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CRU Consultant Lawyer applauds participation of Honiara City Convention

Consultant Lawyer of the Constitutional Reform Program Mr. Reginald Teutao congratulated participants of the 2012 Honiara City Convention for enduring and successfully completing the review of the 2011 Draft Federal Constitution, in his closing remarks on Friday 23 March.

“To all distinguished participants of this Convention, on behalf of the [Office], I would like to sincerely thank you all for attending the final Convention [of Honiara City] on the 2011 Draft for the last two weeks until today,” he said.

Mr. Teutao said that their participation in this process is a hallmark in the history of the federal constitution’s making, when it comes into effect.

He made remarks on youths’ participation in this convention, adding that youths are the future leaders of Solomon Islands and that their involvement in the process is extremely important. He also noted that most of the women invited to this convention didn’t attend, however he thanked the only female participant Mrs. Margaret Aihunu who participated through till the final day of the Convention.

On behalf of the participants Deputy City Mayor Mr. Eric Tema also thanked Constitutional Congress’ Honiara team for the good organization of the Convention, and especially Mr. Teutao for his patience through the discussions and debates of several clauses in the draft, explaining the clauses carefully and giving understanding on technical issues.

Other participants who also gave their remarks during the Convention’s closing were Mrs. Aihunu, Councilor Jacob Ramoli, Mr. Waita Ben Tabusasi, Mr. Casper Fa’asala and Mr. Ronald Fugui.

Honiara City Convention ended on Friday evening last week, with participants commenting on and agreeing to changes on sections in the 2011 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands.

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