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### **YOUTH EMPLOYMENT MATCHING FORMALISED**

This Valentine's Day saw a different type of matching, with the Samoa National Youth Council (SNYC) and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) formalizing their partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to share job seeker information to better assist with youth employment in Samoa and to formally join two systems that make up the Youth Employment Network under the Youth Employment Program.

The MOU was signed by Pulotu Lyndon Chu Ling, Chief Executive Officer of MCIL and Vincent Faafo, President of SNYC.

The Youth Employment Network project has been a coordinated collaboration between SNYC, supported and funded through the Pacific Leadership Program and MCIL in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) whom funded the design and development of the e – Youth hub.

It provides information and basic employment services as well as capacity building training for young people of Samoa to facilitate the successful entry of youth into the labour force. As part of this, SNYC developed and launched the e-Youth Hub in November last year, which centralizes existing employment services available in Samoa.

An important aspect is the direct link to the MCIL Labour Market Information System (LMIS) which is funded by the Government of Australia under its TVET Project Fund. The LMIS also launched last year in November and it allows jobseekers to register their personal details, qualifications and experience. Employers can then search jobseeker profiles to find potential employees to fill any vacant positions. The LMIS website can be accessed here: [www.mcil.gov.ws/index.php/en/publication/jobseekers](http://www.mcil.gov.ws/index.php/en/publication/jobseekers).

Samoa National Youth Council (SNYC) is a not-for-profit organization that advocates for youth, through enhancing youth development, and empowering and building capacity.

SNYC's Program Coordinator, Taimalelagi Kaisarina Salesa, said "This is an exciting new development to assist Samoa's youth in economically empowering themselves, and we are thrilled to work in partnership with MCIL to maximize employment opportunities and streamline employment processes. In addition, through this partnership, SNYC and MCIL will be well informed to not only enhance its existing employment services to better serve its youth agenda but to also work as one team for youth development".

MCIL's Chief Executive Officer, Pulotu Lyndon Chu Ling said "MCIL is thrilled to be partnering with SNYC in what is a big development for youth job seeker services in Samoa. This relationship is an important public-private partnership which meets a key indicator in



the Strategy for the Development of Samoa 2012 – 2016 and the Strategy for the Development of Samoa 2016/17 – 2019/20. It is a privilege for MCIL to work with an organisation that has a shared vision in improving youth employment across Samoa.”

Registered youth and jobseekers have the opportunity, through this partnership with SNYC and MCIL, to access available training, volunteer positions, and conferences posted by registered organisations or companies.

Youth can access the e-Youth hub at SNYC's website [www.snyc.org.ws](http://www.snyc.org.ws) via their smart phone, tablet or laptop. Alternatively youth can come to the onsite youth hub at SNYC's office at Nia Mall Apartments, Level 2, Pat Ah Him Building, Saleufi. Employers can access the hub directly from any electronic device that connects to the internet.

The MOU signing was completed at two o'clock in the afternoon at the MCIL Conference Room in Apia.

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