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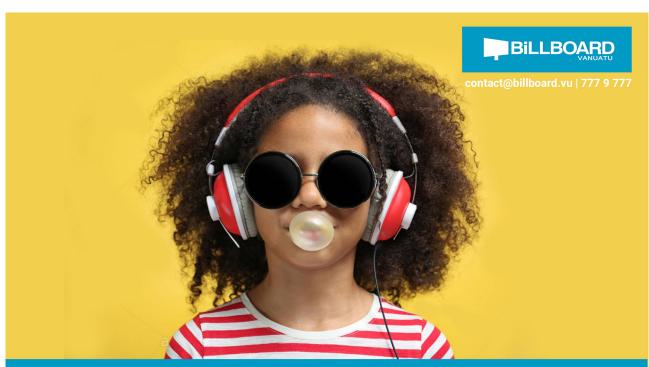


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Editorial

What a month! As we celebrate YUMI 41 and enjoy plenty of events happening here and there in the archipelago, our athletes headed to Tokyo rousing up international social media with "the" super buzz during the grand opening of the mythical Olympic Games. Vanuatu is getting prepared for its participation in the Dubaï Expo and despite the crisis, life goes on and we proudly keep our heads up investing in the future. The e-commerce symposium, new media and TV Shows are coming up: yes, times are difficult but that does not stop us from being creative.

Little by little ESPRESSO is becoming more visible in your favorite stores and we are happy to see our community of readers grow. We are very humble but greatly motivated to share with you everything that makes Vanuatu so special to us. We therefore wanted to go even further this month by providing more content through more articles, a new section called Ask the Coach with Chris Elphick from Breadfruit Consulting and interviews that show how much each and everyone participates in moving the country forward regardless of the challenges. Inspiring personalities and great initiatives are happening in different fields: Green and Smart, Economy, Digital, Media, Culture, and so much more... We also added some games for fun and to make your ESPRESSO an entertaining parenthesis you well deserve. Again, a big thank you to our sponsors, contributors and readers. We hope you enjoy the reading! Vanuatu has so much to show, tell and share!

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Espresso having a chat with Antoine Boudier, President of the VCCI

Around the same time last year many citizens and entrepreneurs eagerly awaited an announcement about the reopening of the borders. As we all know, it did not happen and we had to cope with the stagnation of the crisis. How would you describe the situation today compared to last year?

I would love to say that the situation has improved for many, but the situation today for many remains as difficult as it was last year, with many businesses having to make some tough decisions to survive, and as we also know many have also had to close their doors. The State of Emergency extension



including border restrictions does make it hard to be hopeful that we are soon to revert back to what we used to call a normal and vibrant business operating environment, but we must be as resilient as we can be and for us at the Chamber we are inspired daily by some incredible examples of adaptation by businesses to keep themselves and their staff in paid employment. Its quite remarkable how businesses have been able to pivot and discover alternative revenue streams in these difficult times.

As President of the VCCI, you, the board and the chamber's team were at the heart of the discussions which led the Government to set up the first stimulus package. The situation being what it is today, could you tell us what are the expectations of the VCCI now and what is, according to you, the priority?

The first stimulus package proved to be a lifeline for many businesses trying to keep their employees in jobs for the duration it was available. It was with great pleasure that I listened to the announcement from the Prime Minister earlier this year in regards to the second stimulus package. This scheme provides support to employers in relation to a wage subsidy and regular income for small business owners.

Best of all it provides a much needed boost to the local economy. If we are able to keep the majority of businesses open and people in jobs then this will reduce both the short-term humanitarian impact of COVID-19, and make our recovery more likely in the future.

Our objective now is to prepare our businesses to be ready for the easing of border restrictions by providing COVID Safe Business Operations training to businesses across Efate, Santo, Malekula, Tanna, and Aneityum, and encouraging businesses and their staff to get vaccinated to protect their business workplace, customers, as well as their families and communities from any COVID-19 potential outbreak.





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VCCI team supporting small businesses in 2020

Do you think working on a second package will benefit from prior experience in terms of strategy and method? Can you tell us more about how you see things unfolding in the next months?

Whilst this package offers very generous and welcomed support to businesses, we must of course also acknowledge that this will not immediately turn everything around, and that there is a lot of hard work ahead. This scheme offers an excellent foundation on which we can all build. From the Chamber's perspective, we are fully committed to doing what we can and right now that's being apart of the implementation of the wage subsidy scheme and SME support initiative, providing face to face support in getting applications completed and to the Ministry of Finance as soon as possible. Our Port Vila based stimulus support team are on their way to Santo next week and Tanna the week after. They are working tirelessly to assist everyone who is eligible under the second stimulus offered by the

The first stimulus package did of course see delays in its implementation, and it is in everyone's best interest to make this one more effective. Whilst there was understandable frustration and the confusion about delays in the first package roll out, I can assure you that this time around there has been a lot of focus on streamlining the process and collectively MFEM have created a system that will run efficiently from now until December.

This stimulus package offers us some hope, and a solid platform on which to build, and so I would like to thank the Vanuatu Government and acknowledge the hard work of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management.

In all situations there is a silver lining. ESPRESSO is dedicated to bring in some positive thinking and inspiring initiatives. Despite the difficulties business are going through right now, do you think we will also come out stronger of that crisis?

I know that for many businesses, confidence has been at rock bottom for much of the past year, and it is our hope that together we can get through this. With access to the vaccine, conversations occurring at the highest levels in relation to the opening of safe travel corridors, even the recent news of one-way quarantine free travel for seasonal workers to New Zealand, we should all be able to see the sun peaking through the clouds. Will we come out stronger? I think we are tuff tumas already! Let's continue to be as we all look forward to the future and what it brings.





Ask the coach...?

Every month, ESPRESSO will ask Breadfruit consulting to solve a local entrepreneurs issues. Breadfruit consulting works with organisations and businesses to unlock their potential, by taking a fresh look at what's happening now and identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; advising on strategies and plans, on how to recruit and retain great employees, and on business resilience; coaching people in key positions to lead more effectively; and training people to do things differently and to do different things – like team working, problem solving, taking more responsibility, increasing productivity and improving service quality.

Chris ELPHICK, professional and experienced business coach will answer your questions. Send them to ESPRESSO at hello@next.com.vu

This week the question comes from Josephine. She is launching her first business *Josephine at Reynolds*! What a great way to pay tribute to her parents' mythical nakamal and take away near Sarralana. She is now turning into her very own place: respecting the initial spirit and spicing it up with new recipes and lots of baking. As a new entrepreneur she wanted to get a business coach advice. There is her question.

"How can I test if my business idea is a good one?"

Great question Josephine, thank you. In the current economic climate many people are starting businesses because they need a source of income but without any way of knowing if they will be successful.

For example in Port Vila there are many buses running less than half full! It is not enough just to do what someone else is already doing – all that does is split the available money between even more people! Before testing the market, is your idea something you are passionate about and really want to succeed? If the answer is no then think again! You can test the market in a number of ways.



- Go and visit your competition and try to work out how you will be different.
- Think creatively and try to develop your unique product or service.
- Be prepared to stand out in the crowd!
- Get feedback from your existing customers or people who are interested in your ideas ask them or do a simple questionnaire.
- Think about what people can afford, especially your target market. Talk to family and friends. Discuss the ideas with your coach. If you can, run a small pilot that will not cost you much if it doesn't work.

At the moment all businesses have to think about changing. Recently I was talking to several handicraft women in Port Vila who were saying that Covid and the absence of tourists had forced them to rethink their approach to business and to the products they make. Doing all this does not guarantee success but it does mean that you are exploring possibilities. Once you have done as much as you can then you can make a final decision on which way to proceed.

Remember, if you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always got!



Let's discover trendy apps from China

TikTok is just the beginning

You probably have heard about TikTok (1.1 billion users in the world) and maybe you were bold enough to put online some of your best swaggy moves! You might be surprised to learn that the phenomena comes originally from China. Yes it was there that the platform was initially created under the name Douyin. The social media platform is used to make a variety of short-form videos, from genres like dance, comedy that have a duration from fifteen seconds to three minutes. Used mostly by the Y and Z generation, it is now so popular that you can find on it a large variety of contents including tutorials. Many brands and business are not exploring this new tool to drag interest about their products and services. ESPRESSO wanted to give a peak at what could be coming next and selected a few trendy apps that are growing popular in China today and maybe in Vanuatu tomorrow.



Both QQ and WeChat come from Tencent. Tencent QQ supports online chat, video call, point-to-point breakpoint continuous file transfer, file sharing, network hard drive, custom panel, QQ mailbox and other functions. It is also used to connect to various communication terminals.



Tantan is an interactive social dating application based on big data intelligent recommendation. Tantan calculates accounts based on the user's personal information, location, interests and hobbies in order to communicate with matching people near you.



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Wanem ia connected schools?



Today, attaining a world-class education for all children in Vanuatu is no longer a dream, but a viable option within reach. The solution doesn't involve uprooting families from their homes, requiring students to travel to far-away schools, or even lengthy infrastructure projects, but simply connecting our schools to the internet.

Students attending connected schools experience a way to explore their intellectual curiosities and expand their horizons without getting left behind due to geographic inequities.

Keeping students engaged, no matter where they are

Connected schools rely not only on a school's own teachers, but also use broadcasted classes and virtual learning to create a dynamic, modern learning environment. For under-resourced schools and those in remote communities, this means some immediate challenges—such as finding properly trained teachers and updating classroom resources—can rapidly be overcome. Connected schools bring a number of other advantages, too. Today, roughly 75% of Vanuatu's population resides in rural areas. Where education is concerned, this makes it especially difficult to ensure equal access to well-equipped classrooms and give students enough individualized instruction from teachers.

Students attending connected schools experience a way to explore their intellectual curiosities and expand their horizons without getting left behind due to geographic inequities. This, in turn, allows for not only greater access to a wide range of teachers, online books, and course offerings, but greater flexibility for Vanuatu's youth to adapt to the educational landscape of the future.



Vanuatu's unique position

Given that connected schools rely on widespread internet access, the first piece of the puzzle is ensuring the necessary connectivity is firmly in place. A UNESCO report noted that reliable broadband internet is often the 'missing link' to global education access.

In the past, this was a particularly difficult obstacle to overcome for many archipelagic states, as underwater cables couldn't reach all islands. Luckily for Vanuatu, this missing link has been largely taken care of by the Kacific1 Satellite, a geostationary satellite launched in 2019 that dedicates 10% of its capacity to the country. In an increasingly digital world, online literacy skills have never been more important. Connected schools supported by widespread internet access offer students valuable, first-hand experience with modern technology, computers, and new fields of study. Be it in science and maths, foreign languages, or art, these tech-driven school systems open a direct channel between Vanuatu's students and teachers who can help them develop into the leaders of tomorrow.

With easy and affordable connection through individual satellites, backed up by Kacific1's powerful coverage, a transition to connected learning for even the most rural communities is in reach.

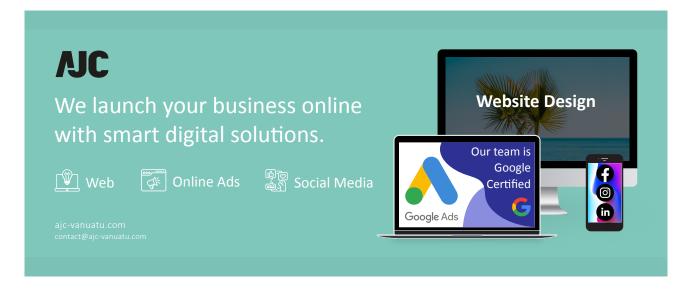
Low cost, infinite returns

When compared to traditional infrastructure projects such as building new roads, the investment required to get connected schools up and running is low.

Estimates show that a new school can be set up for roughly 3000 vatu, after which a yearly satellite subscription is paid. This ensures class materials are constantly updated and brings the expertise of experienced teachers directly to those who will shape Vanuatu in years to come.

As connected schools offer global perspectives and feature instructors from around the world, they will also make sure that Vanuatu can retain a sense of national identity in education and keep the schools of its many islands in sync. With new perspectives, an expanding curriculum, and an enthusiasm to keep on learning, there's no limit to what the next generation can accomplish.





Digital Economy in Vanuatu



On the 8th and 9th of July 2021, for the very first time in Vanuatu, the 2021 e-commerce symposium brought together various strategic actors and players in forging a better and stronger e-commerce ecosystem in Vanuatu during this Covid-19 pandemic. It was organized by Vanuatu Post Ltd, the Government of Vanuatu through the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management, Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities and Ministry of Trades.

The symposium brought strategic actors such as the Government, Reserve Bank of Vanuatu, Commercial Banks, Financial Association Representatives, Digital entrepreneurs, small businesses, a few existing e-commerce businesses and students from senior high schools. The final report will outline challenges and priorities to do with infrastructure and legislations, cross border logistics, domestic parcel delivery frameworks, local capacity initiatives to enhance and host online e-commerce platforms, and integrating mobile payment systems for both international and domestic payments.



Ecommerce, refers to the buying and selling of goods or services using the internet, and the transfer of money and data to execute these transactions. Basically, there are are four major e-commerce business models:

- 1. Business to Consumer (B2C): When a business sells a good or service to an individual consumer. For example, you can buy a Tanna coffee or Kava from an online retailer).
- 2. Business to Business (B2B): When a business sells a good or service to another business. For example, a business sells heavy duty machinery to another businesses to use)
- 3. Consumer to Consumer (C2C): When a consumer sells a good or service to another consumer. For example, you can sell your used furniture such as chairs and tables to another person.
- 4. Consumer to Business (C2B): When a consumer sells their own products or services to a business or organization. For example, a photographer can sell his or her photos to the Government or a business on an online stock photography website.

Tech Talk

What is e-Commerce?

With the update of Mobile phone usages in Vanuatu, we would like to see more mobile payment options, mobile shopping solutions, and mobile banking solutions.

What to Shop

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News from Vanuatu High Commission in New Zealand



w-Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Acting High Commisionner Sanianna Aga Trief

It has been over a year since you have taken on the role as the Acting High Commissioner. What has been the biggest challenge for the Mission since the COVID-19 Pandemic?

s you are aware, we sadly lost our High Commissioner last year. I would like to pay tribute to the Late High Commissioner HE Johnson M. Naviti. His passing away was a huge loss for the Government and Vanuatu at large. He will be always remembered for his great service to the nation. I was privileged to serve under his leadership, and he steered the Post through some very challenging times.

Of course, during this pandemic, we have concentrated primarily on keeping our people safe and well informed about health requirements and new travel protocols as they are updated by both New Zealand and Vanuatu government. Our biggest challenge at the High Commission was improvising and adapting to continue to provide uninterrupted services to our citizens during this time of uncertainty.

How has the High Commission been managing the situation and supporting the efforts to repatriate all Ni-Vanuatu in New Zealand and abroad?

Our job is to provide full consular support to those who are returning home from New Zealand, like our RSE workers, and for others around the world who need to return to Port Vila via Auckland. During the early stages of the pandemic, we were unclear of what restrictions would come into place and we had to keep a close watch on both New Zealand and Vanuatu government policies to convey to our people. COVID19 has certainly affected our day-to-day operations at the High Commission as it has to all other businesses and communities in New Zealand, but we have worked together to navigate through the requirements and to take all steps necessary to keep our citizens safe during travel.

We consistently communicate clear information to citizens and through social media platforms. We ensured that our citizens knew and followed protocols to keep safe throughout all the lockdowns and border closures. We also took precautionary measures to keep ourselves and our families safe.

Despite all the challenges, with the support of the New Zealand Government, over 1000 citizens were returned on New Zealand Defense Force charter flights. There were long days and nights of complicated logistics, but the effort is always worth it as you see people climbing the stairs of the aircraft with smiling faces. The collaboration from both Vanuatu and New Zealand key agencies has been wonderful. The repatriation work is still undergoing through the commercial option, and we have so far helped 1900 residents and citizens return home.

What are the key priorities for the High Commission in this current pandemic?

New Zealand is an important partner to Vanuatu and the bilateral relationship between the two countries has always been great. Despite the pandemic, I would say that our priorities remain



Vanuatu's Acting High Commisioner Sanianna Trief joins representatives of 17 at the Pacific Islands Memorial in Wellington (March 2021)

the same – maintaining strong relation with New Zealand, explore opportunities to broaden and deepen the relationship between the two countries and take care of our citizens who live and work here.

What is your view on a potential travel bubble between Vanuatu and New Zealand?

A Quarantine Free Travel (QFT) bubble between Vanuatu and New Zealand is a win-win situation for both countries. We have seen the devastation of the pandemic on the Tourism industry and other key sectors of our economy and a bubble will help Vanuatu rebound from this crisis. For any bubble, it can occur when we will be able to move safely to open. The Cook Islands model is a good one to learn from as it has been operating successfully.

Can you tell us about how you see the spirit now in NZ? Do you think people have a more positive attitude looking at the future than they did last year at the same time?

New Zealanders continue to exhibit resilience and strength. They are very positive about the way they have come so far in this pandemic and the future. The country has managed very well which is very positive for the recovery of its economy. I think it's worth saying that New Zealand's elimination strategy has been very effective in eradicating the virus in the community.

On a personal Level, how have you been coping through the pandemic with your family?

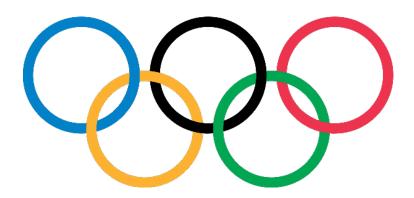
The pandemic has been difficult for everyone. For me, I had initially struggled to find the right balance between work and family considering the heightened work demand. The experience of working from home during the lockdown was not ideal as I shared my home office with the kid's playroom. I didn't know it would be so difficult, but I am grateful for the support of my family, and we stuck together through all the difficult times.

With life returning to some level of normalcy in New Zealand, have you been able to take time aside from work and visit different parts of the country?

New Zealand is a beautiful and vibrant country. It is a great place to get out and explore and interact with nature. I love the fact that no matter where you are in the country, there are always activities you can do together with your family. I always make sure that we take excursions whenever we can. We have visited some amazing locations in New Zealand including Queenstown, Arrowtown and some parts of central Otago. In the North Island we have loved seeing Taupo and Rotorua.

Tell us about your career in the Foreign Service. Is this your first posting overseas?

Yes, this is my first posting overseas. I joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in 2010 as a Desk Officer within the Development Cooperation Division. During my career I have moved around the Department and worked with the Asia Pacific Division before being posted here. The Wellington Post is a great start for me in overseas postings, and I am humbled to be serving Vanuatu and contributing to the advancement of the relations between our two countries.



The history of the Olympics

The Olympic Games as we know them today come from Greek antiquity but have changed greatly. Historians consider it has started around 776 B.C. in Olympia. The first Olympic Game took place over a period of five days and consisted initially of only one event: the "stadion", the current equivalent of the foot race. These Olympic Games were held every 4 years and the period between two events called the Olympiad served as a dating measure. Other sports were added until their prohibition in 393 A.D. by Theodosius I. They were re-established on June 23, 1893 and later revisited by Pierre de Coubertin to reach the final form of the summer Olympic Games. It was also in 1894 that Pierre de Coubertin proposed the Latin motto of the Olympic Games: "citius, altius, fortius" ("faster, higher, stronger") and that he drew the flag of the Olympic Games with these five intertwined rings. The Olympic Games subsequently led to the creation of several variants, such as the Olympic Winter Games created in 1924 and the Paralympics, dedicated to people with disabilities.

Mathilde Degobert

Vanuatu in the Olympic games

The National Olympic Committee for Vanuatu was created in 1987 and recognized by the International Olympic Committee that same year. Vanuatu first participated at the Olympic Games in 1988 and has sent athletes to compete in every Summer Olympic Games since then. The nation has never participated in the Winter Olympic Games. As of 2016, in 2021 no Vanuatu athletes has ever won an Olympic medal, but it will surely happen one day...

The biggest team Vanuatu has sent to an Olympics was Barcelona in 1992 when they had six athletes, all of whom competed in athletics.

Up to and including the 2016 Summer Olympics, Vanuatu have sent 31 athletes to the Games. At Rio 2016, Vanuatu were represented by four athletes, which included athletics and boxing, as well as rowing and table tennis.

Anna Weber

Tokyo 2021

Three Vanuatu's athletes participated in the Olympics Game of Tokyo in Japan, competing in different fields, such as judo, table tennis and rowing.

Hugo CUMBO, is a 27 years old man representing Vanuatu in judo. He was born and trained in Port Vila, which helped him to get qualified in this competition. Unfortunately, he lost against S. Boltaboev, a Ouzbekistan man, in 16th final.

Representing table tennis is Yoshua SHING, also known as "The prince of table tennis of the Pacific", 28 years old, who competed in the first round against Argentina, where he regrettably lost.



For rowing, all of the hopes of Vanuatu were put on Rio RII, a 27 years old man, who also did the buzz for being shirtless, being the flag bearer, while the opening of the game. He trained right here, in Vanuatu, and he is giving classes to encourage the younger ones to love this sport as much as he does. He arrived 30th out of 32th. All of the athletes did great for their first participation and made Vanuatu's citizens proud.



Riilio Rii steals the heart of the World medias





Rillio was chosen to carry the colors of Vanuatu during the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games. He appeared to be the new heartthrob at the forefront of the Olympics opening ceremonies.

While fans watching the Games were going gaga over Tonga's Pita Taufatofua, Rillio carried the flag shirtless in Tokyo and appeared to be just as buff and chiseled as the Tongan taekwondo star.

A dozen of worldwide medias and social medias gave a lot of visibility to the Vanuatu athletes.



"Rillio, Hugo and Yosh, Vanuatu is so proud of you"



Italian Renaissance

In the last issue, we talked about the elimination of a number of favourites in the Round of 16. Like France, world champion in title, eliminated without any glory against Switzerland... like Germany, like Portugal, like the Netherlands. We did not know yet that Belgium would soon follow. Belgium, who seemed to be destined to go all the way, did not make it past the quarterfinals. The time of this golden generation is perhaps over. Last chance next year at the world cup.

As we thought, England reached the final. But it took a little help from fate, though. In this case, the name of fate is Danny Makkelie, the Dutch referee who offered a dubious, questionable, disgraceful, scandalous, shameful, unjustified, outrageous (delete as appropriate...) penalty in extra time to Raheem Sterling. Besides refereeing Makkelie works as a police inspector in Rotterdam. We guess this city probably does not have the highest crime clearance rate in the Netherlands.

This refereeing error (apart from detecting an offside of eight millimetres, what exactly is the use of VAR?) sent the Danes home. Denmark was one of the most pleasant surprises of the tournament. However, it all started rather modestly for the Vikings with the heart attack of their captain in the middle of the first game... But like Christian Eriksen, they survived and they kept us on our toes until the extra time of the semi-final.

But the team that really shone in this competition was the Squadra Azzurra. And although the Italians won their semi-final and final on penalties, their victory suffers little dispute.

With a superb 34-game unbeaten streak (since the summer of 2018), playing a spirited game like the 3-0 win over Switzerland or the one against Turkey in the tournament opener in Rome and sticking to their defensive philosophy, Italy went on to win the trophy.

Roberto Mancini, the coach, deserves the praise. Recovering a team that had failed to qualify for the last World Cup, he made 10 wins out of 10 on the road to the Euro qualification and fulfilled the ultimate wish of a whole country in the summer of 2021.

In contrast, we have more questions about the choices of Gareth Southgate, the English coach, during this final when he decided to bring on Rashford and Sancho.

The decision to replace tired players with fresh teammates is understandable. However, it was quite audacious to wait until the very last second of extra time to bring on players whose only role was to score the penalty when they had not even touched a ball in the game.

Apart from the huge pressure put on two players barely out of their teens, the problem was that Rashford and Sancho were not fresh, Gareth, they were cold!

Thanks for this scientific experiment, though. Now we know that it does not work.

So, the Italians eventually brought the trophy back to Rome, the city where the adventure of the European Union began. The circle seems to have been completed for our English friends.

New TBV programm coming soon

Laef long Graon mo Solwota

uring the start of the world Covid-19 Pandemic outbreak and Tourism being the main income earner for the countries economy, the Vanuatu Government shifted its focus into developping the Productive Sector in Biosecurity, Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Fisheries.



This newly TV show called Laef long Graon mo Solwota produced by Willie Nampi, helps educate and inform viewers about the importance of agriculture, livestock and fisheries. It also showcases and promotes Ni-Vanuatu entrepreneurs in farming and being self-reliant. Let's adventure, grow and learn more about local natural production and understand the challenges that these local farmers face to continue the harvest to sustain Vanuatu's economy.

Many shows are coming up! Yumi Kam Antap with Benina Nicolina Rangvanu to push local businesses and Laef long Graon mo Soltwota dedicated to agriculture.





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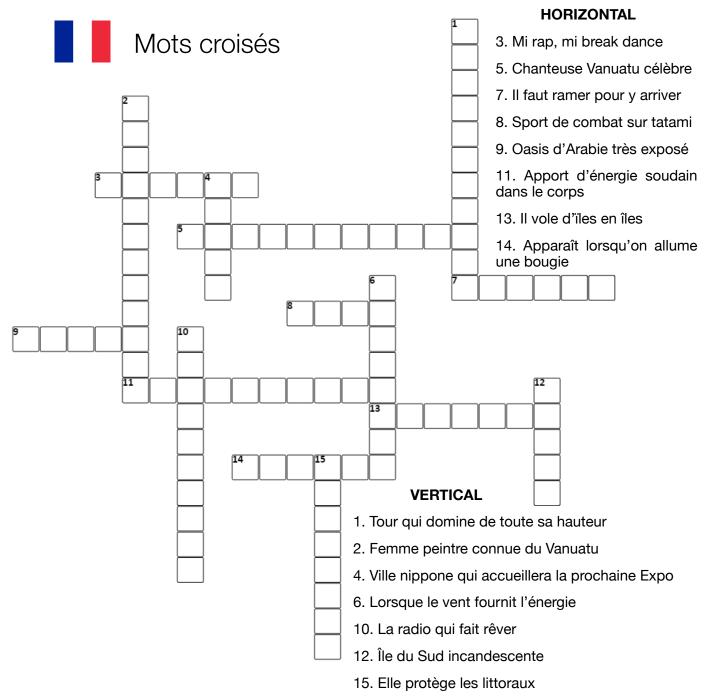
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Ikkana Fighting breast and cervical cancer in Vanuatu





www.raise-vanuatu.com

Ikkana's mission is now in Malekula (Walla-Rano and Uripiv Islands)

Last month, the team was able to organize multiple workshops about awareness and screening in Malekula. The strong network of professional and volunteers supported by WHO and BRED bank will lead to the Banks soon. You can keep up with IKKANA's work on their facebook page and be a generous donator. Support Ikkana now on Raise Vanuatu the first digital crowdfunding platform for Vanuatu.



When dancing is about expressing emotions! Let the good vibes come...



You probably already have met Alpha Solong, if not, he is one of the pillars of Wan smol bag. HipHop teacher, he opened the doors of the mythical theater for Espresso. It was a firework of amazing performances in the colourful studios.

Alpha knows it all about rap and HipHop. Of course he loves reggae too, but discovering the first rap groups back in the 80s was a game changer for him.

How did it all start? HipHop as we know did not exist in Vanuatu back in the 80s. Instead, all young people at the time discovered for the first time rap. Coming from the USA, it was totally different from other musics, and there was more to it: a new urban culture emerging.

Chocolate Boys was a hit and from then on, many people in Vanuatu got hooked.

A few years later, the French embassy and the Alliance française started organizing workshops and inviting prominent artists from New-Caledonia. The performances were impressive and very quickly, the movement grew in Port-Vila, Luganville but also in many Youth centers in many places of the archipelago.

By 2010, local groups started emerging. From rap, we slowly started getting involved in HipHop.

From then on, connections were made with groups as Resurection. It raised the level but it also brought more diversity of expression: more Afro style and other urban styles.

"Today, internet and especially Youtube opened up new ways of performing. The Youth coming everyday to Wan smol bag is improving very fast as they watch over and over sharp choreographies. Tiktok is also an incitation to friendly battles through social medias.

The dancers are mostly boys but more and more girls are simply enjoying joining in. Starting from the age 6, they are welcomed in my class.

Dancing being also a sport, we start by warming up. Everyone is welcomed to practice and to try new ways of dancing. I must say it is quite difficult and requires technic but also some kind of artistic soul.

The music puts everyone at ease and eager to find his or her own way of expression.



Wan smol bag

Launched in 1989, Wan Smolbag Theatre is a non-government organisation based in Vanuatu, but operating all over the South Pacific. Wan Smolbag Theatre is primarily a development theatre group aiming to create awareness and engagement with issues surrounding education, health, governance, the environment, youth and gender.

Wan Smolbag has expanded from a voluntary theatre group to include a reproductive health clinic, a youth centre, a conservation network and a sports centre. Wan Smolbag is core funded by Oxfam, Australian Aid and the New Zealand Agency for International Development and produces materials such as a television show, DVDs, booklets posters for education and training in communities, NGOs, schools and government departments throughout the South Pacific and the world.

WSB had over 140 full-time and part-time staff: actors, director, scriptwriter, finance and administrative staff, graphic artists, nurses, peer educators, youth workers, film and radio technicians, and managers. WSB has its base at converted warehouses in Tagabe, Port Vila, but also has a youth centre on the island of Pentecost, and a reproductive health clinic and youth centre in Luganville, Santo. WSB has two associate theatre groups on the outer islands; Haulua Theatre based on Pentecost and Wuhuran Theatre based on Ambrym. WSB also has a network of over 400 volunteer turtle conservation monitors (Vanua-tai monitors) based on islands throughout Vanuatu.

More information

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http://www.wansmolbag.org





Let's cultivate our pearls! The spirit of Tabitian dance with Poe



on the occasion of the Vanuatu Media Awards, broadcasted live on TBV a few days ago, viewers enjoyed the performance of the Polynesian dance group POE RAVA RAVA. Joyful and so graceful, ESPRESSO wanted to know more about this beautiful traditional dance.

We naturally went to the source and met Jacqueline DE GAILLANDE and Monica NAKAN RAKARI who are the guardians of this magnificent Tahitian tradition. To fully understand the place of the Tahitian dance in a country where dance is incredibly important - it is part of the culture and a way of expression for the various Ni-Vanuatu communities, we obviously have to go back a little bit in time.

We need to remember that the archipelago has been a land of welcome for people from all over the world particularly from the Oceanian world for centuries. The former breadbasket of the Pacific and the important activity linked to the extraction of manganese in Forari in Efate attracted many new coming populations from China, Vietnam, Wallis and Tahiti back in the 1950s.

Many Tahitians choose to settle also in Luganville. Everyone has in mind the beauty of the Yumi40 procession, where hundreds of communities from the 83 islands mingled with colorful floats from all these overseas communities, all merging into what is Vanuatu today.

The Tahitian community has established deep roots while cultivating its culture and of course one of the most precious forms: dancing. No wonder why POE RAVA RAVA means black Pearl, mixing different colors and happiness.

To fully understand what Polynesian dance is, we must first insist on the fact that it is the expression of spirituality. An expression with a rich vocabulary, with complex and poetic gestures that not only tells a story but also expresses the emotion of the dancer.

Every movement has a meaning: describing a landscape, a gift of nature, an emotion. It is also necessary to distinguish the individual dance which is the most achieved form of the incarnation of Mana, the spirit. It lets free the dancer's personal feeling as compared to the collective dance, a very different kind of performance, which is based on the rigor of the coordination of the group.









Poe Rava Rava performing at Vanuatu Media Awards, June 2021

Some might wonder if there are any influences of other dances in the Tahitian dance. The answer is yes, but Jacqueline and Monica insist on keeping the traditions. There is obviously an evolution in all the dances in Oceania due to the increasing number of international events, where dancers and troops get to discover one another and get new inspiration from these moments of sharing. There can sometimes be some kind of resemblance in the performance but the dances are in fact very different. For purists, for example, Hawaiian dance is very different to Polynesian dance.

For many years the group has been mostly performing in Vanuatu of course, in resorts for various celebrations and events, but also overseas in New Caledonia, Bangkok, Australia and New Zealand. Today, the demand for performances has unfortunately slowed down because of the current situation. On the other hand, Tahitian dance is on a worldwide scale getting more and more popular. A lot of schools are opening up in Australia and New Zealand, but also in Japan where it is meeting with huge success.

Monica recommends girls and boys to start around 5 years old but insists on the fact that anyone can start later in life and still fully enjoy the pleasure of dancing. The class counted up to 30 dancers at one time. Although some have to leave Vanuatu or cannot continue because of lack of time, POE RAVA RAVA remains a large family and always stays connected.

According to numerous dancers from the group, Tahitian dancing brings a lot. The pleasure of movement and exercise, but not only. It also helps oneself in building confidence. Some young dancers underline how it has helped them get rid of stage fright, become more assertive and speak their mind more freely ... always gracefully.



Anyone who wants to know more about how to organize a performance of POE RAVA RAVA for an event or to sign up for a class, should call Monica at 774 28 26 or email her at: monicanakanrakari@gmail.com

Coffee Kalja

How much do you know about your coffee?

Diving into the Coffee Kalja series, we take you on a review of the most popular coffee drinks. The commerce of coffee shops as we know them today was born from the invention of the portafilter and modern coffee machines with single and multi groups. To get to know and differentiate the coffee drinks, we'll start with the most basic form which is called espresso. It is measured in shots of 25ml for 16q to 20q of coffee and has an extraction time of about 20-30 seconds which varies upon the fineness of the coffee grind and type of coffee beans and roasting. Italy has been a historical centre of coffee trade and coffee houses, try a coffee shop at 3pm in Napoli and you will get a sense of what coffee culture really means, although Italian style comes with dark roasts, tiny shots and kicks you like a bull on the run.

It's no surprise that most of the coffee drinks have Italian names and one of the most popular milk drinks is called Cappuccino. With a ratio of 130-150ml of frothing milk for an

espresso shot of coffee, it is topped with unsweetened cocoa powder. The cappuccino is the favorite breakfast drink for Italians and has now reached out to the world in many variants, always being mindful of the balance between milk and coffee for a successful recipe.

His nearest drink in lineage is the Latte. The latte has an extra dose of milk, about 210ml for one shot of espresso and only two ingredients. It is the common drink used for latte art, a form of expression which requires dexterity and precision to draw the finest shapes in the milk foam at the top of the cup. International coffee competitions have a category dedicated to latte art and the current world champ (2019) is Manuela Fensore, she's from Italy and took the advantage in final against her five nearest contenders from the opposite gender who are all from Asia where the coffee culture has seen a boom over the past decade with some of the most inspirational and original coffee places in the world. Hats down to their passion for barista art, precision and creativity.

Often mistaken for a softer version of a Latte, the Flat White has an actual ratio of 130ml of milk for a double espresso shot which makes it the strongest of the milk based coffee drinks. We owe its original recipe to Australia and New-Zealand where it was developed and stands as one of the most popular coffee drinks.

Espresso lovers, be ready to cross borders walking on the milky way, here comes the Macchiato or the legit kid made of an espresso and milk cream in a balance of one shot of 25ml for two coffee spoons of milk foam. Another Italian classic, the Macchiato has a sweeter note than the espresso but cannot compete with its cousin the Affogato which is marrying a double shot espresso with a scoop of Vanilla ice-cream. Decadent. Now that we have an overview of the classic coffee drinks, let's talk about our local crew's favorites and most challenging ones to make. A few questions were asked to Constance from The Village Coffee and Olivier from Gaston chocolat, two of the coffee places in Vanuatu's capital city Port Vila.

Do you have a favourite drink? Which one and why?

Olivier: I love all kinds of coffee drinks and I'm always game to taste new ones, but my long time favorite remains infused black coffee. It might sound a bit flat compared to late drinks with fancy ingredients, but it's actually an art in itself to do proper extraction and get the most

flavorful results playing with coffee origins. Using v.60 filters, you have to pre-water the filter to ensure that every drop of water will result in a drop of fresh coffee, otherwise your most flavorful drops would get trapped in the filter and never land in the cup. Then it's a question of



temperature of water, timing and volume. Use a micro-scale and start playing; it's endless and so satisfying, the time is on pause for a moment. Humming the steam, take a first sip and begin the journey in a world of flavors, mapping them cup after cup.

Constance: When it comes to coffee. I have no favourite. I don't have a go to coffee or an all time fav. The cup of coffee I choose to enjoy on the day depends on my mood. Coffee brightens the colours in my life. It

doesn't take away anything and everything it has to offer makes my life better. Whether it is having a comforting mug of latte when it's raining, a black coffee to get me started in the morning or a cold iced latte on

a hot afternoon. Coffee always has something to offer, for me, for that day. This is why coffee to me is so special, because it's so malleable, it changes with me and always has something for me.

Which coffee drink is



Constance: Latte in a glass. A good cup of latte has the perfect foam to liquid ratio. It would be thicker than the foam on a flat white but thinner than a cappuccino. Steaming the milk to a perfect ratio of foam is already a very difficult task, serving it in a glass makes it all the more challenging. As there is no hiding! The foam sets after a while and its level in the glass can be seen clear as day. But that's what makes it all the more exciting and so much more fun!

Olivier: Mocca is a challenging drink. You have to find the right balance between the coffee and the chocolate, two powerful ingredients. Since Gaston's main activity is chocolate making, we work with our own range of Vanuatu grown single origin chocolate and you can tell it's quite surprising for our customers when they are accustomed to sweet commercial chocolate blends. In order to achieve a constant flavor, industrials tend to over-roast the cacao and add va-

nilla extracts and sugar to balance the flavor. Artisan chocolates to the contrary are usually low temperature roast, low sugar and vanilla free to keep as much of the fruitiness and fine flavors as possible. Therefore, the challenge is to find a coffee and roasting profile that is pairing well with the fruitiness of the cacao. The type of milk is also an important variable for some milks have natural acidity (yogurt like) which could develop unwanted off-flavors when blending with a fruity chocolate.



Tips and tricks for coffee drinks.

Now, here is a series of tips and tricks to improve your coffee drinks and avoid falling into traps. First, for milk based coffee drinks, always keep an eye on the temperature of your milk while steaming and by all means, avoid boiling it. Boiled milk would make bubbles instead of foam and frothing.

For Americano or Long black lovers, to keep the foam afloat and avoid the bad look of an overly watered coffee with a ring of bubbles on the cup walls, start by pouring your extra hot water (25ml) in the cup, then add the espresso shot on top and not the other way around. Keep equal proportions between water and espresso shot.

The total drink is about 50ml, and do not mistake an Americano for an over-extracted espresso, it's not about letting the coffee machine run for a longer extraction time.

Last, a trick for vegan milk coffee drinks, use a non-transparent cup or mug. No matter how long you steam them for, vegan milks hardly do frothing and do not amalgamate with the coffee itself which has a poor visual aspect.

A non-transparent cup or mug with foam at the top will look nicer that seeing the inside of it as vegetal milk disassemble from coffee in small parts, a poor looking version of a snowball.





Mind blowing solutions for a better world! Let's get to know more about Unelco





Yearly cyclone exercise, blades and poles are strapped to the ground



ack in 2007, UNELCO installed the first Windmill in Efate. Devil's point was geographically the ideal area to welcome the project. The location of the equipment is strategical to catch the most continuous winds. Windmills are not that common in the Pacific, -if you exclude New Caledonia, you will probably not get to see any others. The made in Europe equipment used by Unelco is robust and sophisticated. On the Old Continent, there is an increasing number of windmills onshore and offshore as well. It is, specially in France and the Northern countries a guite common way to source power. Although it might not cover all the needs, it does provide an important amount of complementary energy and it is definitely a way in contributing to make an impact by decreasing the use of fossil energy.

In Kawené they disappear in the landscape when you look at them from the shore, their proportion is quite impressive. Imagine 13 masts of 55 meters high supporting 32 meters of diameters blades. Today, they provide altogether 10 % of the electricity of the archipelago. This production globally matches the electricity needs of nearly 7000 families of 5 people.

Nathalie DOVAN, the technical manager in charge, looks after them with both care and pride and explains very well the challenges, her and her team deal with every day. But so far so good...

Whenever a hurricane is announced to hit the shore, these impressive giants are put on the ground. In less than two hours, the entire installation is design to shrink down safely.

Safe is definitely the word that UNELCO is using the most when you interview the team. The moto of the number one energy company of the country being « KAM WOK SAFE MO KOBAK LO AOS SAFE ».

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Coming up



Articles often refer to the Universal Exposition as an event that goes back to 1889 in Paris. The Exposition was held to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille which marked the beginning of French revolution and was also seen as a way for the establishment to stimulate the economy and pull France out of an economic recession.

The Exposition attracted more than 60 000 official exhibitors, of whom 25 000 were from outside of France. The Eiffel tower was built specially for the occasion. The iconic building was meant to be taken down after the event but finally stood although raising lots of criticism from the Parisians at the time.

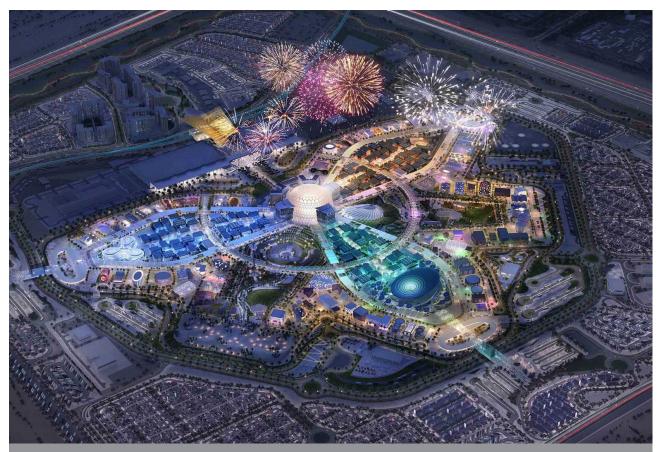
According to other sources, Napoleon III got in fact largely inspired by an universal event held in London years before that had left such a strong impression on him that it gave him the idea to organize a similar event in the French capital.

Let's leave the history books and controversies there, and let's dive into the 2020 Dubai Expo. No, it is not a mistake, although we are in 2021, the event being postponed because of the Covid 19, kept its original title.

Vanuatu participation is more than exciting! The country has already participated in other Expo's in the past and it is always a great opportunity to flag our ship in important international event.

This participation is of course very special. Because of the current situation being able to be part of it is also a sign the international community is slowly but surely opening up to going back to some kind of new normal. People travelling and mingling again in the respect, of course, of sanitary rules.

The Vanuatu Government, the Ministry of Trade, has been working hard on this project for months. Private companies such as Tanna Coffee, Fine Foods, Vanuatu Jewellery and Handicraft will be there. The commissioner of the Vanuatu expo, also Director of the Department of the External Trade Joe Pakoa LUI shared with ESPRESSO his enthusiasm.



Project of the Dubai Expo grand opening in October 2021.

Let's start warming up for Dubai Expo

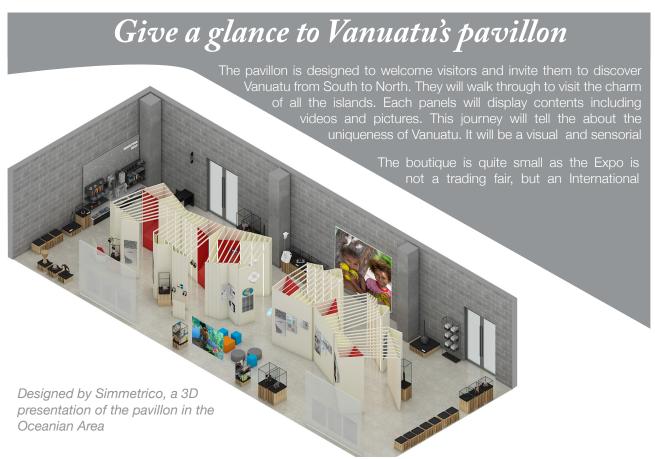


What you must know about DUBAI EXPO

- 1 The Expo will be open on October 1st 2021 and will close on March 31st 2022
- 2 Vanuatu's first participation was in the 1990s, thanks to the private sector. Then, the country participated in 2005, 2010, 2012, 2015. The Vanuatu government that organized and coordinated the pavillons.
- **3-** The theme of the Expo is "Connecting Mind, Creating the future" and the subthemes are, "Sustainability, mobility and opportunities". Vanuatu will participate in various workshops during the event about how we have the power to build a better world and shape the future.
- 4- October 5th, Vanuatu will be honored. A special day event will be organized on the pavillon.

Espresso will keep you updated every month about this huge event. Watch out for September and October's issues.

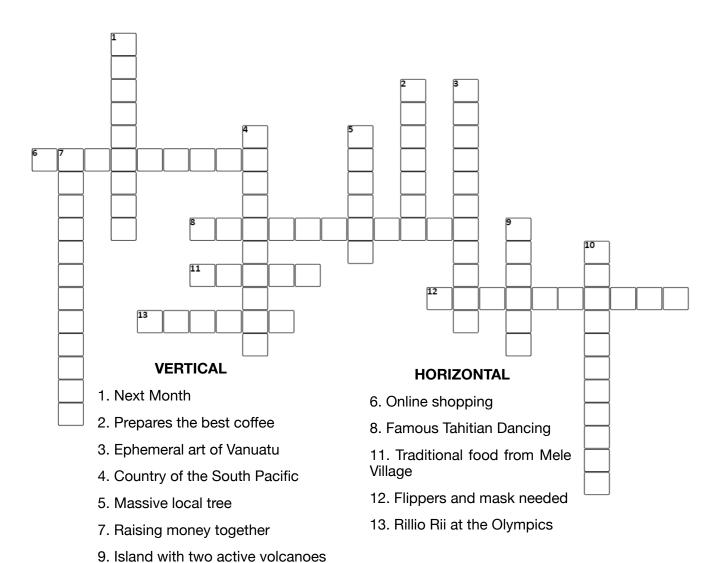
Dubai, with 3.3 millions inhabitants, is the main city of the United Arab Emirates situated on the Persian Gulf coast. The city in known for its ultramodern architecture and its exuberant lifestyle. Burj Khalifa, an 830m-tall tower, dominates the skyscraperfilled skyline. The well know pictures of the artificial islands shaped as palm trees offshore are also the symbol of this astonishing oasis. The city not only grew fast but also demanded huge investment to tame a very bear and dry area roughly at sea level. It has become in a few decade the center of a huge business hub wishing to welcome the most prestigious international events.



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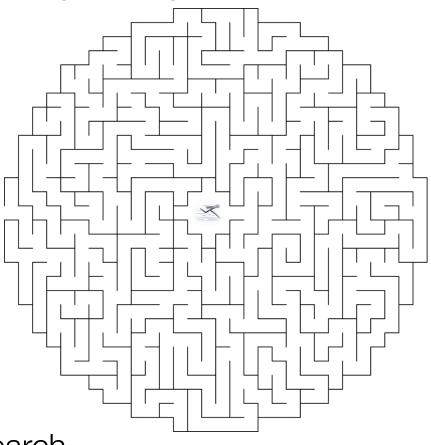
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10. Gathering people for a special event

Escape the Espresso room



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The Fish Hamburger by Cédric

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 x Onion
- 1 x Carrot
- 1 x Turnip
- 6 x lettuce leaves
- Roquette leaves
- Mayonnaise
- 1 x tomato
- 150g Breaded fish steak from LTP
- 30g Cheese



Recipe

Cut the burger bread in half and put in the oven to gently toast it

Thinly slice the onion, turnip or radish, tomato

Grate the carrot and cheese into thin slices.

Brown the breaded fish steak in a pan, then arrange the cheese on the fish so that it melts on the crust of the breaded fish.

Once the bread is crisp enough:

A knob of mayonnaise on each side of the bread.

Arranged in this order Bread- lettuce - onion - fish tomato - turnip -carrot - roquette- mayonnaise-lettuce-

Depending on the seasonal vegetables, the ingredients can be added or replaced, for example pepper, avocado, radish, ...

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