divelopment mo targetem infrarakja ripea, inkluding ol rod we TC Lola I damejem long Pentecost.
- Ostrelia I glad tumas blong save wok long saet blong Ministri blong Infrastrakja mo Pablik Utiliti blong implementem ol rikavari project mo blong sapotem Ministri blong mekem sua se I gat continuous impruvmen long Vanuatu rod netwok
 - Wetem more rilaiabol rod in place mo ol niufala strateji mo ol polisi blong gaedem praktis, Ministri I gohed blong sapotem Vanuatu long sastenebol growth.
- Tank yu tumas long ol staff blong Public Works Dipatmen Tafea Division, Tafea Provincial Government, MIPU, R4D2, mo ol people blong Tanna long wan gudfala patnasip.
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