

Function to farewell the ABC advisers to the Vois Blong Yumi program

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Ol representativ blong Gavman blong Vanuatu; ol memba blong VBTC bod wetem ol staf blong VBTC; ol representativ blong Australian Broadcasting Corporation we ol i stap long ples ia tonaet; ol developmen patna blong yumi; ol haeman mo woman we mi mestem. Gud evning yumi evriwan.

Vois Blong Yumi Program of Support blong Vanuatu Broadcasting and Television Corporation (VBTC) i bin lonj long May 2007, taem we foma Ostrelia Hae Komisona, Mr John Pilbeam i bin stap.

Long taem ia, hem wetem foma Praem Minista Ham Lini, tufala i bin tokbaot wan patnasip bitwin Ostrelia mo Vanuatu blong mekem sua se Radio Vanuatu i save kasem evri man, woman mo pikinini raon long kantri ia, long Hiu kasem Aneityum.

Hao ol pipol ol i save konekt insaed long wan kantri, hao oli save askem kwestin long gavman mo semtaem tu hao gavman i save seremaot infomesen wetem ol pipol, hemi wan stampa developmen isiu. Mo hemi wan stamba blong demokrasi tu. Yumi jas save luk long situesen we i stap long Fiji nao ia blong appreciatem, blong luksave impotans blong fri media long eni demokrasi. Evri dei mi stap ridim niuspepa, mi stap lesen long redio. Mi no agri wetem evri samting we i kamaot long olgeta. Be sapos mi fil strong long hem, mi save raetem wan leta i go long edita blong niuspepa, o kolem redio station blong voisem concerns blong mi. Mi gat raet blong mekem samting ia. Be long sam narafala kantri, ol pipol ol i no gat raet olsem. Ol i no gat choice. So ating yumi stap laki. Mo yumi save talem se yumi bin pleyem wan role, tru long Vois Blong Yumi projek, blong leftemap level blong demokrasi blong Vanuatu.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) nao i bin manejem program ia, we i bin gat longfala histri finis

bitwin ABC mo VBTC. Yumi bin laki tumas blong gat tufala ABC advaesa, Jean Gabriel Manguy mo Francis Herman, we tufala i gat bigfala save mo ekspiriens long media long Pasifik. Jean Gab olsem foma Head blong Radio Australia, mo Francis olsem CEO blong Fiji Broadcasting. Wan long fas mitings blong mi hemi wan miting wetem sam long bod mo staf blong VBTC, wetem tufala ABC advaesa. Mo afta, mi bin ting se bae mi laki, sapos tru long term blong posting blong mi, mi save gat janis blong dil wetem ol advaesa we ol i pat blong eid program blong mifala, we ol i gat sem experiens, skills mo save olsem Jean Gab wetem Francis.

Sam long ol bigfala ajivmen long las tu yia blong program hemi:

- coverage we hemi bin go antap kasem 70% long 2008. (Bae i go long 100% long June 2009).
- “talk-back” radio hemi rili jenjem Radio Vanuatu, mo mi ting se hemi jenjem sosaeti blong Vanuatu tu. Naoia i gat klosap 100 people evri dei we oli stap talemaot tingting blong olgeta long radio.

Hemi no include olgeta we ol i ring, mo afta ol i katem laen nomo!

- Ol VBTC ripota long nius nao oli stap gat moa skills long hao blong presentem/ talemaot nius mo hao blong mekem moa risej blong nius.
- Bifo ol gavman dipatmen mo NGO oli mas pem blong gat wan program, be naoia hemi fri.
- I gat hourly nius.
- Niufala Editorial Policy i min se naoia i no bin gat tumas politikol presha long ol VBTC ripota long taem blong Septemba 2008 elections.
- Ol media forum long taem blong 2008 elections mi harem se hemi rili openem tingting blong ol pipol.

I gat plante moa achievement be ating i gat fulap staff blong VBTC we i stap long ples ia we oli save storian moa long hem.

Sam eria we i no bin gat tumas achievement hemi long saed blong faenansol manejmen mo ol gavanens strakja. Yumi save finis we hemi impotan tumas. Gavman blong

mifala i stap luk long wanem progress VBTC bae hemi mekem long saed blong tufala issues ia. Help blong mifala hemi dipen long hem. Mifala i no mekem eni apologies blong posisen blong mifala. Ating yumi mas hadwok tugeta.

Vois Blong Yumi program bae i finis long June 2009. I bin gat wan riviui blong program long February 2009 blong lukluk bak long ol achievements, mo lukluk long wanem i stap iet blong mekem, mo blong skelem hao sapot ia i folem plan blong VBTC mo Gavman blong Vanuatu long saed blong media developmen long Vanuatu.

Yestedei mo tedei, ol representative blong AusAID, ABC mo VBTC i bin staon tugeta mo storian plante long saed blong fiuja blong Vois Blong Yumi. Ova long nekis few wik bae i gat toktok tu wetem Vanuatu Gavman blong skelem olsem wanem rod blong pablik media long Vanuatu.

Mi wantem tekem janis ia blong talem bigfala tankyu i go long Gavman blong Vanuatu mo VBTC blong akseptem sapot blong Ostrelia long saed blong radio, mo blong wok tugeta wetem ABC blong bildemap wan gudfala Radio Vanuatu. Mi hop se sapot blong mifala bambae i save continue i go longtaem long fiuja.

Mi wantem talem bigfala tankyu tu i go long ABC, we Domenic Friguglietti mo Michele Walliker blong Ostrelia i stap, mo long tufala Advaesa Jean Gab mo Francis blong akseptem wok we i bin stap mo blong sapotem plantem AusAID mo VBTC blong bildemap national public broadcaster long Vanuatu.

Tankyu tumas.