



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

22 September 2011

Excellency,

I would like to extend my gratitude for the warm reception and hospitality accorded to me and my delegation during our recent visit to Solomon Islands.

In particular, I wish to thank you for the dinner you and your wife so kindly hosted on 3 September 2011. My wife and I greatly enjoyed the music and dance displays by young Solomon Islanders. Thank you as well for the thoughtful gifts, which will serve as wonderful mementos of the visit.

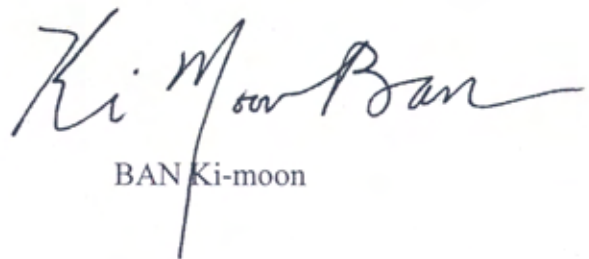
I appreciated the opportunity to share with you the priorities for my second term as Secretary-General. Our exchange of views on various issues including climate change, the empowerment of women, disaster response and risk reduction, the Millennium Development Goals and Fiji was also highly valuable. The United Nations, including its Joint Presence office in Honiara, remains at the disposal of your Government to support its peace and development priorities.

The briefing I received from Mr. Rence Sore, Permanent Secretary for Environment, on the "*Strongem Waka lo Communiti fo Kaikai*" (SWoCK) project was very informative. This is a concrete way that financing from the Climate Change Adaptation Fund is helping local communities manage climate-driven pressures on food production. My visit to the headquarters of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) was also valuable. While RAMSI has been key to maintaining law and order in the country, I encourage the Solomon Islands Government and RAMSI to continue dialogue on the future role of the mission and for RAMSI to further strengthen its contribution to national capacity-building of the Solomon Islands police force.

His Excellency
Mr. Danny Philip
Prime Minister of Solomon Islands
Honiara

Overall, my visit, though short, was very successful. It has strengthened my conviction to fight for sustainable development, drawing attention and assistance to address the particular vulnerabilities of Small Islands Developing States such as Solomon Islands. The United Nations also stands ready to support your efforts in democratic consolidation, rule of law, and national reconciliation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ki" and last name "Ban" being more prominent than the middle name "Moon".

BAN Ki-moon