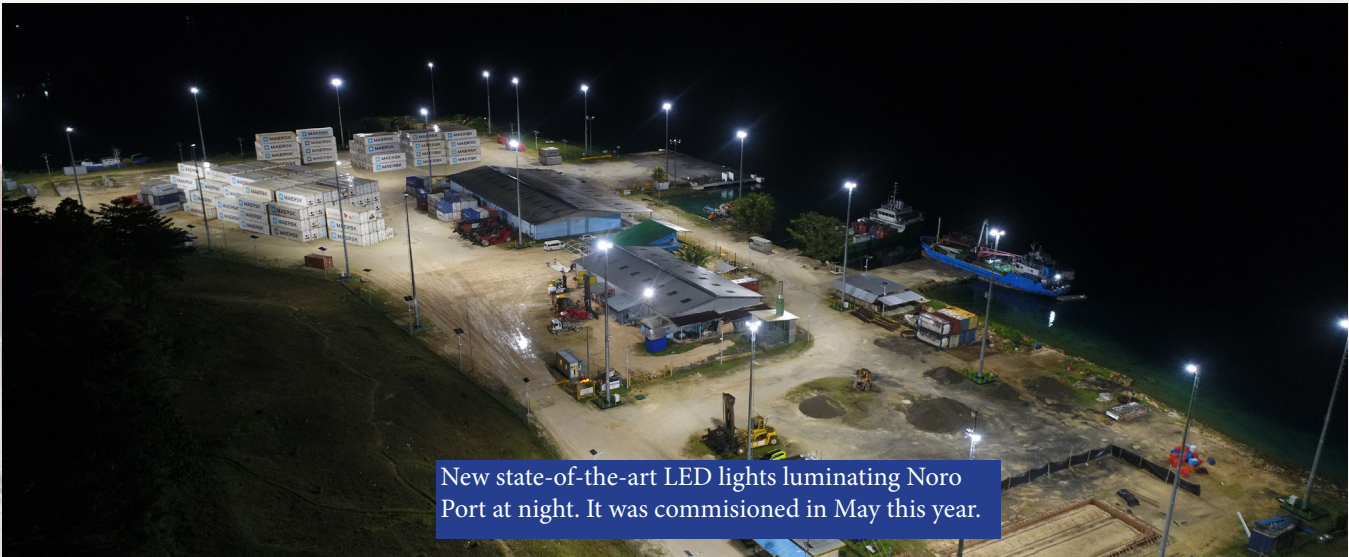


Solomon Islands Ports Authority, trading as Solomon Ports, is the oldest State-Owned Entity in the country, and one of the best Ports in the Pacific region. With our progressive and innovative solutions to improving the maritime trading and transportation sector in Solomon Islands, we have seen continuous growth and development in our service delivery this year. Despite the ongoing onslaught of the global Covid-19 pandemic this year, that has brought drastic impacts to the global maritime trading sector, our services remained resilient, and we continue to deliver as per our mandated duty to this country. This year has seen great success and progress for the Port, flanked by numerous completed infrastructure projects and initiatives, this year was a success. We take a look back at some of the key highlights and areas of success SIPA has done for this year 2021.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY



New state-of-the-art LED lights luminating Noro Port at night. It was commissioned in May this year.



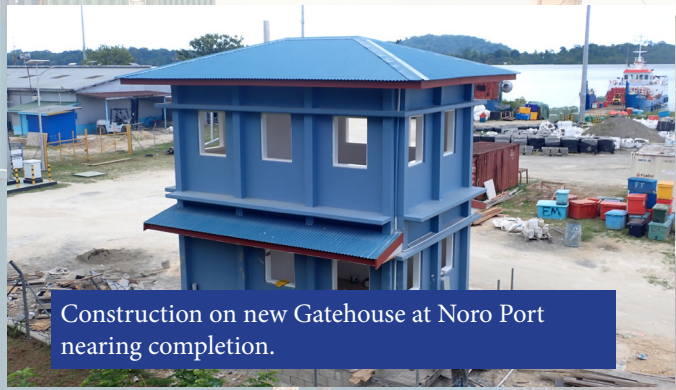
In July, construction on our new Domestic Jetties at Point Cruz. commenced.



Construction on new SIPA office nearing completion, should be completed early next year.



New Noro SIPA Head Office nearing completion.



Construction on new Gatehouse at Noro Port nearing completion.



New Noro Port staff houses nearing completion.



Temporary shipping agents offices, Honiara Port.



One of the many Jetties that were repaired this year.



New Gatehouse opened at the SIPA domestic Terminal on July this year.

65 YEARS OF SERVICE

2021 also marked the 65th Anniversary of SIPA as a port and as the nation's longest serving State owned Enterprise (SOE). From what that started as a Copra loading harbor to the country's major trading gateway to the world, Solomon Ports has surely come a long way. From what was then known as the 'British Solomon Islands Protectorate Ports Authority', to now as one of the leading and most vibrant ports in the South Pacific. The Solomon Islands Ports Authority, now trading as Solomon Ports was first established on June 4th, 1956, during the British Colonial era in the Solomon Islands. On its first year, there were only 5 office staff and about 120 local laborers, now the port employs over 500 staff, and an all-local executive team, and we are proud to be locally owned and operated. One of the main reasons for the establishment of the port was the export of Copra, and round logs which back then was one of the country's main export commodities, now the Port handles over 40 thousand TEUs or containers per annum, and over 500 thousand cargos per

annum. Throughout the years, the Ports' transformation and development has also contributed to the economic drive of the country, through facilitating international and domestic trade. Over the recent years, through our partnerships with global maritime trading partners and other regional ports, SIPA is on its way to leading the maritime trading environment in the Pacific region, and as the Pacific's gateway to the world. Our modern initiatives to ensure the Port remains sustainable, and operated efficiently has been recognized globally, especially on our efforts to ensure the port consistently meets international standards. The 65th Anniversary celebration this year was commemorated on the 4th of June at the Unity Square, and was attended by all SIPA staff, and board of directors. The event featured speeches from long serving SIPA staff, who took the occasion to reflect upon their journey and career with SIPA. A photo Exhibition was also on display for staff and members of the public to view SIPA's transformation over the last 65 years.



Current Honiara Port site in the 1940s



SIPA's long serving staff, executive management, and board members cutting the 65th anniversary cake.



SIPA Staff group Photo at Honiara International Port Terminal to mark the 65th Anniversary event.



RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF SUCCESS



SIPA CEO, Mr. Eranda Kotelawala, poses with the 'Large Business of the Year Award', flanked by SIPA Chief Financial Officer Mr. George Rausi (Left), and SIPA Board Director Mr. Gabriel Suri



SIPA Staff pose with the award during the SICCI Business Excellence Awards.

Adding to this year's success for SIPA, was winning the 2021 Business Excellence Awards 'Large Business of the year award' in November this year. The award was awarded to SIPA by the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce in recognition of SIPA's ongoing success and outstanding contribution to the country's public and private sector. This was SIPA's first time to enter the Business Excellence Awards since its inception and was selected as a winner amongst 54 other submissions. Flanked by numerous successful developments in improving infrastructure, and overall service delivery

despite the ongoing global pandemic instilled by Covid-19, SIPA has continued to be resilient this year as one of the most profitable SOE's in the country and is proud to be local, with 99.9% of its staff being locals. SIPA prides itself as a catalyst in facilitating growth in the country's private sector. Since the Covid-19 Pandemic emerged in early 2020, SIPA prioritized giving local businesses a shot at success, through increasing the number of contracts to locals. This year SIPA has injected more than \$150 Million back to the local economy in the form of wages for its workers and to service providers who are essential to the ports operations.

COVID-19 RESILIENCE

This year the Global Pandemic instilled by Covid-19 has hit hard on economies around the world, fortunately Maritime trading continued despite the many challenges brought in by Covid-19 inspired lockdowns. Since the pandemic emerged in 2019, Solomon Ports has developed strategies and solutions to ensure no transmission comes through the port of Honiara and Noro. These strategies include the development and completion of an 'Emergency Response Compound', which can house over 80 staff during the event of a lockdown, the facility is already in use throughout this year and will be used to ensure the Port remains operational during or if a lockdown is ordered by authorities. This year all our front-line staff have been equipped with PPEs, and strict Covid-19 protocols were also practiced by our staff when boarding foreign cargo vessels. We have also acquired cabin sanitizers to be used by our stevedores when working aboard foreign vessels, we also continue to work closely with the Government, especially the Ministry of Health to ensure Covid-19 is not transmitted through the port, which so far, the results have been in our favor. Our strategic response to the pandemic has ensured the local economy continues, and we have remained resilient in the midst of the pandemic, ensuring Solomon Islands remains connected with the outside world.



SIPA Pilot going through a Covid-19 safety protocol check before boarding.

GREEN PORT INITIATIVE



Honiara School kids celebrate the handing over of their new waste disposal site.

This year Solomon Ports continues to gain positive strides in the rollout of its Green Port Initiative. We began the year with the donation of over 10 used heavy machineries to the Solomon Islands National University's Automotive Engineering Department in January, this is part of our corporate responsibility and reusing strategy, which instead of selling, were donated to SINU students and to offer them firsthand experience with such sophisticated machines. Also, In January also saw the launch of our '3 Rs' campaign, when SIPA engaged 7 schools in Honiara to take part in, this campaign involves the development of waste collection sites in school by SIPA, and awareness on how to practice Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling of wastes at school and at home, which the campaign is still active and will further extend to the provinces soon. In May, SIPA also completed and commissioned the mega LED

lighting system for Noro Port in the western province, Noro Port becomes the second Port after Honiara Port, in the region to be equipped with this state-of-the-art lighting systems, which will improve services at Noro Port dramatically, allowing operations to continue 24/7, and promoting efficiency in Port operations. SIPA also extended the Green Port Initiative to the provinces, already SIPA had donated and brought electricity to Madili Primary school in Western province, Sepi Village in Isabel province, Street Lights for Tulagi township, and has already identified communities in need of Solar power in other provinces, which SIPA will continue to roll out next year. SIPA continues to engage communities around our islands to understand the importance of using green sustainable energy to mitigate the impacts of climate change.