

SPEECH BY THE SECRETARY FOR JUSTICE AND BORDER CONTROL MR JAY UDIT

Dated 19th February 2024

Good morning to all,

Honourable Minister,

Section Heads and the staff of the Department of Justice

This morning, we have all gathered here to celebrate another achievement of the Department of Justice. In fact, it is not an achievement; it is our way of putting the Department and our work to the people. We have worked with the motto of serving the Republic with Care and Pride.

Honourable Minister, this website is one of the steps towards ensuring that we, as a department, are able to serve the people of Nauru. We value the contributions of the citizens of Nauru who are associated with our office functions and work. We provide service to the people on many different things, from legal aid, prosecution, legal advice, legislative drafting, registration of businesses, intellectual property, immigration, quarantine, passport, corrections dog management unit, human rights, financial intelligence unit and of course, the Secretariat. These services are all directly linked to people. Our expatriate and local staff all join hands together to serve the people.

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To conclude, I encourage all the Department staff to start using the website for all the information that is required to be made public. Also, in the address that is required for your signatures in your emails, it should now include the website link: http://justice.gov.nr/.

Thank you