



Wale Goes to Canberra; Beijing Stays Busy — Last Week in the Pacific

Summary of PRC Activity

Solomon Islands Prime Minister Matthew Wale chose Australia for his first overseas trip last week, while Beijing continued engaging Port Moresby across multiple fronts.. In Tonga, the GX Foundation, a Hong Kong-based healthcare nonprofit, followed through on a commitment from last month with a high-level delegation. The team met with the Crown Prince, the Prime Minister, and the Chinese medical team, and visited hospitals, schools, and a church. Qingdao Municipal Hospital donated medical supplies to the Tongan Ministry of Health during the visit.

This Week's Big Themes:

China in the Solomons and the Solomons in China

While the new Solomon Islands Prime Minister, Matthew Wale, visited Australia, several Solomon Islanders traveled to China for Beijing-sponsored activities. Music producer David Boghese—known as Young Davie—performed at the [Pacific Day](#) celebration in Beijing, an annual event co-hosted by New Zealand and Pacific embassies in China. Eight participants from Solomon Islands National University and other institutions completed an 18-day training course on property management and maintenance of aid projects, hosted by the Academy for International Business Officials. The PRC Embassy also sponsored a trip for the Vice Chairman of the Malaita Provincial Youth Council to attend a seminar in China on climate-resilient agriculture and fisheries development.

Ambassador's Corner:

Following the recent conclusion of regional preliminary rounds across the Pacific, China's Ministry of Education is preparing for the global finals of its annual Chinese Bridge Competition, a language and cultural contest for non-native speakers.

This competition is a powerful soft power tool, exchanging fully funded travel and televised exposure for state media promotion to cultivate a pipeline of future regional leaders who are fluent in Mandarin and receptive to Beijing's cultural and economic model.

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In the Solomon Islands, China's medical team performed the country's first laparoscopic pyeloplasty surgery. The embassy directed several donations across the country: an embassy official provided smartphones to all executive representatives of the Solomon Islands National Youth Congress; Counsellor Charlie Song oversaw the delivery of 40 outboard motors from Fujian Province to support recovery from Tropical Cyclone Maila in Western Province; and the embassy donated roughly \$45,000 on behalf of the Red Cross Society of China for additional relief efforts. Representatives from the Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Sciences began a technical mission to bolster the Solomon Islands rice industry. The Chinese Police Liaison Team conducted anti-narcotics training for police officers in suburban Honiara.

Supporting Events

- **Solomon Islands:** [Young Davie in Beijing](#)
- **Solomon Islands:** [SINU Participants in Beijing Seminar](#)
- **Solomon Islands:** [Malaita Provincial Youth Council in China](#)
- **Solomon Islands:** [Medical Team Completes First Laproscopic Pyeloplasty](#)
- **Solomon Islands:** [Donation to the National Youth Congress](#)
- **Solomon Islands:** [Donation of Outboard Motors](#)
- **Solomon Islands:** [Donation for Cyclone Relief](#)
- **Solomon Islands:** [Anti-Narcotics Training by CPLT](#)

GX Foundation Donates to Tonga

GX Foundation
Chairman Leung
Chun-ying and
Director-General
Professor Emily Chan
Ying-yang led a
delegation to Tonga last
week, meeting with
Crown Prince Tupouto'a
'Ulukalala and Prime
Minister Lord Fakafānua.
The GX Foundation is a
Hong Kong-based

nonprofit that frequently operates
under the Belt and Road Initiative. The
Foundation opened its Tonga

engagement last May, when it met with Tonga's Minister of Health on the sidelines of



Leung Chun-ying with Prime Minister Lord Fakafānua (Source: PRC
Embassy in Tonga Website)

the World Health Assembly in Geneva and committed to this visit. During the trip, the delegation signed a memorandum of cooperation with the Tonga Ministry of Health on dengue fever and vector-borne disease prevention, making Tonga the Foundation's twelfth project country. Chinese Ambassador Liu Weimin witnessed the signing alongside Tonga's Health Minister. Under the agreement, the Foundation will donate 2,000 mosquito-killing lamps, 10,000 rapid dengue test kits, 3,000 mosquito nets, 100,000 fly-paper strips, and health education materials, along with technical training.

The delegation also toured Vaiola Hospital, the Tonga National University School of Nursing, and the Vaini Community Health Centre, and met with the Chinese Medical Team stationed in Tonga. At Queen Sālote College students participated in a public health session with the delegation. On 29 May, the Tonga Ministry of Health held a ceremony accepting a separate donation of medical instruments from Qingdao Municipal Hospital, home base of the 6th Chinese Medical Team, which has served at Vaiola Hospital for 10 months.

Supporting Events

- **Tonga:** [GX Delegation Visit to Tonga](#)
- **Tonga:** [Qingdao Hospital Donation](#)