



## Solomon Islands PM encourage islanders to be proud of hosting festival of Pacific Arts

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Solomon Islands Prime Minister, Danny Philip

Solomon Islands Prime Minister Danny Philip has encouraged all citizens of Solomon Islands to take pride and full ownership of the Festival of Pacific Arts next year.

Solomon Islands will host the festival from the 01-14 July, 2012 under the theme “Culture in Harmony with Nature”.

At a meeting with the Festival National Organising Committee in Honiara yesterday, Prime Minister Philip said hosting the Festival was a huge opportunity for Solomon Islands to showcase its unique arts and cultural diversity to the outside world.

He described hosting the festival as a “Confidence Booster” for the government to host other big events here in the future.

Prime Minister Philip also added that hosting the Festival will help eliminate the negative image of the country to the outside world after the troubles the country had gone through as a nation.

He said the NCRA Government is prepared to assist the National Organising Committee with resources to ensure the country successfully hosts the biggest cultural event.

During the meeting, Prime Minister Philip was briefed by senior members of the National Organising Committee together with Chairpersons of technical committees of the progresses made so far.

The Minister of Culture and Tourism Samuel Manetoali and National Organising Committee Chairman Sir George Lepping assured Prime Minister Philip that Solomon Islanders will be proud of next year's events.

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