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Premier Weape calls for cooperation on Federalism

Premier of Makira/Ulawa Province Hon. Thomas Weape has called on the people and leaders of Makira/Ulawa to cooperate in the making of the Federal constitution.

He made this call during the closing dinner of the Awareness on the 2nd 2014 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands in Kirakira last week.

“As leaders, there is an important task ahead of us and we have seen the importance of this task,” Premier Weape said, “and on behalf of the government of this province, I call for cooperation from all of us.”

The Premier said that it is important for everyone to put their minds together to work on this very important proposed Federal system.

“Of course many of you veteran politicians have seen and realized that working together to design a government, which will lead our people into the future, is something very crucial, very important,” he said.

He has assured the people that the current government of the province will accommodate what is necessary to carry out work on the State and Community governments system. Makira/Ulawa has already developed the concept of its Community government system since 2008 and the Premier has urged in light of the contents of the proposed Draft Federal Constitution, to improve on this.

Premier Weape said that the current MUP government will start making arrangements to pull together people to start work on designing this system. He also reiterated his thoughts on setting up an office in the province and getting people to do the work, which he highlighted many of them are participants of this meeting.

“Many of you are here, you are qualified people in various fields, the government will need you so that we start working on those important things,” he said, “The State and Community governments, there’s this thought that we have to work simultaneously on these two things.”

Premier Weape made these remarks during the official closing of the Awareness at the Assembly Chambers vicinity in Kirakira on the eve of Friday 14th August 2015. End/////