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VAN2017 is our priority: Acting Director -Kipe

Port Vila- The Acting Director of the Department of Youth and Sports- Mr Reginald Kipe says that VAN2017 will remain the Ministry/Department of Youth Development and Sports 2016-2017 priority.

Mr Kipe made this statement during an interview at the Ministry Retreat last week.

According to Mr Kipe, Vanuatu will continue to remain committed towards VAN2017 Pacific Mini Games.

“Government of Vanuatu will remain committed as Honorable Minister Nato Taiwia re-affirmed its commitment”. “Though we are somehow late in terms of preparations but I am kindly asking all to collaborate in carrying out the 2017 preparatory plans – while government will ensure that the necessary budget is available for the Games Organising Committee to utilize”, continued Kipe.

Mr Kipe also added that the Ministry/Department will work with Provincial Government Councils, VASANOC, National Federations, partners, stakeholders and all sports family to get preparations rolling.

In terms of provincial preparations ahead of 2017, Mr Kipe says, “Our main focus is to ensure that our provincial Youth and Sports officers must concentrate on the selection for our provincial best athletes to compete in National competitions this year and during the 2017 Mini-Games”.

Given limited resources, Mr Kipe has also urged staffs to work in partnership with other line agencies to create better opportunities for Sports and Young People.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Youth Development and Sports retreat was held on the 15-19th February at the Crystal Blue Resort in Port Vila.

All Provincial Youth and Sports Development Officers attended the retreat including staff of the Ministry/Department of Youth and Sports / Vanuatu National Youth Council and Vanuatu National Sports Commission.