

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & TRAINING LOGO AND ITS STATUS

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BACKGROUND TO THE LOGO

This logo was initially developed during an Education workshop held at USP as follow-up to the 'Rethinking Vanuatu Education' Conference held at USP in 2002 that would eventually help contribute to the formulation of the Vanuatu Education Sector Strategy or Roadmap. The design was made to capture the vision of that particular discussion group of what the Vanuatu Education System should be: a caring and accommodating system where all components of the system were useful in life and would take good care of the children to ensure they themselves survive the living challenges and all succeed in life and in turn nurture to form part of the cycle of passing knowledge with care to the younger ones. The logo simply symbolizes the way the particular group defined its Vision for the Vanuatu Education system.

MEANING OF THE LOGO:

An illustration of the 'Vision of Vanuatu's education system' as visualized by the workshop group referred to above; That is, ***a caring system where every child has his/her place and is nurtured to succeed at different stages of growth and life until maturity, before they themselves assume the same responsibility and duty of care for the younger ones to come.*** It seeks to compare the image of our education system with a coconut tree full of leaves, flowers and fruits. A coconut tree is considered in our society as the tree of life; the entire parts of which can be consumed as food and drink or used for rest, shelter and construction.

CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL:

With the consent of the author, this design/logo was presented to the National Education Advisory Council (NEAC) by its Chair for endorsement as a symbolic illustration of our Vanuatu Education System with the further recommendation that it be printed in all school books and materials as our unique Vanuatu Education symbol, giving us ownership of that education system, but also reminding us all of our collective duty of care in this education system.