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HCC team begins awareness on 2014 Draft Federal Constitution

Constitutional Congress Honiara City Council team has began its awareness activity on the 2nd 2014 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands for 5-days starting June 1st 2015 at the OG conference room, Kwaimani Building, Honiara.

HCC Congress team is the first to do this activity within the Constitutional Reform Program. It will be followed by all nine (9) provinces during the next few weeks.

The activity is expected to host 50 participants, including the HCC Councilors and various stakeholders, community, women and youth leaders living within Honiara City.

Most of these participants had been part of Honiara City consultations on the Draft Federal Constitution and Constitutional Reform since 2008.

For this activity, participants will be made aware of the current 2014 Draft. They will also give final inputs and endorsements on contents within the Draft that Professional Constitutional Drafter Dr. Phillip Knight had marked out during the 4th Joint CC & EPAC Plenary last year to be confirmed.

As far as the Constitutional Reform Program is concerned, this is the final public consultative activity.

After this the Congress Provincial and HCC teams will put together reports on the awareness and present it to the Joint Plenary anticipated for late 2015.

The final Joint Plenary with the help of the Professional Drafter will put together contents of the Final Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands.

Congress and Eminent Persons Advisory Council (EPAC) will present this to Cabinet and the Prime Minister.

It is anticipated that a Constituent Assembly will pass or ratify the Draft to become the 'Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Solomon Islands'.

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