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Ground Breaking Ceremony to commence New Korman Stadium

Port Vila- The Ministry of Youth & Sports Development has confirmed the date of the ground breaking for the new Korman Stadium. According to the Director General of the Ministry- Mr. William Nasak, the ground breaking ceremony will take place (today) on the 8th of April 2016 at the Korman Stadium.

“Yes, the new Korman stadium ground breaking will take place on the 8th”, confirmed DG Nasak during an Interview last week.

Vanuatu government dignitaries that have confirmed their attendance at the ground breaking ceremony include, Mr. Charlot Salwai -Prime Minister of Vanuatu; Mr. Joe Natuman - Deputy Prime Minister of Vanuatu; Mr. Nato Taiwia -Minister of Youth and Sport; Mr. Liu quan -Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Vanuatu and Mr. Chen sichang - Assistant President of CCECC.

DG Nasak has also confirmed that the Honorable Prime Minister (PM), Deputy PM, Leader of Opposition, all Ministers, Parliament Secretariats, MP’s, 1st PA’s, Director Generals, Diplomatic corps and Development Partners will also attend the ceremony.

“The Construction team has already set up in Korman and they will surely start building after the ground breaking ceremony. The stadium should be ready by May 2017”, says DG Nasak.

The Ministry has also confirmed that the new stadium design will occupy multiple sporting disciplines including Basketball, Volleyball, Boxing, Handball and more.

The Ministry has also confirmed that the Chinese Company that won the contract to build the stadium is the Chinese Civil Engineering Construction Company (CCECC) from China.

In another news, DG Nasak has acknowledged Sports Stakeholders (VASANOC and other developing partners) who attended a meeting in early February.

Meanwhile, the government has approved a 154 million budget for 2017 Pacific Mini Games as well as the establishment of the 2017 Mini Pacific Games Steering committee. Additionally, eight Director Generals from various Ministries of the government will be appointed to work with the Ministry of Youth & Sports Development towards VAN2017 Pacific Mini Games.

Should you have any queries, please contact the Ministry of Youth & Sports Development on Tel: 25298.

See attached a copy of program for the Ground Breaking Ceremony