

Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department announces International Legal Scholarship

The Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department, Alan Rose, announced recently the establishment of the South Pacific International Legal Scholarship to mark the Decade of International Law

The Secretary said the scholarship provides an opportunity for high quality training in international law at a time when a thorough understanding of international legal issues, including treaty making and implementation, is becoming increasingly important to South Pacific jurisdictions

The scholarship gives an international lawyer or Foreign Affairs officer from a South Pacific jurisdiction an opportunity to visit Canberra for six months and undertake study and work experience

Two scholarships have been awarded for 1994. The first is to Tania Tupou, an officer in the Tongan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who is responsible for international conventions and treaties.



South Pacific International Legal Scholarship recipient Tania Tupou, an officer from the Tongan Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The second is to Jack Kilu, a Legal Officer in the Attorney-General's Chambers in Vanuatu, who advises the government on international treaties.

While in Canberra the officers will each work for three months in the Legal Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and in the relevant areas in the Attorney-General's Department. Training is in broad international law issues, conventions, treaties, and steps in practical implementation. Tania Tupou joined the Criminal and Security Law Division where she is working on Extradition and Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters legislation. She will also be working in the Office of International Law, International Trade Law and the Human Rights area.

Jack Kilu commenced work with the DFAT Legal Office for approximately three months. He will join the Attorney-General's Legal Practice in May this year.

For more information contact Chris Hodges, Criminal and Security Law Division on (06) 250 6795.

The Pacific on the Internet

A list has been established on the Internet by the Australian National University for those with an interest in Pacific islands affairs, including of course, law. Contact the list on "Pacific-islands-l@coombs.anu.edu.au"

New Pacific Twin

The Librarian at Butterworths, Lorraine Doyle, has recently joined the Pacific Twinning Scheme. Lorraine's library will be linked to the Magisterial Service in Port Moresby where Madeline Orovea is the Librarian. The Magisterial Service is mainly interested in receiving Australian and English texts on a wide range of topics.