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Vanuatu

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Dear Mr Kanazawa

Endorsement letter of the Vanuatu Education and Training Sector Strategy (VETSS) and its independent appraisal from Vanuatu education sector development partners

I write as on behalf of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as the GPE Coordinator Agent for Vanuatu.

The education sector development partners in Vanuatu as part of the Local Education Group (LEG) are pleased to endorse the Vanuatu Education and Training Sector Strategy (VETSS) for the period 2020-2030. We strongly support the three pillars of the strategy and the focus on quality and equity while ensuring strong, adaptive and sustainable systems.

The Ministry has ably led the development of this strategy and adopted a highly inclusive approach during consultation. We acknowledge and appreciate the perserverance of the Country Technical Team (CTT) in managing this process throughout the challenges of recent months, and in maintaining the momentum and ownership of the strategy.

We also acknowledge and endorse the Independent Appraisal process and report. We were pleased that there were opportunities to address issues and make revisions throughout the process. We recognise that some recommendations remain to be implemented. As outlined in the Appraisal Memo, a strategy is in place with the Ministry to address priority recommendations. Other recommendations will be grouped thematically and will form part of the ongoing work of the Ministry with options to review progress through identified Joint Review Meetings. This process was supported by LEG members at the most recent meeting on 3 June 2020.

The VETSS represents Vanuatu's aspirations to meet the needs of its people and enable them to contribute to the development of their communities and nation. Implementation of the strategy will require onging financial commitment from the government and support from the development partners.

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In endorsing the VETSS, we indicate our support for the Ministry of Education and Training's aspirations and undertake to align our support to Vanuatu with the implementation of this strategy.

Yours sincerely



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As a member of the Vanuatu Local Education Group (LEG), we confirm our engagement in discussion on the VETSS 2020-30, the recommendations of the Independent Appraisal, the responses to date of the Ministry of Education and Training and intended responses in both the short term and during implementation. On the basis of these discussions, we support the endorsement of the VETSS.

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