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Chief calls for unity in Choiseul ahead of Statehood

A chief representative Mr. Lemeus Manavakana during the Awareness on the 2nd 2014 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands implored Choiseul Province's leaders to unite in all their organizations to move the province forward towards State Government.

He made these remarks during the official closing of the Awareness program on Friday 11th September 2015 in Taro, Choiseul Province.

He said leaders must be united in all their undertakings as they are one people, and it is not good to see leaders divide themselves over their work and organizations for the province and communities.

“For us to move forward as a people, we must first be united and work together for the betterment of our people in the rural areas,” he said.

On the other hand, he said that he understands governance can be very challenging, as he looks after a rural community in Choiseul of some 300 people, and he can only imagine the challenges the Provincial Government faces in looking after the whole province.

On that note, he thanked the Choiseul Provincial Government and the Choiseul Constitutional Congress for recognizing the men and chiefs coming from the rural communities in this high level meeting.

He said that they appreciated what Premier Jackson Kiloe said at the start of the meeting, to see each other as equal in this process of decision-making.

“As a participant of this meeting, these words from the Premier gave me much courage to speak my mind during the discussions, for that I am also thankful to him,” Mr. Manavakana said. He said that the 2nd 2014 Draft Federal Constitution is suitable for Solomon Islands, and it is one that is acceptable to the people of Choiseul.

Choiseul Province Awareness on the 2nd 2014 Draft Federal Constitution was held at the Provincial Assembly Hall in Taro from Monday 7th to Friday 11th September 2015.

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