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OVERSEAS

THE KING VISITS ÎLE DE ROMANHE

Port de Boiguenneuc - King Kira II and Queen Saramdi, accompanied by an entourage of 11 people including the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jiwa Lawodyen, the Minister of Economic Development, Mr. Singa Belo, and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mrs. Wisi Sawamali, as well as advisers and businessmen, arrived yesterday in Purikali after a visit to Île de Romanhe (*Ildèromani* in Kaupelanese), a small archipelago in the southwest of Indic Ocean, 8,000 km far from Kaupelan. The purpose of the visit was to establish cultural, political and economic ties between them.

Despite a veiled criticism to this initiative by some opposition politicians, arguing that there would be no advantage in dealing with such a distant and small country, not developed economically, the king speech at the arrival was that "we have much to learn from these brave people that managed to turn a cold and inhospitable archipelago into a beautiful country. And both countries can help each other in their development."

During the visit, His Majesty announced the opening of a diplomatic representation in Port de Boiguenneuc, the capital of the country. The minister Belo said that there is potential for

Kaupelanese investments in tourism, fishery and textile industries in that country. According to Mr. Belo, for tourism, a resort can be built in the islands and an airline agreement can be established. Minister Sawamali added that, in terms of fishery, a team from the Research Institute for the Sea (*Itambye ni Terong uni Tasi*) will be sent to Île de Romanhe to evaluate the potential for a sustainable exploitation of this resource.

According to a local spokesman, the country has large reserves of methane gas with potential to supply all its energetic needs, including its fleet of vehicles, and yet exporting the surplus. Kaupelan is interested in the gas and also in metals and other raw materials from the archipelago. On the other hand, "we can export manufactured goods and even cars to them", said Mr. Belo. A representative of K.S. Watera said that vehicles can be converted to work with gas before being exported.

The king also emphasised that Kaupelan supports Île de Romanhe candidacy to FICT. After thanking the warm reception to the Kaupelanese entourage, His Majesty invited President Aristide Faroz-Zaran to visit Kaupelan later this year.

AIRLINES

AIRLIN, THE NEW AIRLINES NETWORK

Purikali - The airlines network named formerly as SKYLINK is now renamed to AIRLIN. "The association aims to take advantage of regional flights from each participant company to form a worldwide network far more comprehensive", says Singa Raiki, president of AIRLIN.

When using flight connections of the associated airlines, the user is offered a discount of 20% on the airline tickets. It is expected the number of passengers to increase 10% and revenues, at least 8% for the participant companies, considering the options available with the network.

Currently there are four members of AIRLIN: MKA - Makuwa Kaupelanese Airlines, Air Tarmorya, Air Yukland and Yutyrama Airlines. Soon, however, "this number is likely to increase", states Mr. Raiki in the AIRLIN headquarter in Purikali.

The company AIR (Air d'Île de Romanhe) was invited to join the group, expanding the network with additional flights through Indic Ocean and allowing to its passengers several options all over the world.



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