



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISIONS – 30 JUNE 2017

The Executive Council met at 09.00 hours this Friday 30 June 2017 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, GCSK

1. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Education organizes Winter Schools Programme for Grades 3 and 4 pupils in all primary schools. The Programme aims at enhancing the language skills of the pupils, fostering his talents amongst others and will be held three days weekly.
2. The Executive Council has agreed with the calendar of activities of Rodrigues Tourism Office for the year 2017-2018. The marketing plan aims at:
 - i. Sustaining the tourist industry in view of achieving economic, social and cultural growth in Rodrigues;
 - ii. Stimulating tourist arrivals to increase the tourism industry returns;
 - iii. Recovering declining arrivals from some markets;
 - iv. Motivating repeated visits;
 - v. Improving off season arrivals in some target groups; and
 - vi. Promoting Rodrigues as an eco-friendly island.
3. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Industrial Development implements the necessary mechanisms to waive license and state land fees with regards to Small and Medium Enterprises operating home-based economic activities.

4. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Sports is organizing a prize giving ceremony for athletes and coaches who participated in the National Youth Games 2017 on Saturday 15 July 2017 at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mon Plaisir to mark their outstanding performances in the games.
5. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Youth and Others invite bids for the implementation of the project construction of a New Residential and Training Centre at Baladirou.
6. The Executive has taken note of the number of tourist arrivals in Rodrigues for the month of May 2017. 5,501 tourists visited the island during the period as compared to 4,996 arrivals for the same month in the year 2016 representing an increase of 12.69%. Tourist arrivals for the first quarter 2017 have been increased by 5.96% compared to the first quarter of the year 2016.
7. The Executive council has taken note of the status of the different desalination projects in Rodrigues:
 - i. Rehabilitation works are still ongoing on the two desalination plants at Pointe Venus and Caverne Bouteille which are presently producing 50% of their respective design capacity. The full rehabilitation works are expected to be completed by the end of this year.
 - ii. The progress achieved with regards to the building and civil works for the Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plant at Pointe Coton is 90%.
 - iii. Bidding documents have been finalised for the immediate launching for building works for the Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plant at Baie Malgache. Bidding documents for intake structure and associated civil works is being finalized.
 - iv. Draft bidding documents for the supply of equipment for the Reverse Osmosis Plant for Baie Malgache and Pointe Coton have been received from Consultant.

8. The Executive Council has taken note that a group of artists from Rodrigues will participate in the 5th edition of Festival Moutya in the Republic of Seychelles from 05 to 09 July 2017. Five artists performing the Sega Tambour will take part in the event.
9. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Sports is setting up a committee for the organization of the Sports Award 2017 in Rodrigues.
10. The Executive Council has taken note the Antoinette Prudence Sainte Famille RCA School has won the 2017 National Inter Primary Kids Athletic Competition held in Mauritius of Thursday 29 June 2017. The athletes have been outstanding in all the four events proposed: Sprint Shuttle Relay, Squat Jump, Ball Throw and Endurance Race.
11. The Executive Council has taken note that in the context of the celebration of the World Book and Copyright Day 2017, a book sales exhibition will be held under the Chapiteau, near the Central Administration Building, Port Mathurin.

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Date: 30 June 2017