



China Works the Interior — Last Week in the Pacific

Summary of PRC Activity

China's Ambassador briefed Naoeroan MPs on Beijing's ethnic unity law. In FSM, the ambassador attended the Micronesian Islands Forum in the same room as Taiwan-recognizing heads of state. In the Solomon Islands, a Chinese diplomat reached Temotu Province for the first time.

This Week's Big Themes:

Building Resilient Support for Beijing's Policies

On 15 August, Ambassador Lyu Jin met with Naoeroan parliamentarians following their return from China's late-July the Seminar for Pacific Island Countries' Parliamentarians. The group included Timothy Ika, Jason Bingham Agir, and Pyon Deiye—Deputy Minister for Health and Medical Services Wanganeen Emiu joined the meeting.

Lyu used the meeting to brief the MPs on Beijing's *Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress*, a subject the seminar had not covered. The new law codifies China's assimilationist ethnic policy and authorizes extraterritorial enforcement against anyone found to disturb China's "ethnic unity." According to the Chinese-language embassy readout, the MPs praised China's social governance and said Naoero should draw lessons from it. The briefing reflects a core diplomatic objective for Beijing:

Ambassador's Corner

PRC Ambassador to the FSM Wu Wei attended the opening of the 28th Micronesian Islands Forum in Pohnpei.

The event put Wu in the same room as Palau's President Surangel Whipps Jr. and Marshall Islands President Hilda Heine, both heads of governments that recognize Taiwan.

The embassy also reported supporting the Forum's hospitality and logistical requirements, though this monitor could not confirm the specifics of its involvement.

The Forum is one of few venues where a Chinese ambassador can engage directly with Koror and Majuro. China paid into this one.

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building international support for domestic policies that draw international criticism. The one-China principle dominates China's Pacific diplomatic agenda, but support for China's ethnic policies—including its approach to Tibet and Xinjiang—also matters to the CCP.



Chinese Embassy Meeting with Vanuatu Land and Justice Party (Source: [Chinese Embassy in Vanuatu](#))

A separate engagement in Port Vila illustrates how Beijing builds durability into that support. Ambassador Li Minggang hosted a party-to-party exchange with Vanuatu's Land and Justice Party—the second such meeting since July. The party reaffirmed its commitment to Beijing's one-China principle. China's diplomats collect these reaffirmations from sitting governments, but cultivating political parties and parliamentarians outside government ensures the relationship survives when administrations change. The week's two engagements—Naoeroan MPs and a Vanuatuan political party—follow the same logic.

Supporting Events

- **Nauru:** [Lyu Jin Meets Returning Parliamentarians](#)
- **Vanuatu:** [Party Exchange with the Land and Justice Party](#)

China Tours Temotu

Earlier this month, Counsellor Li Qinghua traveled to Temotu Province—the Solomon Islands' easternmost island group—alongside officials from the Ministry of Rural Development. Previous Chinese embassy engagement with Temotu Province has been limited to meetings with provincial officials in Honiara and donations to its constituencies; Li's visit marked the first time a Chinese diplomatic representative traveled to the province itself. The delegation met with Provincial Premier Stanley Tehiahua and his executive to discuss infrastructure, fisheries, renewable energy, and technical training. Li attended a Rural Sustainable Development Program handover in Temotu Nende Constituency—21 boats and outboard motors—and the delegation toured Chinese construction projects, including Solomon Islands National Broadband Infrastructure Project towers and the Lata airport upgrade.

The Chinese embassy funded roughly \$12,450 for two boats and an engine for Small Malaita Constituency under the Small and Sustainable Development Project Fund. In East Honiara, the embassy handed over 400 solar street lights; MP and Health Minister Morris To'iraena described China as a “true friend and development partner.” In Burns Creek, the Police Liaison Team and the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force jointly delivered two embassy-funded water tanks to the community—the CPLT's involvement in a sanitation project continuing a pattern of China's security personnel operating across development and policing lines.

Supporting Events

- **Solomon Islands:** [Small Malaita Constituency Receives Embassy Grant](#)
- **Solomon Islands:** [MRD and Embassy Delegation Visit Temotu](#)
- **Solomon Islands:** [CPLT and RSIPF Donate Water Tanks to Burns Creek](#)
- **Solomon Islands:** [Solar Street Light Handover in East Honiara](#)